

The Origin of the Soul

We sang “We Sing for Joy in Your Presence.”

David Zerubbabel — That song caused me to think back to what Sho’er wrote in his article about the Biltmore Estate in Asheville. The rich man who had it built (George Vanderbilt) was not dwelling there anymore — he is dead.

Our Master said He was going to prepare many “mansions” (Jn 14:2, KJV) for us. Because of that, many Christians say the mansions are in heaven somewhere. But our Master was actually talking about preparing places for us to dwell in here — on earth. He was speaking about His dwelling place.

That is what I saw when we came to visit the Community in Sus. Well, we did see an enormous house, which some people would call a mansion, but it wasn’t like the one in Asheville. When we saw it, it was very grand in some ways, but the plaster was crumbling, and it was in need of restoration. What we saw, though, was our Master’s dwelling place. We saw His people, and *that* is what was beautiful to us. Actually, I didn’t notice the crumbling plaster at all until I came back years later. I didn’t notice it the first time. All I saw was His dwelling place – the majestic ones who were dwelling there in Sus.

I was reading in 1 John 2 about how His holy ones are. It is written there for us to judge ourselves by. There is that word again: perfected (1 Jn 2:5). We ought to walk as He walked. That is the standard. Our Father caused the four gospels to be recorded and preserved so that we would know how our Master walked, so that we would know what He was like back then.

No matter what anybody’s version of Christianity is, when you talk to someone who has read the gospels, one thing that is *not* in question is how our Master walked. Everyone universally knows how He walked, no matter how liberal or conservative he is. They all know that He was full of mercy, compassion, and love. Nobody is in confusion about that, and it is there for us to know and to judge ourselves by.

That is how I recognized His dwelling place, because I met some people who were walking the way He walked. It was quite noticeable after all of those years that I spent walking around in the wilderness of Christianity. I had never met people like that who actually walked as He walked. In Eph 4:2 it tells how we are to walk — with all humility and

patience. It says that we are to bear with one another in love, and be eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, because that is how He walked. If I say that I know Him, and I live in His dwelling place, and He lives in me, then it means that is how I ought to be.

ha-êmeq — That reminds me of what Aquila's daughter shared last night. It was quite simple the way she said it, but it was so true. We are going to be just like Yahshua – just like Him. We are going to act just like Him, and people are going to see us and say, "Oh, that's what God is like." That was so nice. I thought about how she has obviously learned a very great lesson.

People will come from all over the world to apprentice in our university here, because we specialize in things you can't learn anywhere else. Someone who wanted to be the greatest nuclear scientist would come to the place where he could learn the most about nuclear science — a university that had a major in nuclear science. Well, here is where you would learn how to walk the way that our Master walked.

The only reason that we learn to do electrical work, or anything else, like drive a Bobcat, is to learn to do it just as Yahshua would do it. That is our apprenticeship. Our Master Yahshua could not have leveled out the alley any better than Yonadab did today. Yonadab had the attitude of our Master Yahshua, and our Master Yahshua was concerned about the alley getting leveled out. If He had lived in this time, He probably would have used a Bobcat to do it, if it was available. He would have used that Bobcat as a tool, and done just what Yonadab did. He wouldn't have worshipped it, or gotten His worth out of driving it, but He would have used it to meet the need.

Then, if He saw a place that needed to be rewired, He would have rewired it. Whoever works on wiring today, our Master would have done it just the same, because the foundation of everything that we do is to be just like our Master Yahshua. We even get married because of Him, and we have children because of Him. Everything we do is all on the foundation of total devotion to our Master Yahshua.

That is our major here, our specialty. It is what we know about. So, others will just run to the Twelve Tribes and say, "Show us the way to live the way Yahshua lived! We want to be able to walk the way He walked." They will learn how to do this or that along the way, but it all has to be done the way that He would do it. Whether it is to cook, sew, or wash dishes, it is all the way our Master would have done it.

I am so thankful for the way Emunah explained it; she really has the key. Now we can teach her based on the foundation that is in her. We can

teach her how to do bookkeeping, how to run an office, and it's worth putting time into her because she has learned the secret.

We are not going to apprentice anyone who just wants to be a good electrician. We want him to be a great disciple who walks the way Yahshua walks and also is the best electrician. All those things just go on top of being just like our Master.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:23 it says – “When we get to heaven, may our soul, body, spirit be sanctified,” right? [*Baruch — What translation is that?*] It is talking about *now*, right? Now — isn't that the first word?

Now, may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely and may your spirit, soul, and body be kept sound and blameless for the coming of our Master Yahshua ha Mashiach. And, He who calls you is faithful and He will do it. (1 Ths 5:23-24)

He wants to sanctify us, purify us, and make us perfectly ready for Him, *now*. This is the time for our spirit, soul, and body to be prepared. We have to partake right now in the divine nature (2 Pet 1:4). We have a spirit and we have a soul and we have a body. The body belongs to the soul. The soul dwells in the body, therefore it is the soul's body. When your body dies, your soul leaves its body.

