

Brotherly Love

The Spirit teaches us how to love. It is not something that we *try* to do; it is something that we *do*. We learn how to love by being around others. What should you do if someone is mean to you? What should you do if someone irritates you? What should you do to someone who offended you? Should we have a teaching on how to love? How would someone know how to love? Do we need an instruction book on how to love?

1 Ths 4:9 — We are taught how to love by the Spirit, the Word in us. We don't need any lessons on how to love if we have His love in us. But what if we don't have His love in us? Should we go to school to get a degree in loving, and graduate with a PhD in "How to Love"?

Rom 5:5 — Love and the Holy Spirit are the same, because God is love. The love of God was poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit when we received the Holy Spirit. He is the One who teaches us how to love. This is an extraordinary love beyond what the world could ever imagine having.

Extraordinarily Extraordinary

Ps 16:3 — His saints are set apart from the world; they have distinguishing characteristics, different from those of the world. We are different even from our good neighbors. There is something extraordinary about us. All of His delight is in us. You are one of the excellent ones; you are glorious, majestic, and noble in His eyes. He doesn't have any delight in anything else more than us! When He looks at the universe that He created, He thinks that it is nothing without us. It is just empty material, and it shines for nothing unless it shines for the excellent ones.

Without us He can do nothing, and we can do nothing without Him. He is unable to fulfill His ultimate intention without us. His ultimate purpose of creating the universe was to be inhabited and ruled. We are His excellent ones.

Ps 16:4 tells what old Israel and the first church did. *“Their sorrow shall be multiplied who hasten after other spirits.”* Those other spirits became like a god to them. That is what happened to old Israel. There is going to be a people on the earth who won’t turn to other spirits. They will be excellent. They will be extraordinarily extraordinary. We are “extra” ordinary! We go beyond what any other people can possibly do. There is no one on earth like us, who can do what we can do. We are His excellent ones, His noble and majestic ones. We are set apart to be extraordinary.

Commanded to Love

Eph 4:1-3 — Who can do that? If we can forbear with one another it means that we are the excellent, extraordinary ones. But what if we can’t forbear? What if someone irritates you, or says something that offends you? What if you are not like Phil 2:2-4? Do you think that all of our Father’s delight is in you?

All of His delight is in us, and all of our delight is in Him and in our brothers and sisters and in doing His will.

Phil 2:2-4 — Who can do that besides the extraordinary, excellent ones, in whom is all of His delight? Who can do Eph 4:1-3? We are not *taught* to love, we are *commanded* to love. He wouldn’t expect us to be able to love if He was not teaching us how to love through His Spirit. This is how we know that we have passed out of death and into life. This is how we know we are His true and excellent ones. He commanded us to love one another as He has loved us. We don’t need a book to tell us how to love because the Spirit in us teaches us how to love. We are commanded to love.

So we must know how to love, or else He wouldn’t be commanding us to do it. He doesn’t command the world to love as He loved, because He knows that they can’t do it. They are not the excellent ones; they are not the extraordinary ones who go beyond what anyone could possibly do. What He means is that we are beyond natural law. We are beyond our neighbors who may be living by the natural law. We live by the spiritual

law. They are not expected to love as we are to love. Our Father is not a tyrant; He doesn't expect them to love in that way.

Like No One Else

We do not get aggravated with people in the world when they are a little bit odious, because that could make them turn against us. It only happens when we are not being led by the Spirit. We do everything we can to keep peace. We keep the streets and sidewalks clean. When our neighbors call, we come running. Our neighbors down the street can't stop talking about the wonderful job we did in their yard after the hurricane. They brag about us. It speaks volumes to our neighbors to do something good like that. I am sure that wherever they go they talk about us. And that is how they are supposed to look at us — the excellent ones!

We go beyond the natural; we go the second mile. It takes extraordinary powers for us to live the way we do. No one can tolerate each other for long, living in close quarters. They can hardly tolerate their own family. To live together in unity and peace, exercising all the fruits of the Spirit is extraordinary. We are the excellent ones in whom is all of His delight. We have extraordinary power — the power of the Holy Spirit, the power of holy angels.

