

The Twofold Purpose of Why we Rest

Yoceph — Before I came down here, I was looking up the word *anticipation*. Wherever we go, whatever we're doing, it's with the anticipation to meet a sheep. Our Father works circumstances for us to meet people. Something is going to happen. Anticipation is a sense, a foretaste of something that is going to happen before it actually takes place; it's a previous view, a preview, an expectation.

That was what was working in me about the Shabbat. It was the expectation of gathering in the name of our Master Yahshua and celebrating. The dawn gives you the anticipation of the sun rising. When you see the light, you know that soon the sun comes. When I was thinking about this, it occurred to me that tonight is a preview of an age that is going to come one day. We can savor this age, see it in the weekly Shabbat we keep as a people in the expectation of the next age. I want to be excited with expectancy, longing for it, desiring it, having a preview of it. I don't want to let anybody rob me of what our Father has for us and enter this night into the Shabbat.

David Zerubbabel — We have a responsibility when we come here this night. I had to not bring a burden, a load, before coming here. Jer 17:19-27 — This speaks about coming with a physical load on the Shabbat through the gates of Jerusalem and selling things like they did in the days of Nehemiah. But of course, it is not just a physical burden, but it is a picture of any kind of burden. When we come here, we should not come with a burden of guilt and sin, but come at rest in our souls. Specifically on this day, we should have no load of anxiety or sin weighing us down.

There is this film, *The Passion of the Christ*, which is supposedly about our Master dying on the cross. There is no way we can come in here with no burden unless we have a place to put it. We have to believe in the resurrection of our Master in our heart and confess with our mouth (Rom 10:9-10). This is not just doctrine, but reality. Only revelation can release us from our guilt, knowing where it went. Our Master took our sins and left them in the realm of death. He personally took my sins, went into death, and left them there. If I don't know that in my heart it doesn't mean anything.

People will be coming out of the movie stirred up, but where do you go from here? The film doesn't even mention where He really suffered. Many people down through the ages have suffered physically as much as our Master, and that didn't pay for our sins. Knowing what He did for us

causes the right response, which is giving our life to Him. I am thankful we could talk about that this week.

Chets Barur — The entire future and purpose of the universe hinges on man — a people that is keeping the sign and not carrying any burdens on the Shabbat. They will be free from sin and have no guilt. Not trusting our Father and not totally surrendering gives us a burden. Our Father is waiting at the edge of His seat for a people that will carry out what He's been waiting for, for thousands of years. The Stone Kingdom is at stake.

Ps 8 — What is man that You'd look at him in awe? The entire purpose of the universe hinges on man (Job 7:17, NKJV). Our Father sets His heart on us. He invests all He has in us. Only the evil one tells us we can't do it.

People walk like dead men on the earth, carrying a burden. We can be like that in the Body. Our Father wants us to be a people that bring in the new age. We can cast our burdens on Yahshua and walk according to His word.

Hilkiyah — Heb 9:28 — He is going to return for those who eagerly await Him, those who are bringing about His kingdom on the earth. We know verse 27 from the Three Eternal Destinies. Messiah was offered to take our burden and go into death. It's appointed for Him to appear the second time. Then He'll come back for salvation without reference to sin.

There are people He is going to return for. They hate their life in this world. They want to see the end of this age. They cast their burdens upon Him. He is our advocate before the Father. Heb 9:27-28 — It's appointed for Him to come back to claim His bride, those who are eagerly waiting for Him.

In Genesis 1 we can see how He made all things on the earth. In verse 27, He made man in His own image. Man here is male and female. It says He created *them*. He said, "I want you to be rulers like Me. You are made in My image." Verse 29 speaks about how He gave them every genetically modified seed and every genetically modified fruit tree for food, right? No, it was supposed to be fruit with *seed* in it. We have to rewrite this today in our modern translations. You can hardly find fruit with seed in it these days. I am thankful we are restoring all things. Our own culture is coming about.

Gen 1:30 - 2:3 — He didn't rest until He made man.

Ex 31:12-18 — “Say to the Israelites.... ‘I am YHWH who sets you apart from all the other people to do My will. No one else is doing it. I call you Israel. I set you apart.’”

Our men have been out working all week, but today is a special day for us. We, the people of God, need rest. Our Father says it, whether you like it or not. We need the Shabbat. We need to rest from the hustle and bustle of our jobs. Driving on the freeway is the worst. Without the Shabbat we soon forget our purpose. Without the Shabbat we forget what we’re created for. God made man, who is His highest thought, and then He rested.

There is a twofold purpose of why we rest. We need a time to rest, and we need a time to remember what He did on the first Shabbat, and why He rested.

