

With Him — It's Attainable

We have to understand Phil 3:10-16. Whatever is attainable is obtainable. We would never be asked us to obtain if it were not possible to attain to it. We are called to attain to His glory, through His word, as Paul spoke.

ha-êmeq — In the April *Intertribal News*, a new brother in the tribe of Levi said, "If you don't feel needy, then it's probably because you're not setting your goals high enough." You can kind of feel alright about yourself until you hear what the standard is. Our Master's standard is attainable, but you have to set your standard high enough to get up there. But then if you say, "I'm so needy," and just drop out, this kind of thinking is a waste of time. The goal is attainable. He wouldn't have given us the Holy Spirit and a throne of grace to go to unless it was attainable.

Sometimes, we feel better about taking an easier way because it feels more comfortable. But what we are called to do is attainable. He calls us twice a day to come and offer up what we have. Immediately, when you see in yourself that you're needy, you think, "Oh, I'll never be able to do it." But if as soon as you feel needy, you go to the throne of grace, and you get grace, then you realize you can make it. You can go for another twelve hours. I'm so thankful that is the pattern that was set, and it is attainable, and it is good news.

Nathaniel — The "straw that broke the camel's back" for me in Christianity was when I sat in a room with three leaders of my church and I had some questions about some things. They told me flat out that you cannot expect the church to be in unity. It's not attainable; you cannot do it. So then I said, "Okay, let's say that I grant you that the church as a whole can't be in unity, but what about you? Are you three men in unity?" And they didn't say a word. I walked out of there, went home, and told my wife that I'm done with Christianity. It's broken down to the core.

We have to protect our unity and oneness. It is attainable, and we're striving to obtain it every day with one another. That's why we come together like this. Everything in us is striving for that goal, that prize: we're going to be one with Yahshua. And when we have it, we keep it, and nothing divides us. We don't let anything happen to come between us.

This is so wonderful. It is our hope, and our faith. It is what we live for and nobody can take that away from us. All our Christian friends say it's not possible, and we can say, "Oh, really? Oh, REALLY?" Our life can show them it is possible.

Barak — Chanan was responding to a teaching in Fort Myers recently, talking about a job they were on in Miami. He saw a car parked across the street, with a man sitting in it, looking very needy. Chanan was very busy. He didn't do anything about it, but five minutes later he sees his parents over there, talking to this man. Later, he found out that this man is from Vermont, and is the son of Judge Hayes.¹ He was in a very desperate place. Chanan realized from the teaching that he had to be connected to his father just as our Master was connected to His Father. Yahshua didn't do anything apart from what His Father spoke to Him; He was always in communion with His Father. Chanan said that unless we're in communion with our Father, unless we're *WITH* our Master as we heard, then we will miss these situations and opportunities to win a disciple.

So, now that man is living with us in Fort Myers because someone was in tune with our Father. No matter how busy they were, they took the time to go talk to him. If we're with our Master, we'll be like our Master was — connected to our Father. We'll be sensitive to the situation before us, and we won't miss an opportunity to win a disciple. Being *with* our Master is being with one another, going in the same direction.

Naomi — Love is like oil emptied out of a vessel. It goes everywhere. Love is amazing. Who can describe it? You come into the presence of love and want to go out and love others. Keli's men stopped what they were doing and took the time to love that man.

Wherever Barak and Naomi go, they leave their mark. They make everything beautiful. But the problem is that when they leave, it's not maintained. We have got to learn to maintain what a person attains to.

*...however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained.
(Philippians 3:16, NASB)*

Being connected is how unity is attainable. Without that, it truly is unattainable, and that is why the world is such a mess. The world can't do it; it is an impossible goal. But, if His Spirit is filling our soul, then our soul is being redeemed, and we're being saved from the division that works within us. Then it is attainable.

Unity is not automatic; it doesn't just happen. But division *does* just happen. Leaven happens; it's naturally occurring. It doesn't take any effort for there to be leaven.

¹ Judge Hayes is the man who put Judge Mahady on the bench for the 1984 Raid in Island Pond.

It's in the air. The only way to discern the leaven is by His Spirit dwelling in our soul. Our soul will be redeemed if His Spirit is in our soul. It is not enough for His Spirit to be just in our spirit. We have to be one soul with Him. His Spirit has to be in our soul, not outside knocking. You can try to ennoble the flesh, put on a good performance, but it only lasts as far as when you lose patience with your brother. Then you can end up actually destroying a relationship.

When His Spirit is in our soul, then we will do those works of love. We notice our brothers. We're sensitive to stop and talk to one another. We take the time to love our brother. Then we reveal the glory that causes us to be in unity. We emit that glory in how we do things, how we say things, and how we care for one another. That cements our unity, causing us to love each other with all our hearts. You can't divide that.

The secret is that we are one with Him. If we're with Him, we're with each other. If we're with Him, we'll always be with each other. You can't be with Yahshua and not be looking for His people that are lost in the world, because if you're with Him, you're doing His will, and He came to seek and save the lost (Lk 19:10).

Just remember that Satan also wanted to attain to something: he wanted to ascend to being God. That is why he wears a diadem. That is what he wants. We wear our diadem in assumption that we will attain to and obtain (come into possession of) the very glory of our Master Yahshua. He wants to share His glory and rulership with those who attain to it. That is what Paul was trying to say in Phil 3:14.

Kephir — When Yônêq said how wherever Barak and Naomi go, they make it beautiful, and our problem is that we don't maintain it, I was thinking that we do have unity, as Nathaniel was saying, but we could be like the first edah and not maintain it. As hard as they work, the easy part is doing what Barak and Naomi do. Keeping it that way is the challenge.

It's very easy to lose weight, but it's hard to keep it off. It is an easy thing to raise up the Twelve Tribes of Israel, but to maintain it, in order for the gospel to go to the end of the Earth, that is a hard thing. As long as we're with Him, He's with us.

Now the Spirit of God came on Azariah the son of Oded, and he went out to meet Asa and said to him, "Listen to me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: Yahweh is with you as long as you are with Him. And if you seek Him, you will find Him; but if you abandon Him, He will abandon you." (2 Chr 15:1-2)

Sometimes He abandons us, in a sense; He recedes to our spirit. But then He knocks at the door, and the doorknob is on the inside. He won't barge His way in. He wants us to open the door and let Him come in and have fellowship with us. Then we'll have peace; we'll have unity. There won't be any denominational differences among us.

We're one Body and one Spirit. Our last name is Jacob, or Israel. Our first name is the name of our tribe, but we are one nation — Israel. *Denominate* means to divide into different names. In a family, everyone has a different first name but the same last name. We know who we belong to. We are the new twelve sons of Jacob.

So as long as you're with Him, He'll be with you — but you have to be *with* Him. Do you know what it means, to be WITH Him? (*Speaking to a child...*) Are you with your abba and imma? If you are, you obey them, you love them, you honor and respect them.

ha-êmeq — I like that song, "Cause me to know your lovingkindness in the morning," how it calls us to "stretch forth our hands" to our Father. It reminds me of seeing a little baby. Have you ever been around someone carrying a baby? All of a sudden, the baby reaches his hands out to you, and you feel so important. Babies stretch forth their hands because they want you.

Lifting our hands up in the air is not a religious thing, as in the Pentecostal movement. It's a baby thing; it is something babies do. From birth they do that. No one has to teach them. They want something, they need something, they want to be rescued somehow... Imma comes along, and their hands stretch out. It is something that comes from their soul.

When we lift up our hands to Him, it is a "baby thing" — an outward sign of a people lifting up their souls — and that is what our Father wants, in a nation.