Where does the soul come from? We know where the body comes from. The body comes through natural propagation, through reproduction as when children are born. But where does our soul and spirit come from? Is it the same as propagation? Is our soul preexistent? Or was it created immediately when we were conceived, or when we were born? When was it put into our bodies?

How was Adam's sin passed on to our soul? It's a mystery, isn't it? We are soul and spirit – we're not just body. We are spiritual, and our spirit and soul have a body to dwell in, so that we can see and touch each other. We are not just spirits, but our immaterial self dwells in our body. Our body belongs to our soul and spirit.

That is interesting, isn't it? We are soul and spirit — who we are is immaterial. My immaterial part uses my material part to be seen and heard. Really, the essence of us is spirit and soul.

We have three distinct parts: spirit, soul, and body. So we have to be prepared in every way, including our bodies. Our body needs rest, good organic food, exercise, and water. What if something is wrong with our spirit, though? There are plenty of fanatics who drink plenty of water and eat good organic food, but how is their soul? We need to take care of our body, our spirit, and our soul.

So where does our spirit and soul come from? Were they created at conception by our Father? Or were they passed on through natural propagation? Who knows? Do you know? How many theories are there?

Your spirit and soul are looking out of your eyeballs at me. Did you know that? Your body has nothing to do with it, except to receive messages from your brain. If you did not have a brain, you wouldn't be looking out at me through your eyeballs. But you are, and I'm looking at you, too. Your eyes are the windows of your soul, your marvelous, immaterial soul. It is amazing, isn't it? Everyone notices a person's eyes, and can see into his soul. It's really amazing, isn't it?

But where does the soul come from? Can you answer that question, please? I need to know! Was our soul created at the time of our conception, becoming one with our bodies and our spirit? Or was it created immediately at birth? How was Adam's sin passed on? Is it just our bodies that are corrupted through the Fall, or did our soul get corrupted? Isn't it our soul that gets saved?

Our Master's body didn't corrupt (Ps 16:10, NAS – *decay*; ESV – *corruption*). Why not? His soul went to Hades, right into death, but why didn't His body corrupt? It says that His body did not corrupt, but His soul was in death. Why didn't His body corrupt? Well, maybe it was because He was produced from an unfallen seed, and even though His body could take all kinds of beatings, lashings, and bleed, and die, somehow it would not corrupt.

But *our* body will corrupt, right? It goes into the grave and it decays. His body, however, did not decay. No sin was passed on, even in His body. It has something to do

with the fact that no sin was passed on to His soul and spirit, and He maintained that purity because He did not sin. He was the second Adam, but He did not give in to sin.

David Zerubbabel — Even though He grew and developed in the womb of a fallen human being, the seed was not corrupt.

Were His human soul and spirit in that seed — that preserved seed? Were your spirit and soul in the seed that caused your conception? What kind of spirit and soul did you pass on to your children? Was their soul passed on that way, or was a new soul and spirit created immediately for them from God? How do you get that soul into a seed?

So it has to be that the soul is passed on through the process of conception. The soul wasn't created anew for each human being at conception or birth, because our Father wouldn't create a corrupt soul. And if a new soul was created each time a person was born, then how would Adam's sin be passed on from generation to generation?

See, you are smiling at me because your soul is smiling. You are being saved, and you are so thankful. You're loving people, and your soul somehow smiles about it. Your soul somehow communicates through your brain, and your brain makes your eyes smile. You can see a person's soul, can't you? I can see your soul. We can see how much progress we are making in our soul's salvation. We can see each other. Our soul is looking out of our eyeballs.

Your soul is very intelligent. It's not just your brain. Your brain would be nothing without your soul. It is just a muscle, and it doesn't have any thoughts of its own. It is the soul that communicates to the brain, and the brain communicates to your body, to your mouth and eyes. So we have to stand in judgment for whatever comes out of our mouth. It either condemns us or excuses us, because it is our soul that is revealed. Our soul is being saved.

The condition of your soul is expressed in your countenance, and also in how you speak. It even has to do with how you enunciate your words. We are learning. It is so wonderful how our Father is restoring our souls. Our souls were not freshly created,

obviously, if He has to restore them. Why would they have to be restored? Obviously, our soul has to be restored because the effects of the Fall were passed on to us through our soul. You have to help along the restoration of that soul you passed on to your children.

This is something we need to think about and understand. We will be learning more and more about it, until we know who we are. We have to understand who we are and what we are. We are human beings. Well, what is a human being? We are the sons of God, like our Master, so we must learn to walk as He did.

Shemuel — Was it like this? Adam's seed was a circle, and Yahshua's was a circle, but we came out like squares. Now, the first generation is a triangle, and then the second will be ovals, and so on, until we are made back into circles?

Well, I never thought about it like that! We'll write it down anyway, and have a council on that!

Your soul is eternal, but was it preexistent? It was preexistent to your body, but it went back to the first man, right? But it didn't go back before that.

So was the soul passed on through the father?

Gader Peretz — Ex 20:5, "The iniquities of the fathers are passed on to the third and fourth generation..."

And we have to do something about it. Now, what if we don't do anything about those iniquities which are passed on to us? What does it mean that we do?

