

Brought Up

And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as was His custom, He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and He stood up to read. (Lk 4:16)

It just happens to say “brought up” — as He was trained, as His parents had taught Him and required of Him, He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath and He stood up to read. This is how He was brought up, and this was His custom on the Sabbath Day. Our Master was brought up that way so that when He was old, He didn’t have any trouble standing up and reading.

So He read from the scroll that was given to Him, of the prophet Isaiah, and He found the place where it was written, “The Spirit of Yahweh is upon me, because He has anointed me to proclaim the good news to the poor, He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to proclaim the acceptable year, the year of Yahweh’s favor.”

Of course this is speaking about our Master, but not only our Master — this is speaking about us, His Body, His representatives here on earth. The Spirit has to be upon us, upon each and every one of us. This passage of scripture here is for us. No one else in history can proclaim the year of Jubilee. It has never been celebrated in Israel. They never went 49 years in pure dedication and unity. They always had tribal wars, divisions, and dissensions between the tribes and between the people. They became worse than the world around them.

So we are those that will proclaim the year of Jubilee, the acceptable year, the year of our Father’s favor, when Satan will be bound, the enemy will be put under His feet. We are being brought up to do that. You can see that our Master was “trained up in the way he should go” (Pr 22:6), and when He was old He did not depart from it. Mary and Joseph put that in action. They brought that child up. Mary was like Huldah with her children. It is an amazing thing. I know that the Spirit is upon our children.

Lk 2:22-24 talks about the time when they dedicated our Master. It applies to both male and female now in the New Covenant; there is no distinction there, but male and female are one together. As Jn 14:17 says, His Spirit was with the disciples and would be in them. Therefore He dwells with our children from dedication, and the time comes for Bar Mitzvah and the Spirit will dwell in them.

In the Old Covenant the Spirit dwelt with them, but not permanently in them, but at Bar Mitzvah our children are sealed with the Spirit. Sealed means you can't break the bond; it is always there, eternally. There is no way you can be unsealed. You are now motivated and led by the Spirit of love that comes into your heart. That is why we lay down our lives for our brothers and live the way we do.

In Lk 2:48-52 it says, "And when His parents saw Him they were astonished, and His mother said to Him, 'Son, why have you treated us so? Your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.'" Then of course He answered back, very respectfully, "Where were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business, in my Father's house?" Then He went down with them to Nazareth and was what? Submissive, subject to them, and His mother treasured up all these things in her heart. And what did our Master Yahshua do? He started growing in wisdom and stature.

You've already grown to a certain extent, but now after Bar Mitzvah you're going to increase in wisdom and stature and favor with God and man. You are going to grow up in every aspect, just as our Master had to grow up in every aspect of His humanity. He had to grow in His humanity. His social life had to increase, His emotions had to be restrained, His mental faculties, spiritual faculties, physical faculties all had to increase.

He grew in stature physically and also in every other aspect. From how we see Him at 12 He continued to grow until He was baptized when He was around 30. Then He heard our Father's voice for the first time, saying, "You are My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." (*Speaking to Keli whose daughter Neshef was soon to become a bat*

mitzvah) You can say that to your daughter when she is baptized, “You are my beloved daughter in whom I am well pleased.”

The Spirit came upon our Master like a dove, it says, and He had unshakable certainty from that day forward until He went to the cross. He did not turn back, because He knew what was ahead for Him. All of our dedicated sons and daughters are as He was. He was *amenable*, a word that combines “amen” (let it be) and “able” —

Amenable — disposed or willing to comply; answerable to a higher authority; open and responsive to suggestion; easily led.

Our Master didn’t argue back. He was submissive and He received His imma.

Amenable — have you ever heard that word? Probably no one has ever heard that word. It means responsive, answerable, able to be ruled, under control. Do you hear, *bat mitzvah*? Are you listening? You’re able to be controlled because something is happening at your age because of how you were brought up.

