

## **Betrothal – The Spiritual Essence of Marriage**

What we are going to do here today is lay a foundation. A foundation is for one purpose, to build upon. We want to build with the right materials. This is the foundation for the Tribe of Yoceph as well as the rest of the tribes. The spiritual essence of marriage is found in betrothal. There is a teaching of Hayeh's betrothal to Chets Barur from July 5, 2002, which you can get and read, anytime you want it. If you are not betrothed yet, this will help you to understand what betrothal is.

Let's ask our Father to be with us and for His Spirit to teach us. If we are taught by God then something really special happens in our families, especially in our children. We really want to emphasize that. It is Isa 54:13.

*All your children shall be taught by the Sovereign, and great shall be the peace of your children. (Isa 54:13)*

Our Master took those words and applied them to those whom our Father draws to His Son, like the several who have been recently (Jn 6:44-45). If, in your marriage, you are well taught, you can train your children properly (Isa 54:13).

Now, betrothal is when two people are engaged. In the world, they give a certain type of diamond ring. They are engaged; then they get married. It is a worldly type of thing. We call it betrothal. Right now we are betrothed, engaged to our Master. I don't think anyone is looking for a divorce. Back in the Old Covenant, when two people were betrothed, they had to be pure until they were married, or it nullified the betrothal – a true betrothal – as Paul taught us in 2 Cor 11:2-3.

Paul had betrothed the Corinthians to Messiah, and then something was happening. They were losing their purity, their devotion to Messiah. An adulterous spirit came in and they were having a relationship with another spirit. They were committing adultery in some way. Another Jesus, another spirit, another Messiah had come in. They received the false messiah.

We are not threatened when others come to us. We receive them in hope they could be drawn to our Savior, the One who could cause them to live together in peace and unity. We have to protect the flock, which is all any shepherd will do when he discerns the spirits. A lot of people can't discern the spirits as well as others. So, they have to depend on those who can, for Satan's #1 job is to lead the whole world astray. He will lead us astray if we don't have proper spiritual discernment. It is something you have to pray for, like wisdom.

Betrothal happens when the two have the faith and persuasion to marry, and their parents confirm it (if they are in the community). Their heavenly Father persuades them and their earthly father confirms it. The parents have to be the judge in confirming that the love they have for one another is from God. God is love and He is the only One who can bestow true love. They have the persuasion from their heavenly Father and their earthly father that they are right for one another – and not wrong for one another.

This persuasion unites them in matrimony. This persuasion births the confidence that they receive. This confidence can only remain strong and continue to grow if they have the proper understanding of the Word – if they can be taught. If they have been drawn to the true Son of God, then His Father will teach them. The Father will make sure that they are taught right within the framework of the community. If we are attentive to Him, there will be no divisions in our midst.

### **The Proper Understanding of Submission and Authority**

They will remain strong and continue to grow if they have the proper understanding of submission and authority. We have a proper understanding by the Word. We don't learn it from the world; we learn it from our Father. This principle is one we will go by until the end. Betrothal is a principle.

A principle is a basic truth, a rule or standard of conduct which we will go by until the end. It is a fixed policy, a spiritual law of life. We all have to agree and confirm that

our Father is putting these two together, and both parents are together, in agreement – having received faith from our Father. They have observed the behavior of their children and know that they are right for one another. They are persuaded. This is the principle for judging a relationship that will endure to the end.

Before anyone should take such a stand or vow, he or she must have the assurance of the character of the one he or she is being betrothed to. You wouldn't want to marry someone if you didn't have the assurance of his or her character – that your wife or husband is going to be loyal and devoted to you and you to him or her. That is the one-flesh union, as we are betrothed to our Master.

This has got to be a clear revelation and understanding, of submission and authority. How clear is their revelation to understand this thing called submission to authority? If they don't know it right now, then their marriage probably won't work. It's obviously not from our Father. We have to have that persuasion before we join together, lest we create a family without peace. True marriage, true matrimony is a marriage with peace.

We already know what is recorded in the Scriptures and what we have already been taught about betrothal, even as Paul taught in Eph 5:22-33. It is very clear, there is no doubt about it, if a husband does not love his wife and a wife does not respect her husband, they are disqualified to rule with our Master. If we do not love our wife as Messiah loves us, or the Edah, then how in the world will we be worthy to rule with Him in the next age? So, you had better not get married unless you have that understanding. You have to have that faith to know.

God is love and He puts that love in people's hearts in the Body. It's faith. It is like lightning from one end of the sky to the other. People will come saying Jesus came back, but we'll know. There'll be no doubt. It will be like the lightning. Don't believe anyone who says differently.

