

## Serve Him with a Whole Heart

*(These are excerpts from what we heard in the meetings after the DC event.)*

I want to read a very familiar passage in Scripture. I don't know if anyone does this. Probably a few do, but not many. However, we all should, since we are building a house for the Godhead and will be seen by those who have endured through great hardship to be worthy of the nations.

*Now He said to me, "It is your son Solomon who shall build My house and My courts; for I have chosen him to be My son, and I will be his Father. Moreover I will establish his kingdom forever, if he is steadfast to observe My commandments and My judgments, as it is this day." Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God, be careful to seek out all the commandments of the LORD your God, that you may possess this good land, and leave it as an inheritance for your children after you forever. As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever. Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it. (1 Chr 28:6-10)*

"Serve Him with a whole heart..." Our Master brings that out in Jn 12:26. We are the ones building that house. We have to be wholehearted in our devotion and in carrying out His commands.

"If you seek Him, He will be found by you..." If you don't seek Him, you will be left to your own strength, growing proud, not serving by the strength He supplies (1 Pet 4:11). If we were all being honored, just think about how marvelous it would be in all of our communities (Jn 12:25-26). Then think about what would happen if all those being honored went to those who weren't, and found out why they weren't serving Him with all their hearts and helped them return to their first love (Jms 5:19-20, NASV).

It is a greater temple that we are building now – the very dwelling place of Elohim eternally (Eph 2:21-22). As each person does his part in that building in Eph 4:16, you

can see what a marvelous structure it will be in Eph 4:12-13. Did you ever notice people who weren't being honored? It is because they are serving in their own strength.

Encouraging people is not just patting them on the back, it is, in Heb 3:13, to beseech, to go down, to plead, to beg, to cause that person to consider his ways. We must find enough grace to do that every day, for we need each other. We are falling away every day, and how impossible it is without our Father.

Pr 2:1-22 — We have to ask for all of these things every day. Otherwise our Father will not be able to speak to us and we will just go on in our own natural strength. Proverbs 2 was written to us. We must apply our heart to understanding in order to understand the fear of YHWH and find the knowledge of God.

Pr 2:11 says that discretion will protect us, therefore we must have discretion. Wisdom will save us from wicked men, from those who delight in doing wrong (verse 12), from the adulterous, and the wayward wife with her seductive words. The wicked will be cut off from the land, and the blameless will remain in it (verse 22). Those are the ones who are saved.

We have to ask for all of these things every day. If it is not our heart to do this, our Father will not be able to speak to us. We will go on in our own natural strength.

Shoresh — Recently there was a huge forest fire in Arizona. It was bewildering how to put out such a huge fire. The first Edah started out as a huge fire, which we haven't yet become. We are only little pieces of kindling. We have to be unswerving in our devotion. When all you have is a little fire, you have to really pay attention to it or it will go out.

We have to give courage to the foolish and the carnal. We need courage, too. If anyone sways from the truth, let the one know who has turned him back that he has saved his own soul from death. If we are not turning the swerving ones, our soul is not going to be saved from death.

### **Sending our Best**

You have heard me say this before. We have to send our best, based on their own willingness to do our Father's will. That is how He chooses us and that is how we have to

choose to send out walkers and to send people to events such as the DC event. Before we can select our youth to send to this event, they have to be prime examples in our communities. If we never start doing this, we will never select the Male Child.

Our youth and all the disciples we send have to be living examples. We can't make a mistake when we send the 144,000 out. We can't make *one* mistake. Let's remember this next year. You have got to send youth who are not going to be distracted or led astray. Otherwise they disqualify the whole event. You can't send anyone who is not single-minded and concentric. The father knows whether the Holy Spirit is resting upon his child. Those are the only kinds of children who should be at an event before the watching world.

David Zerubbabel – I think that a lot of us don't really see the benefit of restraint on our children. I agonized over whether my daughter Havah, who is thirteen years old, should come. She had just become a *bat mitzvah* and desperately wanted to come, but I wanted her to stay home and support her imma. Neshef came down for the weekend and brought Havah, but I was not confident that she could be properly covered if she stayed longer. I sent her back with her imma after two days. What confused her was that she saw so many of her peers at the event, many of whom are not known to be spiritually minded and full of discretion. It created an opportunity for me to help her just receive my will for her to stay home and not to judge others.

Restraining our children, holding them back sometimes, and teaching them to gracefully accept disappointment builds character into them. We don't do them any favors when we just let them have their way because "all their friends are going."

ha-êmeq – Some were sent because the leaders or their parents didn't want them to feel bad. So then you have these "connector ants," so to speak, wearing down the ones who are otherwise doing well, and drawing them into an underground. But you would never send people who don't normally share at the gathering.

The final outcome of choosing the Male Child will come from how we now choose our youth to go to such events. We can't wait until the last two weeks to say these things. We can't wait until the last two weeks to say, "Fathers, teach your children to speak with

a loud voice.” You don’t have to shout, but just speak loudly enough to be heard. Did we say we are going to end oral reports, or that we will keep on doing it until the end of the age? I don’t know how we are going to do it, but if you are a leader, you will see to it.

The worst thing we can do to our children who do go to an event, but who aren’t really worthy, is tell them they are “extra baggage.” When the children are sent wrongly, don’t blame the child, blame the parent.