Lk 4:16 — The word translated “brought up” comes from a root that means a turning, a convolution or revolution. You are trained to turn from your fallen way. You have to turn and be subject to your parents. Not that our Master was fallen, but He was trained as if He were so that He wouldn’t fall. He was the second Adam, and if there is anyone who deserves to be at His right hand or His left some day, it is His parents. They trained Him up, just as we are training our children.

A convolution is to be rolled longitudinally upon itself like a leaf in the bud. The word “brought up” means to be nourished in the way that a child should go, with all that it takes to turn a child from the way he should not go (Pr 22:6). Our Master’s mother and foster-father obeyed that and brought our Master up. It doesn’t say that He just lived there in Nazareth, but He was *brought up*. We bring our children up.

Convolutions are twisted or tortuous windings due to the spirits of this world who are continually driven by their own convoluted desires to lead the whole world astray. The twisted desire of the evil one is to deceive the whole world. Look at Rev 12:9 and

you'll see Satan, the adversary, and all he is thinking about continually is how to deceive the whole world, and he is doing a good job.

But our children are being brought up so that they will not be led astray by the evil one. The whole world is being led astray by the evil one, and they are all going to the same place in eternity. He is leading the whole world astray from their conscience to the point that now they call good evil and evil good. It is twisted, convoluted, tortuous windings. Rev 12:9 — He couldn't do anything to the woman, the edah, the twelve tribes of Israel, so he went after the Male Child. Isa 27:1 describes him as the convoluted serpent, with his fierce and great and mighty sword, even Leviathan, the twisted serpent.

Lk 2:51 — He was *subject* or *submissive* to them. I don't know whether His mother spanked Him or not, but He continued in subjection, and she treasured up these things in her heart. We don't know exactly, but He might have gotten a little bit ahead of Himself. I'm not saying that He sinned. He never sinned. But it says they thought He was with them. There was a great caravan, with many relatives, and they didn't keep a close eye on Him, probably because they expected Him to be there.

But He was in the temple talking, and the rabbis were amazed at this boy 12 years old. Who had taught Him? His parents had taught the Word to Him. He learned as a human child, being submissive to His parents as they were inculcating these things into Him. He grew and increased in understanding, and the day came when our Father spoke to Him to confirm all He had learned and understood. Then He had that unshakable certainty, and the Spirit came upon Him like a dove and never flew away until He had completed His course. The dove only lands on clean things, never unclean.

Lk 2:51 — To be *subject* is to be submissive to authority, to make oneself amenable to the discipline and control of a superior. You give yourself to that. There is no rebellion there. Who is your superior? Your parents. There is no greater authority on earth than your parents right now. And all who were true disciples were the same way towards our Master. Those who will not make themselves amenable are destroyers, and

what happens to destroyers? Isa 49:17 — If you are not subject to authority you are destroying and you will be destroyed (1 Cor 3:16-17).

You don't want to destroy what your parents have been doing all these years. They would be wasting their time if their children wouldn't be subject to them. What is the worst thing that could happen? All your children could leave and go to the lake of fire because they are destroyers (Isa 49:17). Do you know who the builders are? *Son* and *builder* are the same word in Hebrew. The builders make up for the ones who leave. They compensate, make up for what the others didn't do, just as in the days of slavery when the good slaves had to make up for what the wicked, lazy slaves didn't do. They had to do more work. Those who stay and are true sons and builders make up for what the others didn't do.

Our Master was amenable, brought up to yield readily, to submit. A submissive child gives himself to discipline. "I want to grow up straight. I don't want to depart from the way. I want to do the Creator's will." What could be greater than doing the Creator's will on earth? Did the Creator create you for nothing? Was it all in vain that your parents gave you birth and trained you up? That is why we say in Bar Mitzvah, "I know my son," or, "I know my daughter is able to submit and subject herself to me." The parents have to know that.

