

## The Extra-Dimensional Reality of John 10:10

### The Abundant Life

I just wanted to talk about a simple thing tonight. We are still stall-fed calves. We haven't been released yet. I could talk about prophecy, but things like that come a little bit later.

I wanted to go over what our Master actually meant in Jn 10:10, which is interpreted in many ways by other people. They have the same Bible, but do not realize what the word *abundant* means. You can take it a lot of ways. John 10 is not meant to be a luxurious life, an existence of careless ease, as Eze 16:48-49 condemns. Still, we will have the kind of abundant life our Master spoke about. The evil one came to kill, steal, and destroy, but our Master came that we might have life — abundant life.

It is in another dimension altogether than where the thief can come and steal, kill, and destroy. So many of us have been in that dimension where the thief can come. But others of us are in the dimension where the evil one can't touch them in that way. It is talking about another dimension altogether, where Satan can certainly tempt, but not destroy. We are in a spiritual dimension with our Master Yahshua, in which we use His name, the name above all names, to prevail over our enemies.

*Abundant* is #4053 in the Greek, exceeding all other dimensions in life.<sup>1</sup> A lot of people see that in us. They don't see it in other people and they are drawn to that life or dimension. It is very simple if we can understand what *abundant* means. It is super-exceeding all other dimensions of life. It is more excellent than all the world of Satan has to offer, which leads to killing, stealing, and finally, destruction.

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<sup>1</sup> 4053 is from 4012 (in the sense of beyond); superabundant (in quantity) or superior (in quality); by implication, excessive; having preeminence; exceeding abundantly above, more abundantly, advantage, exceedingly, very highly, beyond measure, more, superfluous, vehemently.

The abundant dimension, like the teaching we read yesterday, exceeds what is in the world. Your supervisors see it after a while on the job, how you work, your employment. *Abundant* means, in regards to your training, becoming expert in all areas of employment, which honors our Father. All aspects of employment, all aspects of our life, exceed all others.

As we grow and develop and excel in all aspects, just think of what is going to happen in our social, mental, and emotional development – all of our aspects, including our physical and spiritual. We will live in that other dimension of life, a supernatural dimension, where we can be developed in community living – if we can take advantage of our life together.

We each have an employment that God honors, which was prepared for us in advance, for us to walk in. Eph 2:10 — Those works, which develop all of our personality, were prepared for us beforehand to walk in. When our Master returns, there will be a people prepared and ready for Him by their works. This is what Rev 19:7-8 is talking about. We hear of a “social gospel” in the world, but certainly our gospel is truly *social*, meaning living together in community.

We can see how important these works are to prepare us in every aspect of our personality.<sup>2</sup> They will perfect our personality in every aspect into our Master. They are so important, those works in Eph 2:10, that in the days to come, after the Race begins, it will take a council of people to readjust the saints. We have to be able to do that, making sure we are walking in the works prepared for us. The Holy Spirit will have to give us the clarity and the revelation to know what works we should walk in. You will be doing this for your own children, for in the days to come you will be the apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, and teachers. Only if we are filled with Him can we do these things and have the abundant life our Master was talking about (Jn 10:10).

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<sup>2</sup> For more on this, see ha-êmeq’s comments on pages 8-9 of these notes.

## No Solo Flights to the Kingdom

Here is kind of a theme we want to have in one of our next papers. There are no solo flights to the Kingdom. We are all going there together. The picture is pretty plain in Acts 2 and 4. The intention of our Father when He sent the Son was to dwell in man by His Holy Spirit. “I will not leave you as orphans,” He said in Jn 14:18, and “where I am, there you will serve Me.” (Jn 12:26)

The First Church was the foundation and the pattern for all others, from that time on. You see the picture. This is what we have to communicate to Christians, for they already believe in a certain person, although they have learned of Him in a different spirit. They believe in a historical figure that lived two thousand years ago, but the knowledge of Him is communicated by another spirit, which is the problem. When you receive the historical figure through that spirit, you don't receive the pattern and foundation of how the first Edah was. Then you don't develop into a twelve-tribed nation.

But in Acts 2 and 4 the picture is clear how the Holy Spirit developed the church. As a matter of fact, the church can be no other way than it was when it was *the way*. We use the word *way* because we know what the word *way* means. Here is what *the way* means. It is #3598 – a way leading to a method or manner of attaining. It leads to Messiah. That is what the word *way* means in Greek — leading to a method or manner of attaining. Acts 16:17, on the other hand, was an errant way. There were people who were saying, “Pay attention to this man.” It was the right words in the wrong spirit:

*This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, “These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.” (Acts 16:17)*

Paul and Timothy were proclaiming the way of salvation. Our Master said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life” (Jn 14:6). We are the way of attaining salvation. There is no other way that you can attain salvation except by entering that way. The church can be no other way than the way it was when it was the way, in Acts 2 and 4. You can

see that in Acts 2 and 4 there is no hint of isolated believers. All were together and had all things in common. All who believed were together. There was no such thing as isolation of believers, because they all (just like us) have to be built up. On our jobs we are being developed to do a job perfectly. You can't just slough off or do it quickly and do a bad job. Later it will crucify our Master again when people say, "Here are these followers of Messiah, as they claim to be, doing a sloppy job." We have to magnify our Master in everything. We can't even enter a realm if we are not going to be the greatest, the most excellent workers in it.

