

Incarnation: the Spirit has Come to Dwell in Us

Jeremiah — Abraham was commanded to command his children to keep the way of YHWH, which is righteousness and justice. I was thinking about Jms 1:2-4. I want to do that, to consider it all joy. We have to, in order to make it to our Father's kingdom, lacking nothing. That will only come about through the testing of our faith, producing endurance and steadfastness. 1 Pet 2:13-23 goes along with what happened to us today on the crew. A supervisor (from the world) was treating us unjustly. It seemed as if he was being unreasonable. I thought, "I want to keep the way of YHWH in this situation." This is my heart's desire and my inner struggle. I don't know how to be humble and respond in the right way. Somehow, there is a way in every circumstance that we can surrender to our Father, which is what I did. I wanted to find favor with our Father, and not just satisfy the thing inside of me that wanted to get back at him.

It's possible that if we react to unjust people in the world it could make them stumble. Someone might be a candidate for eternal life. He should see how we react as our Master would react and respond, and that would convict him. It would warm him up. It is like heaping coals on his head to warm him because his fire is out. It is good that we would do that. We might be divided inside, but we have to become one. We have to know our Master and not respond in the flesh. We have to turn the other cheek and go the extra mile.

The Roman soldiers would tell the Israelites to carry their pack a mile. In obedience to our Master's words, disciples would go the extra mile. It is amazing what is required of us. It is the same as was required of our Master so that He wouldn't sin and there could be a sacrifice for us. If He had sinned by reacting, then He wouldn't have been able to pay for our sins. I am thankful that we can be like Him. As much as we possibly can be in communion with Him, we can be like Him.

Incarnation

Do you know what *incarnation* means? It means that divinity has become united with humanity. *Incarinate* means divinity dwells in humanity, is united with humanity.

That is the only solution there is to the human problem. Our Master was the prime example of incarnation. Divinity was united with humanity in Him. Divinity dwelt in our Master. That is the only solution to man's problems. Otherwise we are alone and our spirit is dead. Only if He can dwell in us can our spirit become alive, becoming one with our Master's Spirit.

Our Master was incarnate, meaning man and God came together, united in Him, and that means that God can dwell in us. He can dwell in other humans. That really shows us something, if the divine Spirit can dwell in Yahshua's human spirit. They became one just as we who are joined to Messiah are one spirit with Him (1 Cor 6:17). That means our Father can impart His own life and nature to our spirit, so that we can have His life in us. So we, those who believe in our Master Yahshua, are just as much an incarnation as He is. We are the incarnation of the divine Spirit who can dwell in human nature. If we are in fellowship, we can respond like our Master.

He is no more incarnate than we are, for His Spirit has come to dwell in our spirit. We become one with His Spirit. If we are in fellowship with Him, and are one with Him, then we can react in the same way. Temptations come to us, but temptations came to our Master and He didn't sin. We have to understand that.

So, you see man's condition in what is going on in the world today, every horrible thing. It demands incarnation. The human predicament, the human problem, fallen humanity, demands incarnation. Man is getting more and more fallen — you can't imagine what is going on in the world. My fallen humanity demanded incarnation, and yours did, too. Therefore, we received His Spirit and He was incarnate in us. We become more and more like Him. The human predicament is being healed. The incarnation is the solution. That is what the salvation of our soul means — that our soul is being saved, being made one.

Our soul is our mind, will, and emotions. Our emotions can't be one way, and the will another way, and the intellect still another way — that's division. We have to be

one. If we are willing to do our Father's will, then when we hear the good news about incarnation, it will happen. Our will is the final judge of our soul. The will controls our emotions and our mind.¹

Man is spiritually dead. If you are spiritually dead, you can't be reconciled. You can't approach our Father. Many of us tried to approach God in the world, but we couldn't be saved on our own. It took surrender. Christians believe in the Savior, but they don't make Him Sovereign. They just want to go to heaven. But we have to surrender and confess Him as Sovereign. There is no incarnation apart from that — absolute, total surrender to His sovereignty. That is salvation. That is why some people can't be saved, for they never surrendered. Whoever confesses Him as Sovereign, believing in their heart, will be saved. They will become like our Master. He was incarnate, and we will be, too, if we are one spirit with Him (1 Cor 6:17).

What does *incarnation* mean? It means that when you are baptized, the divine Spirit comes and dwells in your human spirit. You become one with your Father in heaven through Yahshua. He is incarnate in you. He has come to dwell in you. You are one with Him. The divine Spirit and the human spirit become one in you. It is like a transition you go through, a new birth. We have to be born again, it says, so that is a transition. You go through a birth canal, which is transition. When incarnation happens, it is like a birth. You are born again. The Holy Spirit becomes one with your spirit. *Become* means transition. It is a transition you go through of absolute, total surrender of your heart to receive the Holy Spirit. You no longer belong to yourself. You belong to Him. It is like going through the narrow door. You can't get in unless you surrender.

ha-êmeq — It is hard for people to understand words like *incarnation*. People who speak Spanish know that “chili con carne” means *chili with meat*. I always knew *carne* was meat because I was raised here. If it said “con carne” it meant *with meat*, so *carne* is meat. *Incarnate* means *in the meat*, which is *flesh*.