Our Father thinks that you are remarkable if you are obeying Him and loving your brother, not letting him irritate you. Even if a division comes between you and a brother, it won't take long before you feel so bad that you go to one another so that the division can be removed. Actually, it is an extraordinary beauty, beautiful to our Father. He has never seen anything like us. Can you believe that? He has never seen anything like us!

There were a few times in history that our Father started to have a people, but they always turned to other gods. They looked to other spirits and took on the patterns and fashions and designs of the world. The first-century church started mixing the world's gods with their God, and pretty soon Christianity was born.

1 Cor 1:2 — They were sanctified and set apart for Him to do His will. But then His excellent ones started receiving another spirit. They received another gospel that didn't work. They weren't noble or glorious anymore. They were no longer majestic. They weren't exceptional anymore (2 Cor 11:4).

Hired to Love

Acts 1:8; Isa 43:10-12 — We are employed to be His witnesses on this earth. Our occupation is to love one another and forbear with one another. We are to be humble, so that we can carry out our employment. This is what we are called to do in our life. If we are not humble, we will be fired, unless we repent. We won't be able to continue being employed by the Holy Spirit unless we are forbearing with one another and loving one another. We must *maintain* the unity of the Spirit; we cannot be divided. A finger or a toe cannot be divided from the body. We are not functioning under the same head if we are divided (Eph 4:1-3).

We have a special function and service. We are actually special agents, put here during this little time on earth, at the end of this age. We are special agents put here for the sake of old Israel, to bring about the promises that our Father made to Abraham and the patriarchs. We are going to bring it about for them. We are the witnesses of what our Father has always wanted to do. It is called *community*.

As special agents and ambassadors, we represent our King Yahshua. We are the light of the world and the salt of the earth. Salt heals and cleanses. It is a little salty sometimes, but we have to be salty to people in order to heal them. If you put a little salt on something, it burns. You have to receive that burn to be healed (Mt 5:14-16).

Indistinguishable Glory

The glorious ones are those who are honored by our Father, who serve our Master (Jn 12:26). We have to remember that we have received the very same glory that our Master has. He has given it to us. The glory our Father gave to His Son has now been

bestowed upon His brothers. It is the very same inner worth, the very same ruling power. That is what makes us excellent. Glory is how we see and how we hear, what we do and how we do it, what we say and how we say it. Glory is being excellent as our Master is excellent. It wasn't just what He said, but it was how He said it (Jn 12:49, NIV).

Different people see differently. They might see the same thing and divide over it. They might hear the same thing, but not hear it the same way. We have to hear exactly as our Master heard; we have to see as He sees; we have to do as He does; we have to speak as He speaks. Those are His noble ones, and they are *notable*, too. People notice our excellence by the way we live, and by what we say and how we say it.

Strive never to offend a neighbor, no matter who they are or what they are. They have all sinned, and they haven't been forgiven of their sins. No matter what kind of sin it is, we need to win our neighbors, not being prejudiced or prejudging them. We treat them all the same.

We are notable because we are the sons of God. We were not that way in the world, but now that we have received His Spirit, we are *becoming* that way. *Become* indicates a transition, a transformation. *Become* doesn't mean that we change all at once, but it will happen a little bit at a time. We *become* excellent, noble, and majestic. No one is going to do it except for us, the Twelve Tribes of Israel, the Body of Messiah.

A Simple Concept

Heb 10:5 — We are the Body that was prepared for the same Spirit that came to dwell in our Master Yahshua. He did His job here on earth, and He went on. Now He has left it to us, another body that was prepared for Him to dwell in. It is better that He went away because if He didn't, then His Spirit would not have come to us. If He were still here, He wouldn't be able to get around to everyone in the world. He sent His Spirit to us so that He would be able to go everywhere, and that one Spirit teaches us all the same thing. There is no division if we are taught by God to love.

Our Master loved by laying down His life. If we don't lay down our lives, it means that we are not loving. It is as simple as that. We know that we have passed out of death and into life because we love one another. We *ought* to lay down our lives for each other. In order to lay down our lives for one another, we have to live together, because it can't be done any other way. That is how it was in the beginning (1 Jn 3:14,16).