We all know what is according to the Scriptures in Eph 5:22-33,

*Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Sovereign. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Messiah also is the head of the Church; He Himself being the savior of the Body.*

*Husbands, love your wives, just as Messiah loves the church and gave Himself up for her; that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word. (Eph 5:22-23; 25-26)*

It goes on and you can read the rest. This is very clear and precise, but you can only understand it if you can be taught. If you cannot be taught (if you are not His son or daughter), it goes in one ear and out the other. That means it never gets to the heart. It goes through, but not down to the heart. Disciples can be taught. They learn and they carry out His commandments.

### **Oppositional Thinkers**

Now, there are always going to be oppositional thinkers. I just learned what one is the other day. I have known them in the Edah. They take the opposing side on most things, only seeing as they think fit to see. They always have another way of looking at it. They typically say about something that someone has faith about, “It can’t be done.” We are going to have some wives who are oppositional thinkers.

### **Obedience is of the Heart and Soul**

For a husband and wife, obedience is of the heart and the soul. It has to go into the heart first, then to the soul: the emotions, will, and intellect. It goes into the spirit, through the heart, then into the brain, and then the tongue, which can be either a destroyer or a healer.

The Master, whom you say you obey, said there is no entrance to the Kingdom without obedience to His word. We know the commandment that we are to love our Master with all of our heart and soul. Jn 8:51 – Whoever obeys His word and does not try to go around it, thinking of another way, but goes with the anointing of the Holy

Spirit, then Jn 8:51 says they won't taste death. If you don't love your wife, you will see death. If a wife does not respect her husband, then she will see death.

A wife should be lovable and a husband should be respectable. Still, whether they are or not, we are to love and respect. There is no entry into the eternal age and Holy City unless we have obeyed the good news. We surrender our being to Him, our Sovereign, and obey His commandments. That is in Rev 22:14, as it reads in the NKJV. The NU translations took obedience to His commands out of it.

It is only those who obey His commandments who have the right to enter the Holy City. We are laying a foundation here for betrothal and marriage. Disobedience to these essential commands, as in Eph 5:22-33, will destroy your marriage and the family. Your children won't have peace and that spirit will do its best to destroy the community. 1 Cor 3:17 says the one who destroys the community will be destroyed. That is a promise. There is no way you can get out of being destroyed if you are not building. We have to be doing everything we can do to build the Body up by the grace and faith that our Master imparts to us. We won't be saved unless we are called to this. No one here is saved to go to heaven alone. That is only in Christianity, and they are not going to heaven.

The husband is (according to the Word) head of his wife. He is the head of the family. Eph 5 and 1 Cor 11 makes it clear who the head is. The head of Yahshua in His humanity is God. The head of the woman is man. 1 Pet 3:1-7 really shows how the woman can win her man, even when he is harsh and unjust, acting as an unbeliever. The head is always the protector of his body. When you are married you become one flesh.

The Edah is our Master's witness, the witness of Him to the world. It is our Father's witness – how He wants husband and wives and children to be. It is the witness of true marriage, true family. If you get married and have all kinds of fights and turmoil, then you are defaming our Master's name. It is better not to get married, if you are not going to get married by the Holy Spirit. He knows who is getting married and who isn't.

He knows who is just going to stand up and make their little speech and live by another spirit. A person who does not live by his vow is cursed. So, it is a curse or a blessing to marry. If a person says, “Yes, yes,” and doesn’t live by it, then his *yes* came from Satan (Mt 5:37). That is what our Master said.

His word here is emphatic (something expressed with emphasis) about husbands and wives and children, and what love is when it comes to rulership over their domain. Husbands, wives, and children are to love. Here comes Eve. She became a fallen woman. Of course, Adam fell too. Listen to this closely.

### **The Fall of Woman and the Knowledge of Good and Evil**

Woman’s fallenness requires her to manipulate her husband, her man – if she is listening to the wrong voice, the wrong vice-regent. Conscience is the vice-regent of God, but somehow it can be perverted to the evil one being the vice-regent – ruling for the evil one in his place. She can manipulate her man, though she knows and has the knowledge of good and evil. If that weren’t true then God would be very, very harsh if a man or woman didn’t know when he or she was going across boundaries. The conscience knows and screams at them, “GUILT” and they need to repent in time before they invest their whole nature in it.