¹ See also *We Can't be One Unless we're One* (2004.01.01-A01).

Somehow we separate the word *meat* from *flesh*. Somehow we can say, “I was really in the flesh,” but I wouldn’t say, “I was really in the meat.” It is because we really don’t understand the language and are somehow able to separate the fact that naturally we are just a glob of meat, without spirit. We are basically going to become like every other piece of meat in the meat market if something doesn’t happen to us, if something doesn’t change, if there is not an incarnation in ourselves, because we are nothing, nothing if we are just a glob of meat.

But in front of that screaming supervisor there was an incarnation of our Master Yahshua today. He was there and the man was screaming and cursing, and there was this incarnation — a glob of meat with the presence of a wonderful, loving Spirit that had restored his soul to love, and to understand that this man has something really wrong with him. He is off course and a mess and you are not going to get down on his level. You are going to try to guide him from where he is into what justice and righteousness is at this moment.

You are not just a glob of meat anymore because that new life is in you. If you didn’t have that, you would have argued right along with him — two dead spirits. Instead, you maintained the presence of the incarnation of the loving, wonderful, merciful compassion of God, for we are in His image. Really, that man was faced with an incarnation of our Master. What an opportunity for him. How many more times will this ever happen to him, that he has this chance to meet one of the incarnate sons, to actually get a glimpse of what God is like in the face of his blatant injustice?

That is why you have to be careful, because you could cause him to stumble. We carry a big weight. We need to carry that pack an extra mile. Some soldier tells you to carry his bag when he could carry it much better than you. And an extra mile, “Ahh.” But the incarnation is in you. When they see your response they are faced with our Father, and that is so wonderful. It is so enlightening to really see what is going on and not just grovel around in our meat, but really come above “carne” and be who we are supposed to be.

We don’t even realize who we are. We are the incarnation of God, of our Master. Paul said, “May your spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless until the day of our Master Yahshua” (1 Ths 5:23) — spirit, soul, and body that are one.

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Sovereign Yahshua ha-Mashiyach.

May the God of peace Himself sanctify and set you apart entirely — entirely — look it up, entirely. May your spirit, soul, and body be preserved without blame until the coming of our Master. That is what we are here for, aren't we (Lk 1:17), that we would be perfectly prepared? There is no greater place than the Body of Messiah to do that. Can you do it outside of the Body? No. Can you do it going to church once a week? No. Can you do it living by yourself, and trying to live a godly life? No. It is just one of those impossibilities. But here it is possible, if we take advantage of it — if we really take advantage of it.

Chets Barur — We have heard for years what it says in Heb 10:13, “that He must remain in heaven until His enemies are made a footstool for his feet.” It is really clear that the reason He must remain in heaven is that the dwelling place of God can't be with men until we are one, until our spirit has become one with Him. “He who has joined himself to Messiah has become one spirit with Him.” We must be completely one, a complete mirror representation of Him here on the earth. I was reading in Rev 21:2-3, “...Behold, the incarnation of God is with men.” The reason that voice could say that someday is because it is actually happening in our lives. God is becoming incarnate in each one of our lives, so that we are one, and not constantly having to battle with the flesh and these other inner workings that are our Father's enemies, so that He can come back.

We are to be the dwelling place of the Godhead, the incarnation, the tabernacle, His home, His Body, actually, among the men of the nations.

Mevaser — It is so amazing what we are hearing about the will being the last determining factor of incarnation. There is a barrier between our Father and us. And the final thing we have to break through to do His will is our willingness to do His will. I was reading in Jn 7:14-17. Our Master put His finger on the heart of the matter right there, why they couldn't really hear Him. The Jews couldn't hear our Master because they weren't willing. That is the thing right there that keeps us from being one — really connecting, and surrendering, giving Him sovereignty and complete access. It is a two-way narrow way there. It blocks us from getting to Him and Him

getting to us. If we are not willing, then He doesn't have access to our emotions or intellect or bodily parts. He can't use us if we are not willing. It's that way in the beginning, and then day by day it is our willingness that determines whether we will be one with Him.

Elliot — True justice is that we would be true sons and daughters. It is that we would hear from Him and move. It was a totally new thing on the earth, a third category of people who have a relationship with Him and move when He commands. Gen 18:19 means after his own example. He would keep it and then command them to do what he did.