The True Witness

We are called to be a witness that the Holy Spirit is on earth. Our Master was a witness that God was with man — Immanuel. God dwelt *in* our Master, and He dwelt *with* men. We are going to do the same thing throughout the universe — we will be *Immanuel* in that sense. God will be with everyone in all the galaxies where we are. We are His Body, and we will be just like our Master Yahshua.

The word *witness* is to authenticate, to prove something that is true and genuine. We know that there is a false witness on the earth, and we can be false, too, if we are not in fellowship with His Spirit. We will not be known as the excellent ones in whom is all of His delight if we are out of fellowship. It must be a *veritable* witness — bona fide, actual, and trustworthy. We can trust one another even unto death. We can believe one another. We know that we are truthful. We never lie, but always tell the truth. Everything we do is truthful, veritable. It is a witness and is fully trustworthy. It is according to fact, not adulterated. The Christian gospel is adulterated and corrupted. 2 Cor 2:17 — Some translations say *bamboozlers*. They make the gospel worthless.

Those who are Willing Will Know

Jn 7:17 — When a person sees you and hears you, he is going to show whether he is willing to do our Father's will. Our Father knows who is willing and who isn't willing. The reason why you are here is because you were willing to do our Father's will, whether you knew it or not. Our Father knew you more than you even knew yourself. The Bible says, "He will be found by those who did not seek Him." They didn't know how to do it.

Whoever is willing will know whether what we are speaking is from our Father, or whether it is just from ourselves. If it is from ourselves, it does no good; we will not pass the Spirit on to anyone. But if it is our Father speaking through us to them, and they are willing to do our Father's will, then they are going to know it.

Jn 7:18 — There is a false witness, and there is a true witness. One seeks his own glory, and one seeks the glory of the One who sent him — a veritable witness. There is no unrighteousness, deceitfulness, or falsehood in him.

The Model Pattern

We are called to an extraordinary corporate life. We are just beginning now. It has never been heard of since the first century. Some have tried it over the centuries, but they never developed into the restoration of the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

We are His witnesses (Acts 1:8; Lk 24:47). It must begin in Jerusalem. Paul said that the churches he established were taken from the Judean pattern (1 Ths 2:14), and they took their pattern from Jerusalem. They went to all the towns of Judea and established churches, then they went to Samaria, and then to the world. We haven't reached to the remotest parts of the earth yet; it is just now beginning to happen. We are going to places where we can establish a tribe, or way-out houses. The Judean pattern is to be one as the Father and Son are one.

Our Master said, "Everything that I have is the Father's, and everything that the Father has is Mine. I want you to be one as We are one. The things that you have don't belong to you, but they belong to everyone. Everything You have, Father, is Mine, and everything that I have is Yours."

There was no separation there, and that is how He wants us to be. That is why we are extraordinary. No one else can do it because everyone is selfish. Sin is selfishness — wanting for yourself and not giving to your brother, and not even wanting to see his need. How can the love of God be in a person when he sees a brother in need and

doesn't meet it? Whether the need is food, or clothing, or whatever it is, the love of God can't be in you if you don't meet your brothers' needs (1 Jn 3:16,17,23).

To Obey is to Know

1 Jn 3:14; Jn 5:24 — How do you *know* that you have passed out of death and into life? You lay down your life for your brothers and sisters, but how do you *know* it? We have the love of God in us, but how do we *know* it? It isn't just because you lay down your life that you know it. We have one Spirit, and the Holy Spirit reveals it to us. He confirms us when we are loving. When we are not loving, He doesn't confirm us. We know that we know that we have passed out of death and into life because the Spirit reveals it to us. But He won't reveal it to us if we are not loving one another. If we are loving each other, there will be confirmation.

My mother used to hear the preacher say those things, but there was no way she could do it. No one told her how or what to do. They just went to church on Sunday and maybe once during the week. The preacher would say, "I know that I know that I know!" They make you think you know it, but you really don't know it. She wanted to believe that she knew it, but she never really knew it, and I didn't either. But now I know it by the Spirit that has been given to us, and you know it the same way. You know because you love your brothers.