Acts 2 and 4 shows no hint of isolated believers. Being like Him, we lay down our lives for one another (1 Jn 3:16), for that is how we know love. It is the only way anyone could possibly know he has passed out of eternal death and into eternal life, without being a liar (1 Jn 2:4). They have to conjure something up in themselves to say they have passed out of death and into life without living in community. The only definition of the love of God is that it is shed abroad in all who have passed out of death and into life (Rom 5:5). It is in our hearts and shed abroad on our brothers and sisters from there.

### **No Such Reason**

The picture of the Jerusalem community gives room to believe the lie that the church could have developed over a period of time to how it is today and still be the church. You are going to hear that a lot as you talk to people. The spiritual unity of today, according to Billy Graham, transcends all division. It is unity in diversity.

The picture of the Jerusalem community gives room to believe the lie that the church could be changed over a period of time to how it is today and still be the Body of Messiah. It can't possibly be the Body of Messiah. They were all living together and growing up together into the head (Eph 4:16).

Ps 133:1,3 — There, where people are living together in unity, is where He commands the blessing of eternal life. There is no way you can escape that. (You can

skip over verse two if you want to when you are showing that to people, but you can see how verse two is the interactions in the Body — how the oil, the dew, works into the Body.) It doesn't even just say "dwell in unity" — it says *dwell together* in unity, in that abundant life, that abundant dimension that no one else has.

### **The Index of Love**

We can use the word index, which is a popular word in the world today. An *index* indicates something. Love of the brethren was the index of their relationship with God. The love of the brethren was the *indicator* (1 Jn 2:9-11), or *index*, of their relationship with the true God, as Jn 13:35 says. Love was the true expression of the Body of Messiah.

1 Cor 12:12 talks about the members of the Body of Messiah, which all are one. We have to be baptized into that, that other dimension, that other realm. It is another dimension altogether. Even though you grew up in the Community, there was a time where you were immersed into that other dimension. You sought Him, even when He hid from you. You kept on going. When our Master received the Holy Spirit He sought our Father more and more until He knew, until He grew up to be who He was. We are seeking Him in that away. We have to be baptized into that other dimension to be saved.

Love was then in the first century, and now is again, the expression that leads one to our Master. Love was the *indicator* in the first century, He said to His disciples. When you receive the Holy Spirit, this is what is going to happen: you are going to "love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 13:34-35). This enables the people of the world to draw the conclusion that the Father sent the Son and that the Father loves them. It is better that they would never see the witness than to see it and not draw that conclusion.

Since love for one another is the *index*, or the indicator of salvation, then love is the necessary ingredient that is left out of Christianity. They have the doctrine, but they don't have the love, which would afford them the power to lay down their lives as our

Master did for His disciples, and as He said they would do for one another. They don't have the power to do this.

### **Community – Messiah's First Mistake?**

The gospel presents no solo flights to the Kingdom of God. Mt 24:14 — It must be a witness. The witness is a people together, as a foretaste, a witness of the coming Kingdom. The gospel has to be preached as the Edah, or witness, or testimony of the truth. This is what Mt 24:14 is saying. The goodness of the Kingdom to come has to be demonstrated as a witness. It takes a community, and it takes a community that lives the way as it was inaugurated by Him to be (1 Jn 2:4). Once again it is inaugurated in the restoration of all things.

The community, which was originated by Him, is the place where “I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you” (Jn 14:18). He came to them. He is the one who originated the first Edah. If it was a mistake, it was the first mistake He made, for He is the one who originated the way the first Edah was. It was *the way*. There are many places that it talks about *the way*. It was spoken of as *the way* everywhere, as a cult.

It would be good for people to understand what the way is. Our Master Yahshua said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” That is all.

I know that the day will come that is speaks of in Mt 24:33. It will come as Ecc'cus 48:10 says, “A designated time with warnings.” Warnings can only come from Him. That day will come. Mt 24:32-33 is ready to begin. We saw the fig tree on the farm and I asked Othniel, “How do you know it is a fig tree?” Then we saw the fruit, so small, and we knew it was a fig tree and we knew summer was near. Let the fig tree tell you a lesson, our Master said, and in the same way, when you see all these things, you know the time is near. It's ready to begin.

All these things will happen before the people who are living then will die. It is translator's choice. It is *this* or *that* (generation) in Greek. The people who see these

things, all these things blossoming, then you know the Race is ready to begin. I am thankful that *Today's English Version* says it that way.

*Learn this parable from the fig tree: whenever its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also you, when you see all these things, know that He is near, right at the door. I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.” (Mt 24:32-34, NET)*

Right now we are stall-fed calves. When we are let out the Race is ready to begin.

