

The Fatally Flawed Condition of Man

Lev Rak — I wanted to say something about those songs. The first song said, “Once you were not a people,” and “then you obtained mercy.” It didn’t say that once you were not a people and now you are, but it might as well have. Now we are part of the commonwealth. That is mercy. What is merciful is that we have received the remedy to the fatal flaw, because there wouldn’t be a people without the remedy.

The fatal flaw in man is that he can’t get along. There is something off — a need. Today, I was thinking about this article in the old *Common Sense Chronicle* that we used to print. Sometimes it would talk about food and nutrition and how it would relate to the gospel. One of them it talked about how man is on a downward spiral because mankind tends to like what is not good for him. It might have been about chocolate. That article was so good because it was really touching on the fatal flaw.

I was thinking about what it said in that song, that once we were not a people but then we obtained mercy, and that our obedience will bring about Yahshua’s glory. How could someone not draw the conclusion if there is unity, because everyone knows how hard it is to get along out there. The man we work for down the road said, “I used to have twenty-six employees working for me but I never could get anything done. Everyone was always fighting. Personnel problems all day long.” There it is again.

We heard this morning that there would be conglomerations. There will be a façade of oneness, but then there will be the genuine oneness in Messiah. People will look at their life and their failed relationships. That is the fatal flaw. Man likes the things that bring him out of his boundaries, as it says in Isa 24:5-6, “So therefore a curse devours the earth.” That is what the fatal flaw does, it takes you outside the boundaries and it creates all this havoc.

I am just so thankful that we can just come home and worship our King every day. I am thankful we can struggle together as brothers and sisters to be the genuine expression.

Asher — That reminds me of what Zaccai shared last night, that the opposite of the fatal flaw is to be a life giver. Our Father is dealing with all these ways in our lives so we can have life for one another and build each other up. I saw that today at work. We were tilling a big area of someone’s yard. There were big long pieces of concrete buried all throughout the yard. So most of the day we spent digging up these huge pieces, and it gave me vision because I thought about how we are digging these big ugly things out of our lives.

Then I got to a point where there was one that was way too big and I had to ask Eldad to help me get it out. Once we thought we got it all out, but then we tilled it and we found a bunch more rocks that were buried even deeper. I thought, wow, salvation is a deep thing. Once you think you are there, there's just a whole bunch more. But I was thankful because by the end of the day they were all out and we could till it, and it looked really nice after we had gotten all the ugly roots and stones out.

It just encouraged me because I know that if we keep giving ourselves and crying out for grace, then we are going to get there. We are going to be that field where all the stones have been taken out. He is making us into life givers who can build each other up and have grace for each other.

Sho'er — I was thinking about that word too, conglomerate. Conglomerate indicates that there is a hodge-podge of different things put together into one — a conglomeration. Our life, which like we heard this morning is the restoration movement (the restoration of all the things that have to be restored before our Master can come back), is not a conglomeration or a conglomerate. It is people who are different. Many different cultures, backgrounds, races — every different kind of “bird” you could possibly imagine — but when they pass through those gates they leave all that behind. They leave their culture, their identity, everything, and they come into a new culture with a new unity that is not a conglomeration.

I'm just thankful for that because everyone else tries to band together while holding onto their own identity somehow, but at best it is like a patchwork quilt. But our Father really wants to establish something that has integrity, a unity that is not fake, but real.

I was really thankful for what Asher shared because when we were out there today there were those big concrete things, but then there was a bamboo forest. Bamboo is really interesting because its roots grow underground and then they pop up. If you plant one bamboo it will eventually become a whole forest. It all comes from the roots which you can't see. You think there is just one bamboo, but there are actually these roots that spread out over hundreds and hundreds of feet. They have little shoots that pop up everywhere, and when you go to pull the roots up it is impossible because they are so strong. They are like steel. You have to cut them with your shovel but it just bounces right off your steel shovel. They are incredibly strong.

So there was this network of a root system, plus the rocks and concrete. It was a big deal to get it out. It took everyone working and pulling and cutting and digging. It was a massive effort. So when you get

into that environment where there is oneness and unity, that is when and where those things start coming out. If you are not in that environment then those roots can never come out — those roots of loneliness, bitterness, and whatever those things are that make our soul like a dreadlock, a tangled-up mess. You start untangling the dreadlock and you find out that there is mildew in there and all kinds of stuff. But after cleaning it out and cutting it away there is a human being again.

I am just so thankful that we can come here and praise our Father. Our hope is that we are not just another movement, another group of people who fizzle out and don't pass their heart on to their children, and that's the end of that. Just another chapter in history, and our Father has to wait for someone else. Is earth just going to be cursed and then He goes on to another planet? Is He going to have to do that forever until He finally finds a people who will turn their heart to Him and then to their children? I am just so thankful that we have the opportunity of living in the time of the end of days, and we can overcome the fatal flaws in us that would cause us to divide. We can receive each other when our brothers come to us about those things.