Ex 20:8-11 — “Remember, you’re the greatest thing I ever thought of.” The Shabbat is made for man, and not man for the Shabbat. We have to remember all He did. If we just work, work, work, and never rest we will lose the balance, which is crucial to living a life which is faithful to our Father. Without the Shabbat we’ll lose the meaning of our life and won’t think about our Creator anymore. We won’t think about how special man is and about the purpose we were created for. The first question our Father asked me was, “Why did I create you?” If you don’t know what you’re created for, you’re worthless, good for nothing.

Hakam — This is the set-apart day for a set-apart people. We are considering all week the people we’re a part of. We live in a community where we can share all our faculties, our understanding, whatever we have, and pour it out on each other. If we lived in the genetically modified society we’d spent our time on the things they spend their time on, not using our time and energy on building what our Father gave to us.

The man Yahshua went into death and took our guilt. After that, He was born again. He took our guilt so we could be born again and live a separated life from the world. The true light is the life He gives us. It is the love we share. Jn 1:4 — “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.” I am very excited about what we are understanding about the light of dawn.

Ever since I've been here, maybe because I am from the east, I wake up at four o'clock in the morning. I see the light coming in the morning. If we can sense the light in us we can pour it out on each other. If we can sense that first light we have hope. We know we live in the light of our Master's love. This light gets brighter and brighter until the sunrise comes over the horizon, and our Master returns.

Our Father invested everything so we could have that light. It comes only by revelation. We can't walk in our own strength. Unless we're continually receiving revelation we can't do it. We have to be those who love Him, those who have His commandments and keep them (Jn 14:21). He won't reveal Himself to anybody else. We have a great and awesome responsibility and hope. All over the earth the twelve tribes have the same hope and the same life.

Kepha — Hope, expectation, anticipation, excitement about this life drives you to keep going. There is something greater than you that propels you. Eph 2:12 — At one time, these people were having no hope and were without God in the world. Paul's heart was to tell them that they had everything to look forward to. They had been grafted into the Commonwealth of Israel. They were no longer Gentiles. Now they were living in the midst of the covenants of promises. Paul put it into them.

People come out of the movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, and they are full of hope and anticipation. But Christianity can't bring you into the Commonwealth of Israel. I am glad we have substance here to bring people into. I am anticipating bringing people here.

Zakar — Ephesians 5 talks about purification and sanctification. Eph 5:8 — Before we were darkness, but now we are light. Before we were Gentiles, but now we are in the Commonwealth of Israel. Verse 13 — If we confess it, it brings it into the light. It's going to shine brighter and brighter.

Labeshu — When we speak about the light, we are speaking about abbas, immas, and children being in perfect unity. There is no burden, no guilt on them. The world is totally limited in this way.

Mal 4:6 is a promise, and Lk 1:17 — Eliyah is going to come. It's our struggle to turn our hearts to our children. Our Father is the God of the families of Israel. Yes, He is the God of Israel, but He is the God of the families of Israel. The abbas and immas are the creators of their children.

My son repented. He saw that he wasn't loving his abba, and that's why he disobeyed. The Male Child will come about, because parents turn their hearts towards their children, as Miriam and Yoceph did with our

Master. This is our purpose. If we can rule over our children, then we can rule over the universe.

Paul told Timothy that people in the edah will be held captive by the evil one to do his will (2 Tim 2:25-26). They will be captives as in Rev 18:2. That's how people are in the last days. They are captive, in prison. These are terrible times. 2 Tim 3:1-5 — People will hold on to a form of godliness and go to church on Sunday. Paul said that we should have nothing to do with them.

2 Tim 4:1-4 — A time will come when they will not put up with the truth and turn to myths that suit their own fancies. They select their version of the Bible, their denomination, as if there were one spirit leading all of them.

Is Christianity a myth? A passion play is a myth. A myth doesn't last. It's like a vapor. 1 John 2:15 — If you love the world the love of the Father is not in you. Hollywood put on *The Passion of the Christ*. They are lovers of money. They made it to be lapped up by people who believe in that myth. The people who go to this movie love Hollywood, the world. Hollywood promoted Billy Graham. They gave him a star. He said, "May I be remembered by the gospel that I preached." His gospel didn't save anybody, not one soul. I went down the aisle in one of his crusades. When I said I believed in Jesus, they told me, "Go your own way, you're saved already."

Soreph Gamaliel — If you believe in the Christian myth you are going to be disappointed, because it's not the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. That faith enabled them to live together in community, according to the pattern of Acts 2 and 4. Our faith is not a collection of doctrines to argue over, but it's a matter of life and love.

Hakam — Our faith transcends the world. It doesn't pay attention to the fads of the world. The myth doesn't do anything for you. It's emptiness. Yônêq walked out of the crusade with what? Nothing. I responded to Billy Graham on TV. The next day, I went to high school and couldn't stop cussing. I wasn't saved. Our Father gives something higher to His saints. That's the Holy Spirit.