

Trust is Rest

Eliezer — I am thankful for all the vision our Father is giving us. We are going to be a nation that will bring grace to the earth. We hardly understand who we are. To be unrestrained people, without vision, is a terrible thing. When the hearts of men are unrestrained this is a terrible thing. You can see it all over the world.

It is special to our Father to have His highest creation in proper order. The women are covered by men, the men are covered by Yahshua, and Yahshua is covered by the Father. We can be found in His peace this evening. Yahalom and Naomi got up early this morning and worked the whole day on the meal for tonight. I appreciate everyone's labor to prepare for this Shabbat.

Naomi — I am thankful for the Shabbat. Eliezer talked about us serving. We had many circumstances today. I just had to rule over anxiety, discouragement. I didn't always totally overcome. I am thankful this is a type of the day when we will have all these things under our feet. I am thankful we are being prepared. Some day we will be free from all our enemies. I waged war against a lot of things today. Now it's the Shabbat and I have a little peace. Someday there will be no more enemies. I want to live my life for that. I am thankful we have this life to live for our Master.

Ha-êmeq — In West Palm Beach they watched some baby chicks hatch. They learned a lot by watching the chicks come out. Chicks have a certain dignity. They came out of the shell. They overcame. They were not spineless. They kept going, just hacking away at that shell. When they watched the chicks struggling to come out of the shell, they just wanted to open the egg. Our Father wants to do the same for us. But if He did this we wouldn't be like our Master when He appears. The things we go through give us the dignity to stand before Him and not just be whiners.

There are some hard things to endure here. That's okay. We can endure it. We're just going at it. There is nothing in us that says, "I'm quitting," resting in that shell. We would die. It's hard, but then at the end you see these beautiful creatures come out. They made it. Our Father knows what we need. He has our healing in mind. He knows what each one of us needs to stand before Him someday, having dignity and not being whiners. He wants us to have strong bodies, strong wings. We will stand out in a society of the quick fix. They can't endure a second of heat, pain, hunger, any kind of discomfort. This is creating a very weak race of human beings. The edah will rise like a light in the midst of it. It's not

going to be a quartz light, but a candle. A candle in the midst of darkness is bright.

Modern eggs have a weak shell. The chicks don't come out strong. True eggs have a strong shell. They have to really knock on it to get it open. That's how our Father intended it, so we can be worthy of Him. You admire those little chicks that made it out of their eggs. The same with the butterflies that struggled to come out of their cocoon.

If you free the butterfly from its cocoon as it struggles to come out of it, it can't survive. It needs that kind of strength that it builds up in this struggle, to live, to make it. It is just enough time for the wings to develop strong so it can fulfill its created purpose.

This is a good night to talk about entering into His rest. The Israelites never did. Neither did the First Edah. There remains another day for us to be able to enter His rest. Our Father wanted a priesthood, a twelve-tribed nation of priests, and ended up with just one tribe. Now in the New Covenant we are a priesthood. We all are priests. We mediate between our Master and the world. Our Master mediates between our Father and men who have been brought to Him. We bring people to Yahshua and He brings them to the Father.¹ Israel as a whole never attained to that. The First Edah didn't either, so they couldn't enter into His rest.

In Acts 5, Ananias and Sapphira didn't enter into our Father's rest. They weren't secure in trusting our Father. They weren't secure in putting their trust in Him. They saw what Barnabas did, how he sold his farm and gave the proceeds to the apostles. He trusted and rested. He gave up his security. He didn't keep any proceeds in case his needs wouldn't be met. Ananias and Sapphira held back enough to feel secure to provide for their needs in case they wouldn't be met. They may have been immersed, but somewhere down the line they didn't trust for their needs to be met. Our Father promised to meet our needs. Those who are rich have their comfort in full. They provide for their own food and clothing.

¹ See *Mediators to the World* (1998.07.26-A01).

Naomi cooked all day long so we didn't have to. Someone else got the groceries, someone else provided clothing. We all serve one another in different ways. That's trust. That's how the Body of Messiah is to function, otherwise it's not the Body. Ananias and Sapphira were still living like Gentiles. They gave some of their money and kept some for themselves. Maybe they gave the money to look like Barnabas, maybe for show.

Mt 6:33 — Our Master told us not to worry about food and clothing as the Gentiles do. They have to worry about these things. They want to feel secure. We're secure in not looking after our own needs (Mt 6:31). Ananias and Sapphira were still Gentiles at heart.

The people in the world have to worry about their food and clothing. They have to fend for themselves. They take care of "their four and no more." This is the world's way. We are not saying it's bad to work and make a living. The Gentiles haven't been saved from self-life, from selfishness, so they still conform to the world. Rom 12:2 — We have a new and living way of life.

The people who seek for their own security at the expense of others may feel pretty secure, but that's all the comfort they'll get for eternity (Lk 6:24-26).

Mt 6:31-32 — The Gentiles aren't saved from their sin and self-life. They provide for themselves the best they can. They have to live like that until they know the good news. We don't have to strive anymore, living this way.

