

## The Litmus Test

Baruch —The little things we hear are like the talents in the parable. They are golden nuggets. If you stick it into your pocket it doesn't do anything. But if you hear something and know that God spoke, and use it, it makes all the difference. Blame God, blame your leaders, your elders, and die. Blame yourself and live. If we do that then we become eligible for the promises of Luke 1, to be saved from our sins, touched by the blood. We have to get rid of the victim spirit and take on the victory spirit —from victims to victors.

ha-Emeq —When someone gives in to the victim spirit he switches from being like a little child. Our salvation is really simple: Give your life to Yahshua and become like a little child. If that takes place, life is simple, the equation works, we get disciplined. Switch the compass a little, like what happened in the beginnings of Christianity, and now they are way off. Where does a disciple go off the fine line from trusting to not trusting? We have a common purse here, we have common everything. What is the fine line where someone veers off and still almost looks the same? You have your needs on the needs list, but inside you're saying, "Again we couldn't get this or that. How come?" You think these thoughts in your bedroom.

It's a fine line. Where do you switch off? It's hard to understand. Something happened in the soul. Yonah spoke about an incident that happened with Zakar. I don't really know what happened. But Obadiah was asking Zakar what was really going on in his soul. The question of why you did it switches you from being a superficial person to someone in touch with what is going on inside.

Ex 21:17 speaks about slighting. This is right below where it speaks about a child who hits his father or his mother (verse 15). A child who hits his father or mother shall surely be put to death, but slighting —the two are really closely related. They are mentioned right there together. Slighting is like saying, "I kind of didn't hear you." Didn't hear you? That's really the fine line where you go off. If you slight, you are not really listening, you're not holding him who speaks in high esteem. You are treating him as a lesser person than he is. Then comes hitting. The hitter must die and the slighter too.

S(light) —*Slight* is *light* without the "s". It means "no big deal," not heavy weighted.

Why did you not hear when your abba told you? That's the fine line where we go off. You have to check right where you go off and not wait till you have this big rebellious brat on your hand. You have to figure out why you didn't hear me, why it wasn't important. Then it'll never get big.

Some of the young people really heard in their heart what you shared. It'll change their lives. The enemy won't have a grip on their lives anymore. Once we start seeing what's making us do these things we will be set free.

Mt 18:3-4 — Unless you are saved, converted, and go through the process of becoming like a little child, you'll never enter the kingdom. *Become* indicates a transition. So many in Benjamin especially have not become like little children. They didn't go through the process. Somewhere they got stuck. They haven't gone through the process yet of becoming like that little, humble, submissive, well-trained child our Master chose to stand in front of everyone. Everyone is being tested. Certainly if they don't go through that process of becoming like a little child, not holding grudges, not remembering the past, not being offended, not having the victim spirit, they won't be approved.

What is a *litmus test*?

ha-Emeq — The litmus paper changes colors when you put certain chemicals on it.

Look it up in a modern dictionary. There are people who say that President Bush didn't pass the litmus test. If you apply the "litmus test" you see whether someone is real or unreal, true or untrue. It tests the genuineness of a person's profession. "I profess that I am going to be the greatest in the kingdom. I'm humble." But you're not humble. You won't enter.

Jer 6:27-30 — The litmus test is in many places. Dt 8:2 — Our Father allowed them to go through great testing to know what they were made out of, what was in them. If they entered the land with that stuff in them it wouldn't be a long time for the whole nation to become corrupt. The litmus test is to prove our worthiness, to see whether we are genuine, whether we're worthy of Messiah.

Jer 6:27-30 — The lead that was added to the ore to draw out the impurities is consumed. The impurities aren't drawn out. The smelting process isn't worthy the energy it takes. During the probation time it's rejected. We're under probation now. If the impurities aren't drawn out, we are rejected.

It's like buying a house. If the foundation is rotten, everything is rotten. You need to replace everything. It might not be worth buying it. It's rejected.

Jer 9:7 — The people of Benjamin above all other tribes have been put through the fire. They have been tested more than anybody else. An equal number of them was not worthy. Their profession didn't prove true. They didn't become like little children. They weren't converted. Some are converted, but they don't become like little children. They hold grudges — the blame game.

There are many places in the scriptures where it talks about testing, refining, purification. The very last testing we have, before we go to the wilderness, is Mt 24:9-12. Maybe foolish virgins, but not rejected unrefinable silver will go to the wilderness.

Mt 24:9-13 — Those who go through those things will be saved. There is a lot to go through. We might as well understand it. There is no other way into the kingdom. Acts 14:22 — Through *much* tribulation we *must* enter the kingdom.