She has the knowledge of good and evil, but her desire for her husband could be evil, and she is trying to justify it as good. She knows good from evil, as Gen 3:22 says:

*Then the Sovereign God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever...”*

God knows good and evil and man knows good and evil, especially when it goes to the bounds of destruction, destroying your husband or wife. Eve went ahead and ate, knowing better, in her deluded understanding. While she was not yet fallen, she was deceived. In her righteous state, she was able to be deceived. If she can fall into sin in her righteous state, and now knows the difference between good and evil, and has tasted

what death is, now she can avert that and go the other direction and live. She can attain and maintain a good conscience, without that guilt. I am talking about natural man here, for our Father gave that to them.

The serpent deceived her, and now, as Gen 3:22 says, she can do either good or evil. She can keep that knowledge or go against it. In Gen 4:7 our Father said, “Sin is crouching at your door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it.”

We know what we are talking about. The evil one wanted Cain to continue to be hateful, jealous, even to the point of murder. His conscience told him, “You can overcome this desire of the evil one for you.”

But, he didn't. Eve can have one desire or the other now. “Her desire is for you, but you must rule over her.” So, take it as you wish. She is just going to be in subjection to this evil tyrant who is going to beat her... But he will rule over that tendency in her to think that way, by being a wonderful, good, loving ruler, seeing the things going on in her life and helping her. She is always going to have that tendency to manipulate, to be the ruler, to say she knows better. But he's the judge as Jms 1:14 says. The evil one comes to us according to our desire – whatever that desire is. It is not that the woman can't help her husband, for she is intuitive. She is the intuitive part of man.

She knows now what is evil and how evil a deliberate and subtle attempt to take over her husband's rulership is. Satan's rulership can start coming in if we allow him to. He is there all the time. He rules over the whole world. We are the only ones out from under his rulership. He will come to us as well, but we don't have to give in to him. We are like Eve after the fall; we know better. Gen 3:16 and 4:7 go together there about the word “desire.”

She, after the fall, was more like God in her understanding than she was before. Even Satan said that, trying to work it around. They were created in the likeness of God, as Gen 1:26 says. Now, they knew. This is what our Father knew. Even before He created man, He knew they would fall. Our Master was what? He was a lamb slain before the

foundation of the earth (Rev 13:8). He didn't make them fall, but He knew it was going to happen. He has infinite foreknowledge. It was their fault, though, for it was the act of their wills. Now, through this, He can use the circumstances of this life to determine who is worthy and who is not of a second life – to rule the nations.

She, and all women after her, will give an account of how they maintained their likeness with God, in their agreement over what is good and evil.

### **His Good Rulership**

On Adam's part, his authority could turn him into a tyrant. It is just according to how the men after Adam would take that in their heart. A tyrant is an absolute ruler who rules unjustly, harsh in his severity. This is not what *rule* means here. It was never our Father's intention that the man would be harsh. Our Father said, "He shall rule over you" to keep you from attempting to take the helm. There is an innate thing in women to do this all the time. It is usually the woman who is the head of the house, especially in countries like Brazil. Of course, *helm* means the steering gear of a ship, and "taking the helm" means to take control.

His good rulership over her will keep her on the right course. He knows to be loving and not harsh. He knows that. But, if he goes against that and becomes harsh, then he has to pay for it. The consequences are, if he continues to be that way, eternal death. Then she can't stand it anymore and she tries to take over.

Why is it impossible that a man can't rule? Why is it impossible that woman can't submit?

He knows to be loving and not harsh and win her submission. Something tempts her to be this way, but he can win her, as any real king can who loves his dominion. He lives for them and protects them. He fights off the army that is coming. His love for her is like Messiah's love for us in the Body. He won our love first. He won our hearts and love, our submission, by the Good News that we heard.



## **The Root of the Women's Movement**

The evil that Eve knew, which was in her, was also in her children. It was passed on through Adam, to all generations, even to this age — the knowledge of what was in them, good or evil. It was first in them and passed on to us. They could maintain the likeness of God or become like the one influencing them – the evil one. His first sin was to take over, to try to be equal with God, and be God, when he wasn't created that way. He was created to be an angel, a servant, but he didn't want to stay in his place, and he put that into her.

Always striving to be ahead, be the first, wanting to be the greatest... This passing down from Eve, this deception of those willing to be deceived, causes such wives to rule over husbands. Women now strive to prove their equality with men. That passing down, or that legacy (a legacy is something you receive from your ancestor or predecessor), is the root of all women's movements down through the ages.

A vice-regent is a deputy. The conscience is a deputy – a governor in absence of the king. He gave men and women the conscience in His absence. If you disobey your conscience you disobey God. It was up to them to do what was right. Who would rebel against God if He were right there telling them what to do all the time?