It is really necessary that we put it into our first generation. If we can inculcate it into our first generation, then they can put it into the next, the third, and the fourth generations.

Shemiyah — Someone said that we don't have the privilege to be in the flesh. We have the privilege to be our Father's representation. If we could just understand the futility of being only a glob of flesh. That is what my life was like until I came to salvation. I breathed, walked, and had absolutely no purpose whatsoever. I tried to find purpose in purposeless things. What a privilege for us that we could be His representatives on the earth. The greatest privilege that we have ever been given is that we could represent our Father.

When we go to work and the supervisor is unkind, well, that is when the privilege comes. That is where we get to represent Him and in a sense, reach out to the lost and lonely people. I am thankful for the privilege we have been given. 2 Cor 5 says we have received the ministry of reconciliation. We have been given that ministry of reconciliation. We don't need to have hands laid on us and be sent out as an evangelist, but every day as we walk and do things, as we are led by the Spirit, and in communion with our Father, we can reach out to every person that we meet — even if it's just smiling and not losing our peace — and win our Father's highest creation back to Him.

Do you know what reconciliation means? (*Speaking to a child*) When you are not obedient, and you receive your discipline, you are reconciled to your abba. We were enemies of our Father in Heaven, but we have been made friends with Him. We can make Him friends of others. We can make others friends of our Father. That is what the "Good News for Modern Man" says. We are no longer enemies of our Father, but friends.

That is what *reconciled* means. Reconciliation breaks down the walls of separation. Sometimes, you feel separated from your abba because you are not obedient. Then, when you are disciplined, you become friends with your abba again. There is no wall between you, right? We have a ministry of making others friends with God (2 Cor 5:18-21).

Ishah Ruth — The human soul demands the incarnate nature of our Father. I saw that last night. Human beings are without God and without hope in the world. They do all these crazy things and they are just a piece of meat without His Spirit. Dodavah wrote that without our Master she couldn't do one single thing. Our human soul demands our Father's Spirit. I need Him to do anything. My condition is no different than that of people out there if I am functioning without His Spirit.

When Jeremiah met this man, the supervisor, and saw confrontation coming up, he needed to pray that his spirit would be united with our Master's Spirit — the Holy Spirit in his spirit — then they are together and are going to take over the soul. The soul, without being in communion with the spirit, is liable to react in your emotions. So, you misrepresent. That is good that you didn't react badly at all. The little bit that you did, you apologized for. Sometimes we make friends that way more than other ways, like when one of our boys drove down the driveway really fast. I was getting on them for going fast, and here we were, doing the same thing. The neighbor said, "I am amazed he apologized. My daughter would never do something like that."

Zakar — The only reason our Master can now call us friends is that we are taking on His Spirit. Heb 2:11-12 — Our Master Yahshua was the firstborn son and we are becoming more and more like Him as we are being purified and sanctified. Today, I saw perfectly what happened. As soon as I saw the supervisor coming around the corner I was alarmed. I looked over and saw Jeremiah, who had a smile on his face and walked over, and I thought, "Wow, that is amazing." I just knew somehow that our Father was going to give him grace. It encouraged me. Those brothers had grace. We are being purified and taking on the ways of our Master. He is not ashamed of us because He sees that we want to be like Him.

Sanctified

For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren... (Heb 2:11)

Those who are being set apart in a particular place are being purified, sanctified.

1 Cor 1:2 says almost the same thing. We are sanctified, set-apart in a particular place in order to be sanctified, fit for our Master Yahshua.

To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Messiah Yahshua, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Yahshua Messiah our Sovereign, both theirs and ours... (1 Cor 1:2)

Called to be saints — sanctified. Christians read that and say they are already sanctified, therefore they can't be excluded from the Kingdom. Even the Corinthians, as bad as they were, were sanctified. That only means there that they were in the *place*, the Edah, the *locality* like 1 Tim 2:8. Here we are in this place. We are sanctified, but we are being sanctified. We are saved, but being saved. It is the same thing. I am thankful for that. We can now be sanctified. We are sanctified by being in this place where we can be sanctified. We are put in the pot, the furnace. That is the only place where that pot is going to be fashioned. Then He takes us out and sets us on the shelf. We cool down and go, "Ahh," and then He smears stuff all over us, and puts us back in again. The process goes on, like the potter and the pot.

In the world, you could never be sanctified. Now, you are being sanctified because you are sanctified. It is good that these things come out of us, that we are confessing it. That is the greatest part of the purification process. We are not just businessmen. We can't act like them. We are different. We are humble disciples. It is amazing that our Father could save us and begin to purify us so that someday the good things that were in our hearts could be realized. That is called sublimation, in psychology terms, to take those things and direct them into higher channels. Even righteous anger can be channeled in positive ways to get something done.