From dedication to Bar or Bat Mitzvah the Spirit comes upon them. You can tell that Mary was really something. She had hands on that boy most of the time. She was pretty strict; she had warm, tight hands. Our Father made it so that He needed training. He didn't say in the crib, "I'm God!" or something. He didn't know anything except what the Spirit revealed to Him. Gradually the Spirit within Him revealed more and more and more, just as He is doing with us. We are the same way.

Before the Race begins we'll have an unshakable certainty. When all of our children follow their parents we'll have an unshakable certainty of who we are. There has to be a revolution from this convulsion, to nourish our children, to turn a child from

the way it should not go to the way it should go. Gen 18:19 is what brings everything about; it is what brings our Master back to this earth.

“I choose Abraham for this reason — because I know him, I know what he’ll do. I know how he treats his servants, and that’s how he’ll treat his children.”

“For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has promised him.”

If He never has that, He can never bring it about. Our Father will not bring it about unless He has a people on the earth, a whole nation, who will do that for Abraham’s offspring. Our Father will lose His righteousness, He will be guilty of sin if He does not fulfill every word that He spoke. Abraham might have done it for a while, but Israel didn’t do it. That is why our Master said He was taking the kingdom away from them and giving it to a nation producing the fruit of it.

Everything nowadays is convoluted, twisted. Look at the world: they are having convolutions due to the spirit of this world. Pr 22:6 — The parents are going to bring their children with them to the same destiny they have. They strive to reach that destiny, and you’re going to strive to reach your destiny also. In the world the people who live by their conscience have a fight on their hands. The way a child has been brought up determines the destiny he will attain to. If the parents have not been converted and become new creations in Messiah, then they will bring their child up in the same way they were raised.

Ex 20:5-6 — The sins of the fathers are passed on to their children to the third and fourth generations. Did you know that the quality we have now is going to be passed on to the third and fourth generation, and they’re the ones that bring about the end of this age, casting Satan into the abyss for a thousand years? Did you know that that is what your job is? That is why you were born. That is why you were dedicated and go through Bar Mitzvah. You were dedicated for that purpose, and the day will come when

you receive the Spirit and He'll live in you eternally, just as much as He lived in our Master Yahshua. Everyone attains to the destiny he deserves.

Parents will bring a child up with them in the same mode¹ they have been brought up in (Ex 20:5-6). You are going to be like your parents. You will be brought up the same way they were brought up if there is no conversion. Unless a parent has been converted or turned from that twisted, convoluted way, he will train up his child to be rebellious also, not respecting authority. He will send his own children to public schools where horrible things are put into them. You would be surprised at what is going on in public schools — evil, awful things. They are trained to be rebellious, disobedient gluttons, not respecting authority.

A child must be trained to be respectful. You're not automatically respectful unless you're *trained* to be respectful. You have to have parents who are respectable. A child must be trained and encouraged to honor authority, to obey, to follow instructions, and discouraged from being rebellious and stubborn.

Each one of you, our wonderful children, came from one in a billion sperm cells. You made it when the rest died along the way. You made it to the egg released from your mother's ovary, and you were conceived, and you became an embryo, and then you were a fetus growing in her belly, and then you were born. You can't imagine how many a billion sperm cells is. You're the only one that got into your mother's ovum, and what are you going to do? Was it good that you did? Was it good that you were the one? Yes, it is if you give your life to the Creator. But otherwise it would have been better if you had been one of those that died, if you don't give your life to the Creator.

“Choose life. Aren't you glad your mother did?” Well, are you? What am I being raised up to do? Go to hell? It would have been better for Judas if he had been aborted, our Master said. It is the same for you, if you are not going to make the most out of your

¹ Mode — the way in which something is done.

life, if you are not going to fall in love with our Master Yahshua and let Him take over your life, that He would come and dwell in you.

When you do that, you are sealed until the day of redemption, as if with the King's signet ring. When you are sealed, you're sealed, but you are not going to be sealed unless you give yourself totally and absolutely, without any reservation. [*Speaking to Neshef bat Keli...*] Tomorrow you are going to give yourself over to the Savior Yahshua; you are going to call upon His name. You are going to be so thankful for your abba and imma and how they have trained you and brought you up. They brought you up to yield, to submit, to be answerable, and to be respectful. You owe your life to them.