We are talking about entering into the Shabbat. There is no rest for the wicked in heart, who are still living in sin.

You've heard of the kinfolk syndrome. Some are walking around in the Body in the best shirts, shoes, etc., probably straight from *Gap*. Rich grandparents take care of their kinfolk in the Body. They sent checks to their children, telling them to not give it to anyone. It could possibly cause hard feelings in the Body. We have several families who have rich relatives, but we have more people whose parents can't afford to take care of

their children in the community like this. If you have that security you don't have to pray for anything.

Our Master Yahshua taught His disciples Acts 2:42-45 and 4:32-35 before the day of Pentecost. Christians say there is no place in the Bible where it says that you have to live in community. Well, try to obey Mt 6:31-33 apart from community. That's community right there. There were no poor among them.

In Alabama they are taking down the Ten Commandments in some courthouse next Saturday. This is causing a big stir and uproar among Christians. These people can't enter into rest. Here they are, out demonstrating and protesting the removal of the Ten Commandments, when all the while they are not keeping the Shabbat; they are breaking one of the commandments.

Mt 6:31-33 — Not seeking your own food and clothing is all about community. Let others provide it for you in the Body.

In the community in Jerusalem it came to the point, because there were so many people in the community, that the apostles couldn't oversee the food distribution anymore. In Acts 6 they chose seven men for this responsibility so that no one would be slighted, so that no one would be overlooked. These seven men were filled with the Holy Spirit. The apostles had to take care of other things.

Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37 — The people together weren't seeking their own food and clothing. It was the fulfillment of Gen 22:14 — "I will provide" (YHWH Yireh). That's for the people who can enter into rest, not having anxiety.

We have a needs list, and someone who has good sense goes to Salvation Army and finds the best clothing to meet the many needs. I would hate to start buying a pair of pants for everyone in the twelve tribes at *Gap* for \$80 when you can get 80 pairs of pants at Salvation Army for the same money.

We have to have our own dentist. We can't provide for the dental needs of 1,000,000 people who come in with rotten teeth. We spent many thousands of dollars on

one couple to fix their teeth. We did it because they were worthy. They came from another country where they couldn't afford dental care. We bartered. We worked night and day. But where would we be if we tried to do that for everyone? We must pray for dentists to be saved.

That's one of the ways we enter into the rest — by taking care of each other. It doesn't say, "There was not one *wanty* person among them." All of their *needs* were met. Our Father gives us what we need, just as a good parent does.

We are all servants. Each person serves in his own way. Someone washes the laundry for you, someone buys clothing for you, someone teaches your children for you. It's all service. We could go on and on. Someone could make a list about everything in the community someone does for you and you don't do for yourself.

Ha-êmeq — Acts 5:3-4 is so very enlightening. "How can Satan have so possessed you to be so selfish, to lie to the Holy Spirit..." That's how it reads in the Jerusalem Bible. It's so dramatic how it's portrayed. It's a Satanic possession. It's so selfish. They must have been full of worry about their food and clothing. They must have seen something that probably wasn't handled right. I know that it was difficult to organize everything in the First Edah. We can see in the next chapter how the food distribution wasn't handled well with the widows. There was a little crisis there. If everything was flowing like clockwork, anxiety wouldn't have been revealed.

This was a proving time for Ananias and Sapphira. That little crisis showed what was in their heart. Everyone was so thankful for Ben Nabiy. But then this thing happened with Ananias and Sapphira. You might think our Father would have been more "understanding" and just say, "It wasn't so good that you did that..." But they died. This is something our Father really wants us to understand if we want to be His nation. We have to see what disqualified the First Edah. "Don't worry about your food and clothing. Our Father knows what you need."

That's rest. Trust is rest. Nothing takes your rest away more than anxieties. Even if you sit in a chair all day long and look so peaceful in your mind you might be just eaten up by worries.

Does it say “seek first for food and clothing”? We seek first for the kingdom. That will bring about the kingdom. Then His kingdom will come, and His righteousness — if we can trust.

Ananias and Sapphira had obviously become disciples because our Father took their life. He disciplined them as sons. It should have brought fear to everyone else so it wouldn't happen anymore.

“If we'd lived in the days of Ananias and Sapphira we'd be all dead,” was a preacher's joke. Then they all laughed.

Zemirah — Out here on the Peace River Farm we have real circumstances. A lot of times there is no car here and we are far from town. But I live with the most wonderful people, because the women here have really trusted the brothers. There is no anxiety here, no pressure to run into town and meet the needs. I haven't felt that pressure here. I have felt it in other places before.

To live without anxieties is the life our Father wants to establish all over the earth. Let His name be praised as the sun goes down. I want to be like Ben Nabiy. I have no possessions. Even my body doesn't belong to me anymore. I cannot think of any need that I have, not one. I only need my Master more, so I can be more set free and rule more over my children.

That's rest, entering into His rest.