

Tribal Trading will Test the Core of Our Being

ha-êmeq — There's a lot at stake. Here are the spiritual leaders of our communities, and they are the businessmen too. It is not the other way around — the dark characters of the Community who never wash dishes, who don't take care of a guest who walks in. This is the hub meeting, and who do you see? Yehezkel, Ephraim, etc. — the spiritual leaders of the tribes. This realm of business is where we're most likely to fall away, struggling over who gets what — carnal problems. If we can't love here, we can't love anywhere else. This is where we see whether our love is real.

So we don't just look out for our own interests, but for the interest of others. We think more highly of others than of ourselves. But the roots of selfishness are still in us. We have to unearth whatever keeps that seed from going down deep and producing that hundredfold — whatever those blocks are, those iniquities. Then can you imagine what's going to happen? These are actually our Master's words — a hundredfold increase. A hundredfold brothers and sisters, etc.! We have to represent that kingdom before it gets here, or it will never come. So that's what we need to pray for.

“And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; their kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey them.” (Dan 7:27, ESV)

It says “*their* kingdom” and “obey *them*.”

Emet — Later in Daniel it says this will be sealed up, and it dawned on me that this was hidden. I thought the first edah knew this, but in Acts 1:6 when our Master spoke to them,

Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”

It wasn't for them to know — not until the end times when people would go to and fro, and knowledge would increase. These things are at the push of a button now. THIS IS THE TIME.

It is obvious that they understood He was the King, because of the way they lived, but this revelation was locked up. This shed light on Isa 53:11, which talks about the result — “the result of the suffering of His soul.” That is us. But even if He sees all these nice people in community,

that's nothing, really. It's not just people living together, but it's the works prepared for us to do — what we'll do today.

The Word became flesh in our Master. The Word is the communicative aspect of the Creator. He wants to express Himself. Our Master was full of grace and truth. He said, "Don't you know the Father after I've been doing all this stuff?" He couldn't just stand there, but it was *what He did and how He did it*.

These things have been locked up "until the time of the end." Even the first church didn't understand Dan 7:27.

"But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days." (Dan 2:28)

So that's going to happen in the very end days, in the lifetime of those kings (Dan 2:44; 7:24; Rev 17:12). In those days there will a people demonstrating a witness of the kingdom that's coming. It's amazing; they are producing a hundredfold. He wants a hundredfold. It's good to produce thirty or sixty, but He wants a hundredfold. He wants us to endure until the end.

"But he who endures to the end shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come." (Mt 24:13-14)

And *then* the end will come. The realization of the kingdom can't come until it's demonstrated as a foretaste. So that's what we're living for — the gospel of the kingdom, being totally involved in producing that manifestation on the earth. And then the sons of God will be revealed (Rom 8:19). All creation waits for that — the very sons of God. It should be that you could go up to someone (but you wouldn't do it) and truthfully say, "If you've seen me, you've seen the Father." We're the sons of God, but we don't realize it, because He reveals His secrets slowly. He hides Himself, and you have to seek Him. He wants us to wait for Him. That builds our character.

Tribal Trading can't get off the ground until we get off the ground. We are the tribal traders. He wants us to be a witness against all the evil merchants of the earth. And we have it in us to be one of those.

Eish — We need to get rid of the merchant in us. A merchant in the world is someone who is greedy for himself. Yesterday we heard we need to love one another, and not worry about money. I'm thankful we can be these spiritual merchants. Right at the beginning of our nation our Father is establishing that. We don't need to worry about the money in our purse, but rather about our brothers and sisters. We can have fear that we'd become this big supermarket. But our Father wants us to care for the needs of others. I'm thankful; I have vision for Tribal Trading.

*And there shall no longer be a trader in the house of the LORD of hosts on that day.
(Zec 14:21)*

No longer will there be a merchant in My house. Rev 18:3 talks about the merchants of the earth, and Zec 14:21 speaks of "unclean merchants." Possibly we could be those salesmen and sorcerers. I know this is talking about Christianity. They will make a coalition of Christian lawyers, businessmen, etc., and persuade the Christians only to do business with those merchants — Christian stores, Christian everything, whatever that means. "Merchants" is speaking of very evil, unjust salesmen who sell you a phony bill of goods, almost lying to you. "Oh, it's a nice car, only 100,000 miles," then you drive out of the driveway and find out you've got some junk.

Our products should speak for themselves, just as the gospel should speak for itself. In Christianity it's sorcery — "Just say this prayer and you'll go to heaven."

I just wonder whether the other maté people (Guayaqui) really have the great alternative life they advertise. But we'll have our farm, and pictures of brothers and sisters working there. It will be real, and they will be servants, serving their brothers everywhere in the world.

Shoresh — In Isa 53:11, it says He will see His offspring, and He will be satisfied. But there's more than that. There are so many roadblocks. Usually, when our Father wants to speak something radical to us, the enemy produces a counterfeit.

It's really our Father's kindness to build a bridge for the people of the nations to interact with us. I used to hate it when people would ask, "What do you do for a living?" People identify you by what you do. Our Father is finding a way for people to be able to relate to us. "They have

bread like my grandmother talked about.” This is our Father’s heart, His kindness. We’ve endured for years with cafés that just break even, to make ourselves accessible to people. They face so many obstacles to just walk up to our front door and say, “I want to come to know you.”

I don’t want to pray, “Father, give me grace so we can have money.” But, rather, “Abba, help me to show kindness, to meet the needs of my brothers.” That prayer is heard, otherwise we are just like the Gentiles.

Emet — Our Father will be so satisfied because He’s been waiting to show people His kindness. It’s just stored up there. He SO loved the world — that “SO” is so big. But no one can ever know that apart from the witness of the kingdom.