

## In an Unworthy Manner

*“... who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the very end of days” (1 Pet 1:5)*

Peter prophesied of something that is going to happen in the last time. The Spirit caused him to write that, though he didn't really understand all that it meant. Then it speaks of trials and testings, and then *“... attaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.”* The outcome is the salvation of your souls.

Now this is very important. You don't learn this in Christianity. Look right at the end of James, which is on the facing page in my Bible. Jms 5:20 says, “Let him know that he who turns a sinner...” This is not talking about a person in the world. It is someone in the Body of Messiah, because it says in verse 19, “My brothers, if anyone *among you* strays from the truth and one turns him back, let him know that he who turns the sinner from the error of his way is his *savior!*” He will save his soul from what? *Death!* He will save his soul from death!

What is death? Death is “a place of torment” according to our Master's word in Lk 16:28. And then in Jms 1:21 it says, “Therefore putting aside all filthiness, all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the Word implanted, which is able to save your souls.” Some translations say “whatever is *left*” of these things, what *remains* of wickedness. Is anything remaining of wickedness? What *wickedness* means to us is not what it means to the world. To us it is as simple as *not loving your brother*, not going to him when you see he is straying. That's not love. That is what wickedness is — not being a savior to your brother. Understand? That is what it says in Jms 1:21 and 5:19-20.

Our *souls* have to be saved. Our Master's soul went into death, and He doesn't want *us* to go into death. *He doesn't want us to go to death!* But many of us *will* go to death if we don't pay attention and *do* what the Word says. Even some people in this room will go to death. It's serious. Our souls are in the process of being saved now.

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We are going to be breaking bread tonight, and in 1 Cor 11:27 it says, “Therefore, whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup of our Master Yahshua in an unworthy manner shall be guilty of the body and the blood of our Master.” He will be *guilty*, having the same guilt as those who crucified Him. What is an *unworthy manner*? It means not recognizing how *your sin* affects the whole fellowship (1 Cor 5:6; Heb 12:15). *Unworthy* means not judging yourself right. 1 Cor 11:31 — If we judge ourselves *rightly*, we will not be judged. We have to be able to recognize or *discern* how our own sin affects the whole fellowship.

*See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God, that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled. (Heb 12:15)*

*Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? (1 Cor 5:6)*

Just a *little* leaven. Just a *little* leaven. Bakers know that just a little leaven leavens the whole lump. So let’s just make sure that we’re each doing our part, doing what the Word teaches us. Judge yourself right — discern, examine yourselves.

*But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For whoever eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he has not judged the Body right. (1 Cor 11:28-29)*

You’re not judging the Body right if you don’t see each other as *extensions of Messiah*. Maybe we think, “Oh, we should drink the cup and eat the bread in a *reverent way*.” That is not what it is talking about. It is talking about how we treat one another. It is how we react to one another. It is how we respond to one another. It is what we do to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

What do we *do* to maintain that unity? What do we *do*? Are we diligent? If we’re not diligent, then we are going to drink the cup and eat the bread in an unworthy manner. Why? Because there’s a command here. In Eph 4:3 it says, “**BE DILIGENT TO PRESERVE THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF PEACE!**”

So any amount of separation from our brother negates unity — it does away with it! The Body is held together by joints and ligaments. The bones are held together through the joints and the ligaments. The unity of the Body is really a serious thing.

### Inspecting Every Part

Mk 11:25-27 — While you are standing in the minchah and you can see one another in a circle, and you see someone whom you have something against, someone whom you can't bless... You might be misjudging him. Or you might think he has something against you, when actually you have something against him. What are you going to do? What is *in your power* to do? *Forgive!*

What if we *don't* forgive, and we offer up our prayer? It's *void*. We offer up our bodies (plural) as *one sacrifice* (singular), so if any single part of it is polluted, it defiles the whole sacrifice. That's why the priests would cut the animal up in pieces and inspect *every part*. If even a minor part was bad, it was no good. It wouldn't be acceptable.

Look around! Do you see anyone you have something against? You might be judging him wrong. You might be thinking untrue things about him. Are you finding fault with him? Does he have something against you, or do you have something against him? If it's you, what are you supposed to do? Forgive. But he is supposed to forgive you, too, right? So let's offer up our bodies as a living sacrifice, a *living* sacrifice.

Should we inspect every piece of the sacrifice? Our Master went around and looked at each person. We have to judge and discern the Body right. How we treat each other is how we treat the Body.

**Zaccai Asher** — I was just thinking of how Paul said, "Your boasting is not good." I never really understood what he was saying there. Their outspokenness wasn't any good because there was division between them, so really their sacrifice was no good. What they were saying in the gathering wasn't our Father speaking. It wasn't pleasing to Him because there were defects — strife and dissension. If we are diligent to preserve our unity, then our boasting is good. Then we can be outspoken, but we have to be real.