Beniah — I am so thankful that Yahshua paid for my sins. He paid the debt and all we have to do now is love one another. That is kind of hard sometimes, just to plain, right-out love, because we are all faulty. I was trying to pass this on to my mother and she was saying she wanted to taste that so much. We have the opportunity to just love. The debt is paid and now all we have to focus on is loving and learning to love, through all our iniquities, seeing our Master within our brothers. That is something that Sarah Masse drove into me, to not just see your brother, but see our Master in him.

ha-êmeq — It is so important that we see what our Father is trying to teach us about the fatal flaw. When you were describing that man who was talking about the employees and how they couldn't get along — there it is. But here you are. You're just a landscaping crew, but you know something about a fatal flaw in humankind that that man needs to know. How shocking that the landscaping crew might know something, besides, "Can I have a Coke or something? I'm thirsty." They *know* something. They might even tell you, "Sounds like the fatal flaw of mankind." Then the man would say, "What, do you have some wisdom? Can you tell me something?"

Today I was trying to look up on the Internet about the brooding instinct and how it has been lost in birds. So I just looked on the search engine and the first thing was some kind of school. Then the second thing was the Twelve Tribes of Israel — brooding instinct. I thought how

amazing that was, that we are just right there. Then there was a teaching or something and it said, “Ha-êmeq said...” I said? What is this? I just looked up brooding instinct and Twelve Tribes already has two occurrences. And sure enough there were about two more — one of them from our enemies where they were trying to show how ridiculous we are talking about brooding instinct. They put it on the Internet, mixed in there with toilet paper, taking cold showers, etc., to show how ridiculous we are.

So here we are. Somebody is looking for something as simple as why his chicken doesn't seem to sit on its eggs. And there you just see twelve tribes, twelve tribes, etc... They have something to say about this. People are going to say, “They have something to say.” It's not just, “Ask Jesus in your heart. Finished. You're saved and going to heaven.” You're not going to find brooding instinct in evangelical-anything-dot-com. But here we have something to say about the brooding instinct because we have something to say about the fatal flaw in man, who can't get along.

The nations are going to be in a famine of wisdom, and just think how many search engines they are going to be entering words into. “Can't get along” — let's put that in there. Then comes up *twelvetribes.com* over and over. “Wow, they are going to tell me why we can't get along.” It is just amazing that they are going to be looking for wisdom and it is going to be available because we hear from our Father like this and we get a little bit of wisdom that we can pass on. The landscaping crew are wise men. You are finding wisdom in a place you wouldn't have normally thought of finding it.

Yonadab — I was thankful for what Asher said about the rocks — all the things that are in us that come up. We just see the surface many times, but when we start digging we find more things. It made me think that we are not left alone to try to dig out all the rocks. We have brothers and sisters who can help us dig them out. I am thankful that we live in a place where we can find help in our brothers.

(Yônêq began to read from “Man — A Fatally Flawed Race, Part 2”...)

Yes, man, fallen as he is, is a seriously, fatally flawed race, and in no other way is it more sharply evident and utterly manifest than in man's inability to get along with one another in peace. Of all man's flaws, the most obvious, evident, and publicly known is the disunity in the world of man. It has stained the whole course of human history with man's blood, and we live in its bloodiest times. There is no excuse for man's barbarities.

As it has been said, man must put an end to war or war will put an end to man.

When and where will birds of every feather ever live together in peace? How will the Body of Messiah starkly manifest our ability to get along with one another in peace? The most devastating flaw of man is disunity between each other, therefore there has to come into focus a new man in a new culture (Gal 3:28) to bring satisfaction to the soul of the One whose soul suffered in death to bring it about (Isa 53:10-11).

Christianity is not the answer to the disunity of the world of man today, in their darkness of 37,000 disunited “oneness” in diverse doctrines and teachings. They say one, but it is diversity. This is why Mk 9:11-12 is the re-igniting of the fire (Lk 12:49) that has to be the light of the world of man, that all men will know (Jn 13:35). This is why the Body of Messiah is crucial to man today. In 1 Tim 2:8, Paul said, “I want all men in every place to lift up holy hands without wrath or anger.” Without wrath or anger, because he knew that was the fatal flaw of man.

So we have to be a light to man and not have wrath or anger that divides us. That is why he said it. That is why our Master prayed for unity of the Body of Messiah, because He knew the world was in disunity. So this is why the Body of Messiah is crucial to man today — the most essential witness for man in his dilemma or predicament, for his salvation. The gospel is the only way that man can be saved or delivered from the dilemma or predicament he is in — his divisions and disunity. And Christianity is the worst example of them all. Down through history no one has ever agreed but all claim to be taught by the one Spirit of truth, out of the same Bible. But they have 37,000 different ways of looking at the Bible, doctrines, and teachings.

The gospel addresses the issue of love and peace and self control (Gal 5:22). Verse 26 is a picture of Christianity today. The only solution is the restoration of all things (Isa 49:6; Mt 21:43), which is the solution to what people think about the God of peace and unity. Men are in a quandary, quagmire, dilemma, perplexed state of mind about what they see in the church today and in the world of man as a whole. “How can I

get out of this world of man? How can I get out of my quandary, dilemma, perplexed state of mind? Is this the way it is supposed to be?"

