

The Dedication of Ma'rah Amanah

This Erev Shabbat we gathered with many guests to welcome in the Sabbath and to witness the dedication of Chets Barur and Hayeh's daughter.

Proverbs 22:6 — Introduction

She is eighty days old. This is the eightieth day. Our Master was dedicated on the fortieth day, for He was a boy, but it is the eightieth day for a girl (Lev 12:4-5). It is the inauguration ceremony of this child's life, announcing that she will be trained up in the way she should go, all the way through the teenage years, which is the roughest course.

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. (Pr 22:6)

If you train him up in the way, then he will not depart from it. It can't just be a ritual. Lifting that child up to Him has to come forth from faith. The Spirit will come upon that child and protect that child and it will go well with that child. The child and the parents work together here. The Father's protection will continually protect us from the enemies that want to make us like the world and destroy us.

Pr 22:6 – It is the act of faith in the inauguration in a particular, peculiar way of life. Gen 18:19 – He foreknew Abraham and knew His heart and what his ability was, to command his household and his children after him to keep the way of the Sovereign by doing righteousness and justice. He knew that some day, when a people are doing that, the land would be given back to the sons of Abraham enemy-free. But first the land became dry and parched because of bloodguilt.

A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous. (Pr 13:22)

This is a continual thing of passing it on from one generation to the other, until our Father has a witness on the earth, until it brings about what our Father promised Abraham. Then the true Israel will get the land enemy free. So, that is the way of wisdom. True wisdom maintains itself. If it is inaugurated into our children, then true wisdom continues in that way of life.

Dedication Comes from Persuasion

Pr 22:6 is a deliberate choice, for the Father's Spirit to be upon that child, as He was upon our Master and John the Baptist. We teach our children who they are. They are disciplined properly, in love, for correction, in order that He could be a shield to those who walk uprightly (Pr 2:7). It will not go well with a child if he does not honor his parents – or if his parents weren't raising him to honor them (Ex 20:12). It is a deliberate choice – the way of wisdom or the way of folly. It is up to you.

If you dedicate the child, but if it is not coming forth from the persuasion of our Father with all your heart, then your faith is dead. Faith without doing this is dead faith (Jms 2:14,17). This is just as we see all over the world and in religions.

There is the wisdom of folly and the wisdom of wisdom. Righteousness and folly are constantly opposed. These are only the two options for life. They have to make that choice and follow your leading. I am thankful that we can dedicate this child. It is not just a ritual. How will we know it is from the heart? We will see Chets Barur and Hayeh raising the child, and then when she is baptized she is set for life. We have to do everything by persuasion or faith, for it is the same word. I wouldn't be here unless I was persuaded to be here. If you are not persuaded, then you won't raise that child in the way she should go. Everything that is not done from faith is sin, for sin is knowing the right thing to do and not doing it (Jms 4:17).

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Chets Barur – First of all I would like to really give thanks that I was dedicated when I was a baby, in the beginning of the Community. Our Father protected me all these years. I am thankful for the faith of my abba, who heard the call of our Father and followed Yahshua. In spite of everything he went through, he has remained faithful to what he heard in his heart. I love my abba.

For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Sovereign, to do righteousness and justice, that the Sovereign may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him." (Gen 18:19)

What I saw through that was that He chose him for that reason, to command his household in the way of our Father. Our Father has prescribed a way in Pr 22:6. I want to follow that prescription. I want to impart the faith of our Father, so that my daughter wants to please me, that she is inwardly motivated to obey because of what we have put into her. It is up to the parents, up to us, that we would give her the prescribed wisdom, discipline and direction, so that she would know who she is like John the Baptist and our Master did.