When you have to listen to your conscience it shows your love. Now, you are able to do the things you want to do that are bad, if you just go against your vice-regent. Eve, in her un-fallen, righteous state, acted in rebellion to Adam's headship. She was independent of her head, just as Satan was. This is a form of rebellion. God did not tell him to ascend and take the helm. He did that somehow on his own. I don't know how he did that, but it was predetermined somehow.

The sin in women is the negative desire to do a better job of leading than her husband, thinking she can do better, because she knows better. She took the forbidden fruit and gave it to him. Gen 3:9-16 tells what happened. She would have that continual

drive to take over the helm and have the directorship. Now, it is up to them to do the good they know to do and be worthy of the second life. This is in the world, for they have to go to death and pay for their sins.

The woman gave and the man submitted, after the fall. She gave the forbidden fruit and the man took it. This is inculcated into the woman. That is why salvation is so marvelous in Messiah, for we can undo that fall. We can be the way we are supposed to be in the Body now. In the millennium, we won't be male and female. We won't be married to one another. We will be married to Messiah. Right now it is a great test, for the world and for us. Now it is for both men and women to do the good they know to do, since it was appointed, after the fall, for all men to die once (Heb 9:27). No one can get out of death except by obeying the Master's word. If we don't, we will go to death, according to Rev 2:11 and 3:5. But that death is not eternal.

So, when Eve ate the forbidden fruit to make her wise, she thought she would be the goddess over the earth. That was put into her. Goddess means a female god whose great charm and beauty arouses adoration, exactly as Lucifer. She was deceived. Because Adam was the head of the family, and had been given the dominion over the Earth, God made him responsible for her sins. He should have been her protector. Her sin was not to be submissive and respectful, knowing what he had already told her. He could have looked after her better.

### **The Venom of the Serpent**

So he disobeyed and ate the forbidden fruit given to him by his wife – rebelling against his Father when he submitted to her. She was infused with that satanic venom, which is, if you look it up, behind the root meaning of the name given to the planet Venus, after the Greek “goddess of love.” She got that love charm, that longing, that desire to overtake him. It is there, but she has to overcome it, work against it to be

worthy of a second life. Otherwise, she will go to the second death. Everything will be opened up in the books.

Venom is to win over, the desire to take over. Such desire can be good or evil. Adam loved her with God's love that had been put into his heart, loving her as his own body. "This is the woman whom God gave me," he said, "so, what happened?" It was the greatest act of love that he would go into death for her. That is a positive aspect of it, right there, that he followed her on into death. It was comparable to what our Master did for us.

Now, in the Body, a woman is to follow our Master Yahshua if her husband leaves the Body. If you love your husband or wife more than you love Him, you are not worthy of Him. He is the One we are to love.

We see in Rom 5:12 what happens. I know when unsaved, or when saved, this desire is sublimated according to the prompting, or wishes, of the Holy Spirit. Meaning, this desire to do this, in the world, is now sublimated to go with our Master – that humanity that you have. We can sublimate things. It goes into higher channels, more positive, good channels. The desire to take over the husband can be redirected as desire to support the husband. Man is male and female in Gen 5:2. There is the head, and there is the one supporting the head. They are like the Father and the Son, working together.

Woman rebels against the vice-regent of God in her conscience because she believes (and it might be so) that she could do a better job of leading than her husband. We are not saying that you can't. It is according to what your husband is made out of. You might have to run to your elders for help, and not take it on yourself to lead the family. Some women will strive with their husband instead. They are not saved, because they are striving with their husband over every matter, when Eph 5 teaches what the word of God says. We know how we take that. Do we take it like Adam and Eve did?

They heard, "Don't eat the forbidden fruit," but they did anyway.

Some say, "Okay, that's the word of God," but they do not do it.

If we don't love our wives and respect our husbands, the same thing happens to us – we fall. That is what happened to the First Church, they didn't obey the Word. Gen 3:16 – God let Eve know that He had not changed His mind about order in the family. Her husband is still the head. Any disobedience in her heart and soul will still be brought to light in the judgment. That natural law there, written in their hearts, is there until no longer are there male and female in this age. That is for us, the holy. For the nations, that knowledge is there even until the eternal age. There will be submission and marriage and having children then. They won't have a fallen nature and the evil one won't be there to tempt them.

They will be submitting to us, for the kings of the nations will be submitting to us and they will be submitting to the kings of the nations.

### **That which is Impossible for Women**

The natural law is eternal as far as men and women are concerned. There is something that wives will never be able to do – take a chisel and chisel that natural law out of their hearts. They can't do it, which is what Rom 2:14-15 says. It is absolutely written in their hearts, no matter how hard they try to chisel it out. They will still have to answer for all the evil they have done, no matter whether their conscience got dull or not through their repeated disobedience to the good it knew.