1 Jn 5:13 (KJV) — If you don't know it, then you can come to believe, because you don't yet believe. Other versions change it because they can't understand it. We are the only ones who can understand it. We know that we have eternal life if we are loving one another. If we don't know it, then we can believe so that we *can* know it. If anyone in any place of the twelve tribes does not have the assurance and the confidence that the Holy Spirit is speaking to him in his heart and giving him confirmation, then he can come to believe. He can fall on his face and say, "I want to believe, because I get offended at everything my brother or my sister says to me."

Love is Changing Us

Our Master had to go because He couldn't be in every place. We are taking His place here on earth. We need to know that and understand that. He went on to the Father, and now we are His Body on earth. When I look at you, I see our Master Yahshua; I see Him right in your eyes; He dwells in you. He is looking out of your eyeballs at me. His Spirit dwells in us. This is how we can love, and this is why we lay down our lives and are faithful, and can endure through sufferings and hardships and temptations.

2 Cor 3:18 — When you look into a mirror, you see your old self. But just keep looking... okay, now look again... There is a little bit of a change! Oh, keep looking... a bit more, and look again... You are changing! Pretty soon you are going to be looking right at our Master. There you are — the very image of Him. You aren't what you used to be. We change from glory to glory. Love is changing us into Him. As we increase in love, we increase in glory, continually.

When our Master told us to pray for our daily bread, it meant that we would hear from Him. He is not saying that we need to pray for our potatoes, because He told us that He would provide those things if we seek first the Kingdom and His righteousness. He will give us everything the Gentiles seek for — food and clothing. What He wants us to pray for is the *spiritual* food. Then we will thrive and be nourished. We will change into His image and likeness by hearing from Him. Our Master said that He would be with us when He left. We live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of our Father. That is what we live by; it is a spiritual life.

Ne'eman — It says in 2 Cor 3 that we are being transformed from one degree of glory to the next. That is the most amazing privilege! I can't do that myself, but in the Body we are surrendered. Our Father is delighting in the fact that He is reversing the Fall with those that surrender to Him. He is able to do it because our Master was able to undo those things. It is so wonderful that we can be here. The things that we go through cause that to happen. We don't just transform magically or mystically, but it is

through the things that we encounter, the sufferings and circumstances. When you are able to see where you missed it, it makes you not want to miss it there again. We are becoming more like our Master.

Chezekah — I am so grateful for the Spirit we have been given. He is a treasure to us. When I allow Him to teach me, then I am confirmed because I received. If I fail, and I see where and why I failed, I can still go forward. When you know you are delighting in Him, you are confirmed. You can't explain it, but you know because you know. You have fellowship with Him. You can know because there is something in you that grows. That love that He poured into your heart never stops overflowing; it is always supposed to be filled up more and more so that we can keep pouring it out. I want to treasure His Spirit, and always have that love being poured into me so that I can always pour it out until my dying day.

ha-êmeq — It is so amazing because He is doing it. It is so hard to relate to being an extraordinary majestic one. I can really see, though, how some people in the world treat us as special. They come to us, and their voice changes; they talk differently; they judge their language because they know that we are different. We don't wear a halo, or have some glow around us. We don't wear a sign that says, "Treat me as special and respect me." But there is something in us that is greater. It is not of ourselves. And there is a change going on in us. Derush hasn't been in the Community for a very long time, but a year ago he talked very differently. It is shocking to people who used to know him, because now the Spirit dwells in him.

All we are doing is going by the recipe. We are giving our lives to our Master, keeping His commandments, and walking in the deeds prepared for us. It is like a recipe for muffins. When muffins are still in the bowl, they can't feel as if they are going to be anything but a big glob of dough. But if the recipe is right, the heat turns them into big beautiful muffins. But it wasn't the muffin, and it isn't us. It is because the recipe was right, and it made what it makes. It makes sons of God — His majestic ones. All we have to do is obey. We can't add anything else into the recipe, or hidden agendas, or selfishness, because then the recipe will flop.

Our Father is looking for those majestic ones. You don't have to be great; you just have to obey what He has commanded us. He knows just how to make us that way. All we have to do is obey and follow Him. You can't feel proud or puffed up or arrogant about it, because you know it wasn't of yourself anyway. All you have to do is surrender your rotten, stinking life to the greatest, most wonderful, amazing Savior that there ever was. He is making us into His majestic ones. The people of the world can even see it, and they are kind of amazed, too!