I am thankful that we can have wanted children, that they are not an accident, they are not “Oops” or “Oh no” but the result of a covenant. During the birth, my wife was starting to have really strong contractions and we started walking up and down the driveway. She would start breathing really hard, and I could tell it was very painful, what was coming upon her, but she set her face like flint. We walked up and down that driveway and sometimes she was almost pulling me, determined to bring forth that child. It made me think of the Male Child, how the woman is writing in pain, waiting for the male child to be born, and the evil one is waiting to devour them. We cried out that night that our child could be part of the lineage, that would bring forth the Male Child.

They are the one hundred forty-four thousand, undefiled by the world or woman or anything else (Rev 14:4-5). The only way that will come about is if we give our children the prescription. As we walked up and down we were just weeping, crying out that our Father could get what He deserved, that Yahshua would have that pure bride that He could come back to one day. Then as the birth went on it seemed like it would be impossible, but Hayeh gave herself and that baby come out because of her determination. The whole world will be against the Male Child coming out and it will take that kind of determination to bring forth the Male Child, yet it has been promised that child will come forth and be caught up to heaven. I have a lot more but I think I should let my wife speak.

Hayeh – I am thankful for this opportunity to be with my daughter for the past eighty days. First of all I want to say how thankful I am for my husband (*crying*) and his heart towards our Master. Our Father is so faithful to give us what we desire.

There is a lot in my heart about my daughter. I know that by me, like what we have been talking about, the order of families, by me staying connected to my husband and to our Master, I am going to be able to do it. And also, by the Body as Kariy was speaking of tonight. We need every part to be alive, to be what we were meant to be.

In thinking about what my daughter’s name would be, I was thinking back to a teaching we heard in Plymouth. It was saying that the Male Child will be those whose character is formed by suffering. And not just by suffering, but by having vision for why they are going through what they are suffering. They are going to see beyond what was right before them to what is to come.

I kept thinking about that teaching and how I wanted to put that into my child, that character, and teach her to be selfless, one who doesn’t consider herself before others, who doesn’t get inward in the midst of suffering, but has a goal and vision. If we don’t put that into our children, then the Male Child won’t come about. They will be those who are completely selfless, given over to our Master’s purpose. When they are sent out their eyes will be totally set on others. They physically give up to their lives to preach to the last people on the earth.

Our children are going to be those who aren’t pampered. They are not going to be given just what they want, but everything they are given will be for the long term, to teach our children to be that way, so that the Male Child can come about. I want the things I say and do to be from faith and from persuasion, from conviction, so that that same conviction can go into her. I know that what we have, our faith, our religion, our re-linking to our Master, is so great, that it is worth putting into our children. There is a false concept in the world, “Don’t put anything into your children, let them chose what they want.”

I am thankful that we have what it takes, through the anointing and through the Body, to raise up children in the way of our Father. Then, if our hearts are sincere and we act from faith, those things will go into them. You can see the ruin that is all over the world because of parents not putting good things into their children while they are young.

I was also thinking that self is something that started with woman in the Garden, when she allowed her eyes to

become inward, when she asked herself, “Oh, did God say that?”

That is when her very life was ended, at that very moment, when she thought about herself. I was thinking how when I think about myself, or any of us do, then it drains our life away. We can't see. We don't have vision anymore when we are thinking about ourselves. I was thinking about the accuser.

Her eyes turned inward when that happened in the Garden and she became subject to the accuser. How much of the time women are subjected to that accuser, seeing things from a subjective point of view, not seeing beyond the everyday point of view. I really wanted our daughter to be a restored woman, whose vision would be turned outward and turned to the purpose that she was created for.

I didn't want my daughter's vision turned towards shallow and empty things. I desired that she would be set free and that she would live by faith and trust, believing in what we are doing. That she wouldn't see how things affect her only, but that she would see how important everyone around her is and how she affects them.

I know for what is in my heart to be in her means that I am going to have to be that way. What is in her won't be there by osmosis. I want with all my heart to cut off the things that cause me to be selfish, that cause me not to love and not give out what is in me for others. I want so much that she would be an overcomer and see her purpose.