*Showing the work of the law written in their hearts their conscience bearing witness, and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them. (Rom 2:15)*

They will have to stand at judgment and be judged. Their thoughts will excuse or defend them.

*In the day when according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Messiah Yahshua. (Rom 2:16)*

That is referring to the people of the nations. The Law of God of His ordained authority, given to a husband, even as Noah and his wife. Did she say, "What are you doing up there, making an ark?"

No, she was totally, absolutely submissive to him and I doubt if there was any complaint, for they were righteous. Lot had a righteous wife, right up until the end, when she looked back. “Leave,” the angels had told them, “and don’t look back.” Maybe she said, “Oh, my this...” or “Oh, my that...” and she proved to have a little bit of liking for the world.

Remember, Lot’s wife (Lk 17:28-32). We have to remember Lot’s wife. Are we? Our Master told us to remember. What if we do not? Well, it is one of His commands. Will we enter the Kingdom without learning from Lot’s wife? At the very last moment she looked back. Adam and Eve lived by the natural law of conscience. Gen 4:1 – How bad was Eve? Was she able to do well? Was she able to honor the Creator? Yes, she was. When the birth came about she thanked and honored Him. Eve honored God. Gen 5:1-2 says man is male and female.

### **Rev 21:3 – the Tabernacle of God**

*Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them. (Rev 21:3)*

The Body will be among men. God’s tabernacle will be dwelling with man. We are the temple of God. In Rev 21:3 the word *men* is male and female. We won’t be male and female then, for that is the nations. That is how we know it won’t be us, for we will be God’s dwelling place. Submission is the only way man can prosper. If you are not submissive, you are of Satan. The one who is not submissive is of Satan. Rebellion can’t exist here; either it goes or you go. We have always said this, for it destroys.

Submission is the only way man can prosper. Instead of striving to rule over and outdo others, to prove one’s worth, just to be recognized by man, man realizes his true worth by keeping the covenant, being humble. The goal of being recognized is satanic. You can’t raise an elder up too soon, for he might take on what? Pride, which is Satan’s sin (1 Tim 3:6).

That is why when people come into the Body they have to be humble, serving, and then in time, God will raise them up according to their gifts.

### **Isa 24:5-6 – the Everlasting Covenant**

Isa 24:5 is the same covenant as Gen 3:16-19 and Gen 9:1-6. The time will come when that will be heard. True freedom and worth to a wife is her submission to her husband. What a marvelous family, and what marvelous children, will come out of that. This is what needs to be inculcated into our children's souls and ours. This is what the wise are in the Body – submissive to their head. What if we are not? It is destructive and there is no prospering. It has to be put into the soul.

1 Pet 2:18 and 3:1 go together. Slaves, submit to your masters... Likewise, wives... What will each do if they submit to their masters? Win them. You can even submit to a policeman and be respectful, and you will win them. That is natural law. Animals submit to one another and the bigger go away. If you don't rile dogs up they won't know what to do. It is the same thing with wolves and bears, they say. It is the greatest power in the world, submission to authority.

In the modern feminists' movement, it paints a very mean picture of what submission is: mindless, completely dominated, having no sense in their individuality. That is what Gloria Steinem communicates. But Eph 5:22-33 is heavenly instruction. "Well, I don't want to submit to my head. I'm going to take over and tell him what to do." That's the same as saying, "I don't want to submit to Messiah."

### **When the Outside is like the Inside**

1 Cor 11:3 – The head of a woman is her husband and the head of Messiah is God. You can change the meaning, corrupt it, as some of the English dictionaries do now, not daring to say what it really means. The power of submission is a great power. Just try it sometime. You can't do it without the Holy Spirit. We can't, for we have a

great force working against us. Even if we can, it won't count to our Father. It won't amount to anything. We are just doing it to make a show.

Where our Father has given the right to the husband to be head is delegated authority (Eph 5:22-26). A woman has the spiritual understanding she needs to win her husband, even when he is hard and harsh. If that is not true, tear that page out or burn the Bible (1 Pet 3). When she perverts this power, overturning and corrupting it, going in a direction not ordained by our Father and uses it to manipulate her husband, or when he is a tyrant, then they are shut out of the Kingdom. A wife can obey or submit, and still be rebellious in her heart. What did we used to say about a child, "He is sitting down on the outside, but inside he is standing up"? Have you ever done that?

Or when she gives advice, which is meant to MANipulate him, she also is perverting her God-given female power in order for him to do what she wants. But she can win him by being submissive. If it is the right thing to do, she can submit and he will do what she wants – if it is what our Father wants. He will understand that, for she is the intuitive part of man. Still, he has to rule over that aspect of her, her intuition, and so does she.