Keli — A mode of operation is a way that is set. It is not something that evolves into something else. It is something that you set. For example, a thermostat may have five different modes, and it doesn't just end up somewhere, but you push a button which sets its mode and that is the way it operates.

It is the same way with our children — we bring them up in a certain mode. Or we may let somebody else set the mode. We can set the mode in the wrong way, but if we bring them up in the way of the Sovereign, doing righteousness and justice, then their mode is set. If they are in that mode, that is how they operate. They are rooted.

Our Master had to grow in stature, He had to grow in His humanity, He had to grow in all of those aspects, and as He grew He became planted in who He was and how He was going to operate and how He was going to be when He was on His mission in those years of His life. He was set in how He was going to be. He was on a course and He did not deviate to the right or to the left. That is the responsibility of the parents — to set our children on the right course.

Baruch — I like how it says on the back of the Peacemaker bus, "...we will *bring* you home." You may think it says *take*, but really it says *bring*, which means that you both end up at the same place. Our Master was *brought* up. His parents brought Him up in the way that He should go, meaning that they went there together. You can see even as our Master was on the cross, how His imma was there. She was a disciple. She didn't just take Him to a certain point and drop Him off.

That is the amazing thing about our life. Our life is sustainable, only because from generation to generation our children are brought up, they are brought alongside their parents. You can see the same thing with our Father and Abraham. Our Father didn't want to just take Abraham somewhere and drop him off with all of his descendants. Our Father wanted to *bring* him somewhere, and go somewhere *with* Abraham. He wanted to bring Abraham and his descendants together into the fulfillment of the promise. It wasn't just Abraham, but it was the generations after him, and after them, and after them. So it requires that our children would be brought up through the fulfillment.

It struck me so much when Yônêq said that our Father will lose His righteousness if He can't get a people to go with Him. Our Father's righteousness really does depend on the fulfillment of what He vowed to Abraham. Who can herald in the Jubilee? We are the only ones who can do it. We are the only ones who can fulfill what our Father spoke to Abraham. It is amazing what our sonship really is.

Neshef bat Keli — I know that my parents have brought me up in the right way, so that now I can give myself to our Master so I can be useful.

Obadiah — When you said that about our Master growing in stature and favor with God and man, it made me think about Pr 3:3-4, "*Let not mercy and truth forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart, and so find favor and high esteem in the sight of God and man.*" You can only forsake something that has been put into you. So mercy here is covenant love, kindness, truth, personal conviction — it is what the anointing teaches us, the mind that His parents passed on to Him about any situation. You can see what our Master did, why He grew in favor with God and man the way He did, as it says in Lk 2:52.

Whoever serves our Master will be honored; it is the same as being highly esteemed by our Father. Can you imagine being highly esteemed by our Master if we serve Him? Esteem means highly regarded.

Natan — I have a pounding heart and I don't want to keep it in. When I heard about Jubilee tonight, how our Father's people have never been able to make it to Jubilee, tonight it dawned on me that the road block to Jubilee was the generations that had spurts of zeal to do our Father's will, but later walked away from it, "the generations of those who hate Me" (Ex 20:5). It is not going to be any light task to raise up the generations to come so as to make it to Jubilee. I don't know what it is going to take, but I

want us to be able to make it to where our Father needs us to go, and not be stopped, but overcome.

I am thankful that I am learning this. Every night I feel a little baby kicking around in my wife's womb, and it is so exciting and I can hardly grasp it. So here it is, this little child is going to be born, and it has the greatest purpose. But what a failure I would be to not put our vision and revelation into that child, that it would be raised every day to understand who that child is. That is what I desire. We all give up our lives every day — imagine if it were a waste. But no, we will overcome, we will make it to Jubilee. 49 years isn't that out-of-reach. It is just three generations. I'm thankful that we can raise up children in this place to follow our Father, and tomorrow we will see a demonstration of that.