Chets Barur – Her name is what Hayeh just said. It means vision, or sight, and it is *Ma'rah*, the same word in Hebrew as in Gen 2:9,

And out of the ground the Sovereign God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

That word *sight*, or *vision*, in Pr 29:18 says: “Without vision (or revelation, or prophecy) the people cast off restraint (or perish).”

We really want to raise her to have vision in this life. It has nothing to do with the natural man. Somehow our Father had mercy on me that I was able to trust my abba. I wanted to know his God, even though I didn't understand a lot of spiritual things. Later on in my life I started to question things, trying to figure out spiritual concepts with the natural mind. But the natural mind is at enmity with God. The only way I could have vision or faith or trust was if I surrendered, and that is what those words mean. *Ma'rah* is vision, sight, and it is from *Ra'ah*, which means to see, look at, inspect, perceive, consider, have vision, to look at, regard. We really like the word *regard*, to have regard for others, think about others, to have vision and to not be selfish. It means to see as through the eyes of another, to have *chanan*, to look after and learn about. When it says learn about I was reading Jn 6:45. “They shall all be taught by God.”

For someone to come to the Father, they have to hear and be taught about Him. That is why it says you must believe the one sent to you in order to be saved (Rom 10:14-15). For someone to receive the good news they have to surrender to the one preaching to them. The person who doesn't have salvation needs it. Therefore, they have to have humility working in them.

Ra'ah also means to find out, to see, to give attention to, to discern, to learn, to distinguish, to gaze at, look intently at, behold. That is who we want our daughter to be. That is her first name, *Ma'rah*.

Her second name is *Amanah*, which is from *aman*, which means faith, trust, belief. There is no way someone can believe without having faith, which comes from trusting someone who preaches the good news. *Amanah* means faith, support, sure, certain of a covenant. Someday she will make a covenant with our Master. If we raise her in the way she should go, our faith will become her own some day.

Some of the words in the definition of *aman* are to support, confirm, be faithful, uphold, nourish, pillars, supporters of the door, to be establish, faithful, carried, made faithful, confirmed. We want to confirm her when she is growing up. We don't to leave her as an empty vessel. We want to impart our Father's Spirit to her when she is growing up. *Amanah* also means to stand firm, to be certain, to trust in, believe. Her name is *Ma'rah Amanah*. We really want to give her to our Father. We want to give her to our Father.

(Bekor and Shear Yashub put up a banner about Ma'rah Amanah).

We can't raise her without the Body. We asked our Father for a child, and He was faithful to give us a child,

and now we want to give her back to our Father. In the same way as Hannah gave her son back to our Father. She was barren and she was praying and praying and the high priest asked her what she was praying about and then our Father gave her a child. When the child was old enough, she brought it to the Temple, to serve in His house all the days of His life. Giving her to our Father is giving her to the Body. We want you to come to us if you see anything we're missing.

You won't be defensive.

Chets Barur – We want to crucify our iniquities and not be defensive, so that those iniquities won't go into her.

Othniel – We are standing around you now and we are going to surround you, making sure that everything you said is going to happen. We are dedicated. We have something to do here.

We are surrounding you.

Ha-êmeq – In the tribe of Asher, they start the bat mitzvah book at the dedication. We will get a book for you during your time away.

Mevaser – This is for us, too, all that we have been hearing tonight. We have to be a people who have vision, revelation, and who know that only what we do for revelation is going to endure. Only what we establish and put in place by faith is going to endure. We have to be true friends, who constantly speak faith to one another. We have to give one another vision and encouragement. We need this to endure through all the testing between now and the finish line.

Ha-êmeq – Chets Barur was the first baby we had in the community. His abba has this baby and he said, "What are we going to do?" Now, a whole generation has gone into this man, and now he has a child. A cycle has happened. All you children have the same heart as Chets Barur and you are going to be just like him and love our Father with all of your heart. Now we can celebrate and have our little meal together.