1 Pet 3:1-5 – She influences him by her God-given power, when her intuitive part works with his ruling part. They have to work together, like the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. What is the male part and what is the female part? The husband and wife each have their own part – they can't have the same part. The Son is not the Father, is He? They are still equal in that sense, but not having the same position. The wife works with him at his side, just as the Holy Spirit humbles Himself to work with us. He comes to help us. We can grieve Him though, and then He withdraws.

The Holy Spirit can now lead both as one new man. Not a fallen man, but one new man, if we work together perfectly according to the Holy Spirit, who guides and leads us. As Eph 5:22 – Likewise, you wives submitting to your own husbands. It is the

law of nature, even in the world, even in the animal kingdom – submit to authority in an honorable way.

### **1 Pet 3:7 – That your Prayers may not be Hindered**

1 Pet 3:7 – Your wife has the God-given power to shut heaven off from you. Only because you didn't treat her as the one who came out of man, who came from man. But Paul said we all came from woman:

*For as the woman originates from the man, so also the man through the woman; and all things originate from God. (1 Cor 11:12)*

If we don't treat the wife right, what happens? God shuts heaven off from us. We cannot communicate with our Father anymore because we do not love our wives as He commanded us to. So, how much power does the wife have? But she will not use that power in an evil way. What does it say?

*Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered. (1 Pet 3:7)*

So that your prayers will not be hindered. If you care anything about that, remember it when you are betrothed and when you are married. This is the foundation. The husband has the power to make his wife soar into heaven. And the wife can make her husband meet her up there, in the sense of soaring. Both work together in the Spirit over their family, who will be at peace. Great will be the peace of their children (Isa 54:13).

### **Comments**

Levi – I am thankful for how our Abba thoroughly wants us to get the reality of what a man and woman are to be in Messiah. We submit and gladly give ourselves to our Father. He wants us to get what happens when we don't keep His Word. I am thankful that in our Master we can learn everything new. The application can go into us over and over again until we get it. We have to start with being humble and gentle. Everything in the man is for the woman and everything in the woman, for the man. I am



thankful that going into a marriage, I have hope. We can enter into that covenant – the covenant of marriage – knowing what we’re doing. We are not at a loss. Our Father is giving us what we need to be one.

Chets Barur – I am thankful to hear what it means to be taught by God. We can hear these teachings over and over again, but unless we have something in us to be humble and cut by our Father’s Word – allowing the teaching to change us – then there is no point. Something special will happen if we allow ourselves to be taught by God. Children can grow up safe and secure because their parents love one another and are secure in each other’s love. The man is being taught by God and is watering his family with the Word. The wife is allowing herself to be taught.

It also spoke to me about oppositional thinkers. Our Father had a purpose for mankind and the evil one had another purpose. It is like the feminist movement, which says you are robbing yourselves of your individuality if you submit to your husband. It is just a worthless spirit. It is so clear all through the Word that the gauge of our entrance to the Kingdom is our obedience, not what other dimension we can add to the argument. There shouldn’t be any argument. It is a curse if we don’t love our wives or submit to our husbands; we are cursed. There is no way we can have fellowship with our Father then. It is just like it says in 1 John – we are flirting with other spirits.

Abraham – What Chets Barur was saying touched a little bit on that line of the teaching that said, “There is a great power to submission.”

The reason there is great power to it is that when we submit, we are submitting to our Master’s authority, and to His eternal plan for our lives. In a military setting, if the soldiers submit completely to their sergeant, he is going to move and lead them to victory. Submitting causes us to be completely available to our Master. I have looked at submitting as a weakness, but it is actually the most powerful thing we can do, for if we submit to our Master then it makes us completely available to Him.

Amtsah Tehorah – I am thankful our Master Yahshua is saving me. I am thankful that I am marrying a godly man who submits to God and his brothers – a man taught by God. I’ll be saved if I submit to him.

Jeremiah – I am thankful that marriage being restored is a representation of all things being restored. We have such a wonderful Master for an example to follow. The way He loved the church is the way we have to follow in loving our wives. He already did it and we can be so appreciative of what He did. If the husband and wife do what they are supposed to do,

then there will be great peace in their marriage and in their children. Our Master is already doing what He is supposed to be doing. We need to do our part, and then great peace will come to the earth. Our Father is going to bring restoration to every family in Israel.