Yohannah bat Ehud — Our Father will lose His righteousness if He doesn't fulfill His promises in somebody, and we have to be that somebody — it is not optional. He doesn't have any options left. It is so obvious that it is the end of the age. What proves that we are sealed with His Spirit is that we are here with all of our hearts — that we are devoted builders, and we make up for the destroyers. We build our portion and we build theirs, not leaving any crevices and cracks for the evil one to come in and tear things apart from within. I don't want to disappoint our Father by being slack about building. I don't want to look at overcoming as an option, but as an imperative, because I want our Father's name to be made great, and Him to not have to curse Himself.

He left it up to us to put His enemies under His feet. He enabled us by His death and resurrection to do this.

ha-êmeq — You are going to be a destroyer if you don't submit to authority. When you consider an army, if the soldiers start questioning the commands they have been given, the war will be lost. But soldiers are humbled in the first weeks of training, and then they will do whatever the general says. Rebellion takes away the power of the army, and those who question authority start destroying, and soon there is no army, because not only does it affect that one person, but it starts affecting others also, and pretty soon they all start questioning the direction that comes to them.

That word *ben* means both a son and a builder. You can see how His submissive attitude is what made our Master able to be a builder. It is so wonderful that once you start submitting your life, you start building something so wonderful.

Zahav — The reason we have to be brought up is because someone else has what we need. I hit a certain point in the Body where I couldn't figure anything out, and the brothers sent me to work with this particular person. After being there for a couple of months, people asked me how I was doing, because this was not the easiest person to work with. But I didn't see it that way. I saw it as a new start, so I gave myself every day to him, and I realized at the end of it that maybe he had his quirks and I had my quirks, but by just being in subjection to him I bonded to that brother more than probably anyone else that I have bonded to in the Community. Because I submitted myself to him, I saw that he had things I could learn that I never could have learned if I had not submitted myself to him. I was unlocked in a way that I had never been unlocked before. When we subject ourselves to our brothers and sisters there is no more convoluting, no more twisting. The crooked becomes straight. Our Father can speak to us and we can be brought along. I want that to be my anchor in the Body, that I can follow my brothers just as our Master followed His parents. I am thankful for what we heard tonight.

Almah — Abraham gave his whole heart so that Isaac would be the son of the promise, so that what was in our Father's heart could be fulfilled. But even if we in the edah totally give ourselves and are whole-hearted, we still won't make it apart from each other. I heard that the key is humility and listening to one another. The first edah quit discerning the Body and seeing their need for one another, so they couldn't overcome those obstacles, and the year of Jubilee couldn't happen. If we can be humble and receive, then our Father can have a people who will overcome. I am thankful to be part of our Father's people on the earth.

We are not in battle yet, we're only in boot camp. We have to be tested before the Race can begin. I don't know how many are going to be washed out. In boot camp they tried to wash me out. They do their best to disqualify you. They mistreat you, make you do push-ups, get you up at three o'clock in the morning to go nowhere. They are trying to make you mad, to see whether you are going to keep on obeying them, because they know that in wartime if you are not totally obedient then the war is over. Those who make it through boot camp can go into battle and win the war.

We have been in boot camp for 30 years or more to see who is going to be washed out and who is going to stay for the Race. There are going to be a lot washed out before

the Race begins, but those who are true are sealed with the Holy Spirit. They are going to endure and be right there. But those who aren't sealed with the Holy Spirit are going to be washed out. They are going to be destroyers in the Body. They are going to hold us back. They are an extra weight, extra baggage that we can't have. You can't have extra baggage in a Race. Have you ever seen a runner with extra weight? So that is what our Father is doing now, and I am so glad He is. The evil one tries to wash us out every day. He is like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour, but we have to stay together and in communion with the Holy Spirit.