Shemuel – Jn 12:26 is why all the believers are together, because that is where He is. They are doing these works that have been around for thousands of years. The First Church started them, but no one has ever completed them. We are walking in those works, prepared for us before the foundation of the world. The works have been there all along. It is us working together, not the particular things we do, like building the nursing homes. Here, we have the actually opportunity to walk in those works. We need to do what hasn't been done before – complete them. I am so encouraged that we have that opportunity.

Benjamin – It spoke to me how our Master wanted to give us abundant life. In Hyannis a few years ago we heard that in order to get something new, we have to give up what is old. We have to give up what hinders us from expressing our new life. It also spoke to me that there are not going to be any solo flights to the Kingdom. We can't think we are going somewhere when our brother is not coming with us. That abundant life is something we can pass on to our brothers and even to people in the world.

We can't bypass our brothers on the way to the Kingdom. That is true what you said, Benjamin, really wonderful.

Natan – I was thankful to hear about the works prepared for us, and what the works can actually do. It is not necessarily that our gifting is to work in nursing homes, or whatever we are doing, but what we are doing will bring out of us what our Father wants us to be. The works we are doing now will bring out, reveal, what our gifts are. With the right attitude, that is what will happen. But all the communication – all of our social activity – everything that is happening brings us to the point where we could actually function in our gifting. Complaints such as, “I am not doing what I was set apart for; I guess things are never going to change,” will never bring us to that place where we are doing what we were created to do. Our full social life is not wasted one bit. It is bringing us to our full potential.

Yedidiah ben Soreph Gamaliel – I am thankful for the social interactions we have. The way the world knew they were His disciples in the first century was by the love they had for one another. It is easy to put those things in second place. But we can have joy when we have eyes like our Father does, having circumspect vision. I am thankful for what you taught and I want to be one who maintains the unity so that the world can see the love. I want to uphold the things that sanctify us and prove that we are His Body. Other religions don't have the tangible witness, the life that proves that they are of God.

Soreph Gamaliel – Today I was thinking about 1 Cor 8:1, how knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. People go for that puffed up feeling. They have since the Garden. But who is going to be well satisfied with works of love? I certainly want to be part of this revolution in the current world order, where loving others takes the place of seeking good feelings for yourself.

Our Master said in Jn 17, "I want to give them the ruling power [the glory] You gave Me." We have to rule over all the things all the time that keep us from loving one another. We have to rule over all the things that continually come against us.

Yes, salvation is a free gift, but whom does He give it to? Did He give it to the rich young ruler? No, He required something of him.

Ha-êmeq – It is so amazing in my translation of the Bible, when that girl was calling out on Paul, it says, "They are telling you how to be saved" as though there was no "way" — just get it, now you got it, and ah, that's good...

But there is a way. Most of you were born on the way. You were born in the midst of a people who have loved one another, laying down their lives. You were raised in the midst of people practicing their religion. Ta'avah has been serving all day long, washing someone else's clothes. She just helps her imma, working by her side. Shem has not been thinking of himself today working with his abba. They were born into this kind of life.

We heard about those soldiers in Iraq today who got slapped with the reality they were in war. They were raised playing video games. All they had known was "techno war." But all of a sudden somebody grabbed them and now somebody is torturing them and they have never seen anything like it. They weren't raised in the hard life of reality, but on a soft couch, watching television, with a bowl of Cheerios or a soda beside them.



Now they are in a real war. The Army got shaken today. They lost their morale today. They didn't understand, but we understand the way that we are in. The things we run into are not going to shock us.

Winn Savory called us up today. He sees that this could be the beginning of something really big on the earth.

He sees this could be the beginning of a twenty-seven year war with the world ending in AD 2030 (in his way of reckoning Bible dates and times). He says he knows we are the truth and that he will have to stand before God some day, and he wonders, "What I am going to say to Him?"

Ha-êmeq – He really said it seriously. What is he going to say? That really shakes people up. We are not being trained in war, but we are being trained on the way. It is not shocking us. We know there is a Race coming and horrible times on the earth. We endure a little bit of hardship now and it is training for us.

I am thankful that I didn't just get "saved". I needed *the way* to be saved, to become what I was meant to be. No one can complain, because we are becoming what we were meant to be.

We need the ruling power to dismantle the strongholds in our lives, the thoughts and iniquities that keep us from reaching our full potential as disciples in Messiah.

Asher – King David was given the ruling power, and his son was able to live in a time of peace. His men didn't have uniforms and things to take identity in outwardly, but they fought for their king, and to save their friends' lives. They were united and that is why they were able to deal with every enemy and win the victory. It is not like we have this incredible community for people to see, but they have to look in our eyes and see the Spirit that dwells in us. They are seeing the unity we have.

We are just showing the world what is normal, in how we wear our hair, and how we dress, etc. We are showing people what God wants for man. Through it, they are starting to see the inward reality of our lives.