Shemuel — We stay square.

We stay square! That is exactly right, and what do squares hate? What does it say? They hate our Father (Ex 20:5). They don't love Him. If we don't do something about our iniquities that have been passed on through our parents, it means we don't love our Father. Hate means we do not love Him. Who loves Him? A thousand generations love Him, right? What does it say?

Gader Peretz — "... showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Ex 20:6)

Ben Nabi — This goes along with what we have heard in the child training teachings about how young children, two or three years old, can discern whether the parents are a unified front or not.¹ It is their soul discerning what is going on in the souls of their parents. It just goes to show that if we are cutting off those iniquities and we are walking in a manner worthy of our calling, then that is what is going to be communicated to our child's soul. He will have better ground to stand on and a more redeemed soul to go ahead of me with, and pass something more redeemed on to his seed. As this process continues, it leads to the Male Child. On the other hand, if I am not ruling over those things, my son's soul is going to pick up on the aberrant parts of my soul, and that is what will continue to be passed on.

So unity is the power. When the children see the unity of the parents, there is nothing else that they can do except submit to it and be saved. But if they see division in the parents, then they are divided themselves, and that war keeps on going. If we have unity as leaders here, then everyone is going to be saved. But if our leaders have different minds, and they are arguing and dividing, it is destructive to everyone, and it eventually permeates the whole Body of Messiah.

If the people in the world see us divided, what are they going to say? "Where is their God? Where is His power?" They are not going to know that our Father loves them if they do not see us in unity, one as the Father and the Son are one. So unity is the most powerful thing on the face of the earth, and unity takes love. You can't have unity without love. It separates those who love Him from those who don't love Him, those who serve Him from those who don't serve Him.

But what about the people who come in at the last hour? They are servants, too, aren't they? It will be because we are in unity, just like Ben Nabi said, and they will get saved faster. So it won't take long for the people who come in 35 years from now to get saved, because we will be a united front. There will be no other choice but to be saved, no other mind — no room for the enemy to come in and slow things down.

¹ See "Even a Child Can Understand Unity" (2005.12.08-T02)

There is a parable about those people who are saved at the last hour, and I think some people were complaining, saying, “Hey! They came in at the last hour, and I’ve been here for 35-40 years! How come they get the same reward as I?” Well, that shows you right there — you aren’t so thankful that they even came into the Community in the first place. You’re jealous or something. It’s something for us to understand; that is why our Master told that story.

So if your soul is not being saved, what does that mean? Why is our Master knocking at the door of the lukewarm people? He would only have to knock because His Spirit isn’t dwelling in their souls, but has receded to their spirit. The Spirit is sealed in whoever joins himself to our Master; he becomes one spirit with Him. He never leaves our spirit, but He leaves our soul. How is He going to save our soul? He is going to come from the spirit into the soul, and then our soul can be saved. Then, and only then, can our body be saved. That can only happen when He has captured or occupied our soul. When He has occupied our soul, then the body will be directed by the soul, through the head.

So if He is knocking for entrance back into your soul, it is because your soul is not being saved — it’s lukewarm. Are there any lukewarm people in this gathering? If so, they will be spewed out of His mouth. There was a letter written to the Laodiceans because they were lukewarm. He said, “Behold, I stand at the door [of your soul] and knock.” He is in your spirit, standing at the door of your soul and knocking. “Whoever hears My voice, if he opens the door, I will come back into him and save his soul.” So where is the doorknob? It’s on the inside. You have to open it. You open the door, and He comes back into your soul.

What happens when you open the door? You are going to overcome, and then you will sit with Him on His throne, just as He overcame and sat down with His Father on His throne. Our Master had to overcome, too. He never allowed His Father’s Spirit to recede out of His soul. He was always in fellowship with our Father, in communion with

Him, with the Word, the divine nature within Him. Therefore, He was always partaking of the divine nature as it says in 2 Pet 1:4.

Even though we are sealed for the day of redemption in our spirit, we don't know that we've passed out of death into life *unless* the Holy Spirit reveals it to our soul because of *how* we love one another. If we do not love one another, the Holy Spirit will not reveal to us that we have passed out of death and into life — because we haven't! If someone asks us, we'll say, "Well, I don't know..." because the Holy Spirit is not in communion with our soul — our emotions, will, and intellect — and through it, the physical members of our body. That is how we love anyway; we don't just love by our soul, never doing anything with our body. We love with our hands, with our mouth, by what we say and how we say it, by what we do and *how* we treat one another.

That is the main thing we need to judge ourselves by at the breaking of bread, not how we eat the bread and drink the cup, but how we treat one another. We want to be worthy of our Master.

Dereka bat Ne'eman — I can get discouraged sometimes because I keep on getting corrected for the same thing. But to get discouraged about correction is like getting discouraged about becoming more like our Master. I'm really thankful that my soul is being saved and I can be more redeemed than the generation before me, that I can help bring about the Male Child. The only hope of people seeing our Master when they come here is if we are walking like Him. If we all do our part, people will fall on their faces and say, "God is here." I want to make sure that I am doing my part in being like our Master.