

The Church is the Body

We have to have the whole Body here to have the minchah. That's what the minchah is — the gathering of the priesthood. In the Old Covenant, the priests (which we all are now) gathered every morning and every evening to lift up holy hands and to give thanks and praise to our Father (1 Chr 23:30). It gave every priest opportunity to speak and give thanks.

In the letter to the Hebrews, whoever they were, it says that He is the Son or the high priest over the house, meaning our sins can be continually forgiven as we confess them. Christianity is a house with no high priest, and their sins are not forgiven, but piled up high as heaven (Rev 18:5). In Heb 10:19-22 it speaks of the high priest over our house. We are a priestly people.

Heb 3:6 speaks about the true Body of Messiah. We were all raised in a false system where there wasn't a body, but just a meeting that we had to travel a long way to. No one ever said anything as they sat listening to the one Nicolaitan preacher. No one else had the opportunity to speak. If you spoke, you'd be corrected, because the preacher was going to say everything. We've gone into churches before and tried to talk, and they called the police.

Paul said we are supposed to all speak when we gather together, to all have opportunity to express our thanksgiving and praise. If we have a prophecy, we can prophesy. It says that in 1 Cor 14:26, and in Heb 3:6 it says that if we ever lose our outspokenness, then He is no longer high priest over that house, because He is only a Son over the house that gives opportunity to speak with freedom, without any reservation. That's the only way the Holy Spirit can speak. He can't speak any other way. After a teaching, everyone expresses what he or she heard.

It's really wonderful that we can come to the understanding that the church is the Body of Messiah. That's what our Father wants to restore on the face of the earth in

these last days. The Body of Messiah is the church, but what is called the church today is not the Body. Everyone knows that. There isn't anyone that doesn't know that. Everyone knows the church is the Body, and everyone today that is in the defunct church knows that it isn't the Body. I knew that it wasn't the Body because I could look up in the dictionary what a body is: a corporeal, tangible existence of life. Every believer functions in the Body, not in secular jobs, but in the Body where their works are. Those works all serve to build up the Body.

Our beginning here is abnormal, with the BOY jobs where people have to be gone all the time, and often there is hardly anyone here. Can you imagine the 120 people you have being continually here, working around the house, working on local jobs, coming and going? That's how we want it to be here and in every other place. Not that BOY is not doing a wonderful work, but we can't wait for the day that we have local jobs and we don't have to be away from the Body, and we will all be here to speak. There are only a few people here, and it doesn't give our Father the opportunity to speak to everyone, so He waits until everyone is here. He wants everyone to hear what He has to say.

I'm thankful we have the opportunity to once again speak with liberty. We are establishing the Body of Messiah, and everyone who is a member of the Body, if they were to lose their outspokenness, then something would be wrong, and our Master could not be the Son over that house. We have great knowledge, and that knowledge has to come forth, not be held in to puff you up. If it is true knowledge, it will come out of our mouths to build everyone up. Love builds up; knowledge puffs up. If we speak out of love, it will build up the communities, the house.

Every member has a function in the Body. In 1 Cor 12:12, it talks about how the human body is one, but it has many members, and all the members are one, and so is Messiah's Body. We all have a function. We all have works prepared for us to do in that Body to build it up. So every person is invaluable and necessary. We'll all be called *Derushah* — necessary, essential. Each and every person is essential to the Body, just as

every member of your personal body is essential for the functioning of the whole body. If one member doesn't function right, the whole body is thrown off. Try functioning without a liver. The liver, though unseen, is invaluable. We have to see ourselves as invaluable because our Father sees us that way. If you didn't do what you did today, who else would have done it? It would have gone undone.

We meet the pressing needs. When we were in Christianity, we had no idea what that meant in relationship to the Body. We might have thought it was meeting the pressing need in our little family, but it's talking about the Body that we all live in where each person has his or her essential function.