I really want to follow our Master's way. When I get married I want to love Keturah the way our Master loved us. It gave me a lot of vision for what is ahead of us. It is not burdensome. His commandments are so wonderful it makes you want to do them. I have heard that where we have our greatest worth is in being humble and submitting. It is not from raising ourselves up or jockeying for position. The people He needs the most are those who submit to Him the most.

ha-êmeq – A snake is not like a bear that can eat you up. It just leaves a couple of little marks and it doesn't look so bad. If you didn't know they had venom, you would say, "That is not so bad," and a little later this euphoria hits you from the poison and then you fall over dead.

Women have that venom in there. But it's subtle, like the name of that planet having something to do with love, and the end result is death. Yonêq was worried about guests hearing this, about the venom rushing through their veins that makes them react. "Who is going to tell me what to do?"

Women are so mad. That anger is flooding the earth. But there is a new woman being raised up on the Earth, and she will destroy the evil one – the one who would destroy her on his way down. It is so wonderful that there is a new woman being raised up. We have to die to do what He said. That is the Good News that will set me free. "I have to die to do what He says? No, problem. We have to die later anyway. Why not do it now, and be raised again to be a new woman?"

That is what we all said when we went down into the water. Whenever I feel that thing rising up in me to spin him around by my quick wit – that is the power of woman – I remember the new woman. She will say, "That is good," to what her husband says, to what her Master says.

You have to be sitting down on the inside too.

ha-êmeq – Under control, though, woman's nature is a wonderful servant, like a really good horse that can do so much work. He can use me, my intuition.

We have to be the new man, male and female. We have to be a new social order, a contrasting society to the world. That is what will startle the world. Our children will startle the world.<sup>1</sup>

Chanowk – I can be submissive to my crew head, but it doesn't do any good if I am not submissive to the anointing, to what our Master teaches. We have to be submissive to our Master and our brothers, or we won't get anywhere.

Keturah – I was thankful for everything we heard. I hardly know what to say. I want to be someone who can be taught by our Father. The whole thing about oppositional thinking really affected me. I hate that. I don't want to be that way, someone always seeking my own identity, my own way. I know it will destroy my own marriage. I want to be the woman our Father wants me to be.

Amen.

Labeshu – If you have a command and do it, that means you love. That is what it says in Jn 14:21. Those who have His commands and do them are loved by our Father and He'll reveal Himself to them. In the beginning our Father had a command: "Don't eat from the tree in the middle of the garden." What was revealed when they disobeyed was the truth. "If you eat of it you will surely die."

They died and were separated from God. Submission is a mystery, and if you start to do it, something hidden will be revealed. Eternal life will be revealed to you. It is amazing that we can have revelation – that we can submit to one another in the fear of our Father and it will produce life and love.

Yochanan ben Ra'am – I am thankful for what Keturah and Amsah shared. I felt something in my soul. Something is happening on the earth. Satan is going down and he wants to take everybody down with him. I was thinking about Isa 49:6 and the light dawning on the face of the earth. The Earth is so dark and it gets darker every day. Christianity is the bride that was given over. We don't need to do that. They changed the Sabbath. They totally disregarded God and established a world full of enmity and they call that the work of God.

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<sup>1</sup> See the notes from the Monday morning gathering after this, "Totally Contrasting Society" [2003.11.17-A01, 8 pages]

In the world people are making laws against what is right, and in the midst of that are women standing up to say that their salvation is in obeying their husbands. It makes me so thankful that His salvation is dawning on the face of the Earth.

Othniel – What I heard in that is that people submitting to Him and professing their salvation is causing a light to dawn on the Earth. I am so thankful salvation is dawning on the Earth. It is so wonderful that love is being poured out in our hearts. If we sense someone changing it is such a beautiful thing to see. It will make people grind their teeth – they won't be able to stand the reality of brothers and sisters standing together in unity, husbands and wives, the whole Edah (all Twelve Tribes) standing together. This is our Father's love being poured into our hearts through the precious anointing. If something happens, don't turn back and become a pillar of salt.

Be careful, guard over your hearts because something is going to happen. It is going to be amazing, for this particular geographic area of California is full of this curse. We have been prepared for many years not to be taken over by this curse. He is the Creator and He is giving us the power to overcome. Don't you want to have a peaceful family? People will come and say, "How do you do that? How do you have a peaceful family?"

We will tell them it is because we are submissive to one another. Then something will happen and the light will be brilliant, which has to happen before our Master can return.

Someone said it the other day, "Where do these children come from? They have been sitting here for over two hours."