Mt 24:9-13 is the final purging of the wicked from the righteous disciples. It's a hard thing when the children turn against their parents and parents against their children and have them put to death. That's the true litmus test to see whether we change colors or retain our color. Whoever holds out, endures until the end, didn't change colors. They are saved.

Mt 24:9-14 — You see what we're preparing for right now, the gifts our Father put into us to be that witness. 2 Cor 4:17-18 — It's very difficult and hard, but it's nothing compared with the glory that's to be revealed (2 Cor 5:1).

2 Cor 3:18 — We are transformed as we pass through testing. We go from glory to glory until we reach the final glory to share our Master's glory. But some people get stuck. There is no more transition. 1

Pet 4:12 — Some people get stuck. How many did?

Mal 3:1-5 is about the refining process we are going through.

Rom 8:17-18 — We look into the mirror and see ourselves changing. When we look in the end we see our Master. Affliction, suffering, persecution, whatever it is. If we're progressing as a community there will be affliction, persecution. The enemy puts it in our way. If we're not progressing there is no reason for persecution. We are no threat to the enemy. If a community is not evangelizing and adding people, if it's not increasing in glory, there is no reason to persecute. They just breathe air and pretty soon everything goes to pot. If you are not persecuted there is no progression. If you progress there is persecution.

We pass the litmus test as we go from glory to glory until Rom 8:17. It's through suffering. "If we suffer with Him..." There is no way of getting out of it, since we are His children. Rom 8:16-20 — The whole universe, all creation, waits for Shealtiel to show himself.

Yonah — When the true gospel is being preached and brings about Mk 10:29-30 it will be along with persecutions. The startling effect of the gospel will be along with persecutions. The distinction of the righteous and the wicked in Mal 3:18 will bring persecution. It says in Job 41:34 that Leviathan is the king of the children of pride. Our God is love, the god of the world is power.

When the children of humility are revealed the children of pride hate it. It exposes them. Humble people can do everything better than the proud. They are more kind, more loving, more forbearing, more patient. As we learn to become like little children it creates a galvanizing effect.

Christians are nice people but they'll throw the first stone. People will say, "I thought this Christian was a nice man, but now they kill these people down the street for loving each other."

You can't live together if you're proud. You'll be ripping each other to shreds. We can learn to be humble and serve the Servant King. We are being delivered from the king of pride.

Zemirah — I get stuck when I'm uneducated, when I don't know how to do something in our Father's

way. The test is to respond like our Master Yahshua. Rom 12:18 — “As much as possible have peace with all men.” We can speak peace to our neighbor, but not if it’s not in our heart. The inside has to be like the outside. If it’s not, that’s not passing the test. I want to be an educated child that makes me an obedient child.

In 1950 the book of the *Gospel of Thomas* was found in Egypt. It says, “When the inside is like the outside and the outside like the inside then I’ll return.” It also says, “When you take off your clothes like little children and trample on them, then I’ll return.” It doesn’t mean that we trample on our clothes. Some fanatical groups do that. It means that we are not consumed or self-conscious or anxious about clothing. It’s just saying to wear clothes that cover us, that are practical, good-quality clothes. A robe lasts a long time. We are not trying to look fantastic, like the saying goes, “Clothes make the man.” We’d go to the wilderness and hardly see these things in us that hold us back. We didn’t understand; we were foolish virgins (Dan 12:10). We have to seek our Father to understand so we can see these things now and judge them and do something about it and don’t wait until the last year. The foolish wait. It’s just like the people that talk about how they’ll start exercising, but then they never get around it. Physical exercise is good, but what we really need is spiritual exercise. We shouldn’t neglect either. The holy do both.

ha-Emeq — A good teacher knows when to test the students. He teaches and tests. If we’re foolish we cram everything we should learn in the last day. The wise learn all along. It does seem there are certain real testing times in the course of human growth. The terrible twos when little children turn into monsters, or at twelve or thirteen when everything turns upside down. But even still you don’t have to be disrespectful at that age. Whoever said that didn’t pass the test. Midlife crisis is a time of testing when people are thrown and tossed around.

The wheat falls back down at our Master’s feet. I am thankful our Father got a hold of Sameach before it was too late. There was always a reason for him to be gone whenever our Father wanted to speak to him about his condition. Our Father disciplined him, almost killed him. One inch over and that log would have hit his head instead of his shoulder, and he’d be dead. He came out of that lawlessness. We learned all about lawlessness through him. Our Father got him and made a little child out of him. He can use him.

It’s always so amazing how a person is mysteriously gone, how they just disappear when our Father wants to speak to them. The inadvertent won’t enter the kingdom, no matter how many excuses they have.