We looked at something today about Christianity and why people are not believing in the Bible, the New Testament, or Jesus because the way Christianity is. They are saying now that there is going to be a great revolt against Christianity, because they don't see the witness. There was one person who tried to be saved, and tried to be saved, and tried to be saved. They showed a picture of his church, and he was exactly like me, continually going down to the altar. So finally he just said, "Ok, I know that to deny the Holy Spirit is something that you can't be forgiven for in this age or in the age to come, so I do it. I deny it." It was because he knew it wasn't real. He knew the Holy Spirit wasn't real because he couldn't be saved, and Christianity didn't give witness to the resurrection. So he was disgruntled, but certainly he didn't deny the true Holy Spirit. He denied the "holy spirit" of Christianity. But he didn't deny the truth or curse the true Holy Spirit. There is still hope for him. I wish we could contact him.

Sho'er — It is like what is says in Romans, that "because of you the name of God is blasphemed among the nations all day long."

Exactly. That is what they said. Ok, so here are the Jews, and God sent His Son to save them, but they crucified Him. "So what in the world is going on here?" they asked. "That couldn't be true," they said. So they are confused.

It is coming to a state where the world is going to be destroyed. It can't go on much longer. And we have to suffer along with it. It says in Dan 12:1, "At the time of the end, Michael shall arise, the great angelic prince who defends and has charge of your people." Who are Daniel's people? We are. He's talking about us. "And there shall be a time of trouble and distress such as never was since there was a nation until that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, every one whose name shall be found written in the book."

Malachi talks about that book of those who spoke to one another, who talked to one another. We had an opportunity to speak tonight, and many did. And then in Dan 12:2 it is still talking about his people. Now make sure you know that this is *his people*. It's giving us a warning. "And many of those of your people who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to age-lasting life, and some to age-lasting contempt." That is still talking about his people. Why? Why will some of us be raised to everlasting life and some not in the next age?

Lev Rak — Some of us weren't wise.

That's exactly right. Some of us weren't wise. It says, "Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness to uprightness, and right standing with God shall give forth light like the stars forever and ever." Wow, that's the people who turn people to righteousness! That could be an evangelist, or a mother or father disciplining his child, or it could be a brother helping another brother out when he is in trouble, going to him to save his soul from death (Jms 5:19-20). Save his soul from death and cover a multitude of sins he hasn't been confessing. Then it says, "Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book until the time of the end." How do you know when the time of the end is? You just have to look outside.

Dan 12:4 — "Many shall travel to and fro and knowledge shall be increased." All you have to do is push a button on the Internet. So that is the time of the end. Many of us will purify themselves. Did John take from this? Yes he did. Those who purify themselves will shine like the stars, but also what? They will see Him as He is (1 Jn 3:2). Then it goes on to talk about this. "Many shall purify themselves, make themselves white, and be tried, smelted, and refined, but the foolish..." — the people who are wicked... It's not speaking of the worldly wicked, but us.

What does it mean for us to be wicked? Not loving your brother. "But the wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked will understand. But those who are wise shall understand." That is going to put an end to the wars and all the world's problems. I

could be one of those who aren't wise. We all could be. But also we could be one who shines like the firmament. Some will shine brighter than others in the eternal age. 1 Cor 15:40-41 — "The sun is glorious in one way, and the moon is glorious in another way, and the stars are glorious in their own distinctive ways. For one star differs from and surpasses another in its beauty and brilliance."

So, let's turn many to righteousness. Have you turned any to righteousness today? Maybe they were falling away a little bit. Or did you speak to someone, did you give a paper to someone, did you run alongside of them while they were riding on a bicycle, and hand them a paper, pat them on the back, and invite them to Friday night celebration? "And those who turn many to righteousness." How are you going to do that? You were going one way, and you turned around and you are going another way. They are going toward unrighteousness and you have to turn them around.

Years ago I was in California and our Father was speaking to me. I just happened to be there when my sister went to church on Easter and I didn't go. I just happened to be there taking care of her house. When she came back she said, "All the preacher said was, 'Jesus rose again from the dead.' Jesus rose from the dead. So what? So what!" So, what difference does it make? Nobody's doing anything about it. Everyone in Hollywood, all the movie stars are going to church on Easter. So what? All the Christians aren't proving that there's a resurrection. So why should you believe in that Jesus? Why should you believe that He rose again from the dead in the first place? Why not just throw the New Testament into the fire? Unless there is a people who demonstrate that our Master Yahshua is alive, it's useless.

He did rise again from the dead, so we have to demonstrate that. So when they see the demonstration and they hear the narration, they'll believe, won't they? They have the narrator and the witness. That is what it is going to take in the last days. The Gospel of the Kingdom is going to be proclaimed as a witness. The narrator has to proclaim it as one who is confident that what he is talking about is true, because he knows his brothers

and sisters who are living it back here on Montford Avenue. So you're not lying to people; you're telling the truth. You have the witness. Your words are backed up with your life. When that happens we are not going to be ashamed anymore of the gospel. You can't tell someone about the gospel and then there's no witness. We have to be that witness. We have to bruise our heel. You won't get into the Kingdom unless you show your heels. Both of them have to be bruised.