It is so wonderful our children could be here. It is amazing what will happen with our children in the future. Kings will be astonished – they will shut their mouths. It will startle the world. You are already surpassing your abbas in the community: Abraham, Chets Barur, Jeremiah, and Chanowk. It is just going around how amazing Chanowk is. People are talking about Deshe and Ruth's children, how wonderful and peaceful they are. Some of our children will come back, as it says in Isa 49. We don't know who they are, but we believe that a lot of our children will come back. We don't know who, which ones, but we know they will.

**Comments from the following days...**

*(We began our gathering with Tsebiyah's song from Isa 60:1-3, "Arising and Shining.")*

I could just imagine our Master saying to her, "Look Tsebiyah, they're singing your song in Vista!" That's just how our Master is.

ha-êmeq – It says "We lift up our eyes all around us and see." Most people don't do that – lift up their eyes. They say, "Oh yeah, chores... oh yeah, breakfast." They don't lift up their eyes. People's eyes need to be lifted up, like Ma'rah's eyes. Her name means to see with vision.

Without vision the people go unrestrained – they perish (Pr 29:18). This is the Community in Vista. *Vista* means vision, to see.

ha-êmeq – We are the community of Vision, which is the root of the word *Vista*. I thought about the teaching we heard on the Shabbat. When a new teaching – new revelation – comes out, it's like a dark room where people are hidden, saying really radical things about the powers that be. It's like people planning a revolution. That is how revolutions start.

If the universities around here – if everyone could hear what we said on the Sabbath, they would be so mad at us. But, really we are planning a revolution, because once we get this inculcated into us, there's going to be a revolution that's going to shock the nations – just by being a submissive people who thrive on being servants, one to another, children to parents, wives to husbands (Isa 52:15).

Keli – Really the whole teaching was about love. This whole thing – the relationship between a man and a woman, a man and his wife – it wasn't just an experiment He thought He should do. It was actually training for forever, that we could understand the kind of relationship a husband and wife are to have, and we could become the wife of our Master Yahshua. If we don't come to understand these things, then we will never understand the principles of our Father. What makes a person great is submission.

It is not an experiment our Father is doing, it is the principle of love. It is how He'll rule the universe eternally. That is the light the nations will come to. Those are the leaves coming forth from the Holy City that the nations will receive healing from forever. I'm thankful He chose that relationship to be the example. Even our Master spoke about it so many times.

He looked at it with vision. He received vision and he passed it on. That is just like Keli. He received vision from what he heard on the Sabbath.

ha-êmeq – His vision went right out into the universe, past Pluto.

And now it has gone into us.

Chets Barur – We have to have vision. It's like it says in Isaiah 60. We have to have our eyes on what our Father is doing. Darkness covers the earth, and thick darkness the peoples. Kings will come to brightness of our rising. If we don't arise and obey what we hear – the light won't come. It won't happen if we are buried in the mire, thinking about ourselves. "Lift your eyes round about," the song says. It's wonderful. I am thankful for that. We have a reason to arise. The light has come to illumine our way.

ha-êmeq – I understood from the teaching that the principles we have, like wives submitting to husbands, are amazing. The Pilgrims saw the Bible and the amazing principles that were in there. They tried to live by them.

If we opened up a counseling office in Vista and advertised "Marriage Counseling," "Career Counseling," etc., and charged people by the half-hour, then people would come in and say, "My problem is that my husband is really..." and we would tell them, "Just submit. If you are treated unjustly, just answer back kindly, then you will win him over."

If they would put that into practice, they could get along. They could do it at their jobs with their bosses. They would win them over. We could guarantee that wives could win their husbands over, too: "Money back if it doesn't work! If you put it into practice, then you will win him over and your marriage will work. Life will be pleasant for you."

Somehow they would learn that if they followed these principles – like child training – they would see that these principles really, really work. The problem is that they don't have the Spirit, and even more, now, the very principles themselves are being broken down. Yoneq said that some day they will probably outlaw the Bible from being used in any practical way. They'll have to get rid of it because of what it says about homosexuality and things like that.

It is so amazing. It is the solution to any problem in the world. But people aren't able to endure without the Spirit. It would totally save our neighbors. These principles would save their daily lives and the things that are going on in their families. It is so amazing what we have. It is so true.

If we treasured this enough to not let it pass, not saying, "Oh, just another teaching, just another teaching in a stack of teachings," but if we

really treasured it, then it would change us. It really is a treasure. Now, I could learn how to make an atomic bomb. Just think how powerful you would feel if you could say that, “We know how to make an atomic bomb!” But we know something much more powerful than how to make an atomic bomb – what we learned on the Shabbat, if we took it in. If you let it go in it will be inculcated into you. If not, it’s just another teaching that was given. I hope my apprentices will not just let it sit there like dog food. If you send it out (tell others, write letters), then what you have heard will go into you.