

Valid

A Salvation Ready to be Revealed in the Last Time

Blessed be the God and Father of our Sovereign Yahshua Messiah, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Yahshua Messiah from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (1 Pet 1:3-5)

This is something we need to know how to apply prophetically. Seemingly, no one does.

Nun — It must be at the end of days, at the end of the age. “They are kept by the power of God.” I would say they *need* to be kept by the power of God if it is in the last days. It is a salvation ready to be revealed at that time, as though it hadn’t been before.

“Revealed in the last time” — is this talking about being lived out as a witness? Does it have anything to do with Mt 24:14, do you think? Or, is it after Mt 24:14? Is it speaking of the last days of this age, or is it talking about the salvation that will occur when our Master (Yahweh’s Salvation) comes back physically on the earth? Or is it speaking of when the gospel is revealed? What does *salvation* mean in this verse? Is there something that is going to be revealed that is extraordinary, which has been held back until the very end of days? “All men will know you are My disciples.” How are they going to know it? They’ll know the Father loved them just as He loved our Master. What does that really mean?

Mt 24:14 brings about the end of days, which hasn’t been revealed until there is a people who proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom as a witness. It may be talking about that. Acts 1:6 — “Is this the time,” they asked our Master, “that you will restore Israel?” (Isa 49:6). He answered, “It is not for you to know the times or the seasons.” Paul may have thought it would be in his lifetime when he said, “We who are alive and remain...” He thought he possibly would be alive, since the times and seasons hadn’t been revealed.

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Valid is a good word. Acts 2:44 is just as valid as Jn 3:16. Both are valid. Valid means something that is well-grounded or justifiable by which one can judge what is logically correct. Pilate said, “What is truth?” He didn’t have anything valid by which to judge what *truth* is. Today also there is nothing valid by which you can judge what *truth* is. What is truth? There has to be something that validates what the truth is. It requires the validity of the Body of Messiah, which is called the *church*. How is it proven?

How does Christianity validate anything? How can all men know they are His disciples? Is it going to happen someday that there will be a people whom all men will know are His disciples, because they love one another as He loved them? Wouldn’t that make their gospel valid? Doesn’t the unity and oneness of the Body of Messiah make it valid? That is all I am trying to say.

What is valid? What is truth? Is there any legal authority from our Father? Not from the federal government, for they might say, “This is a valid religion and this is not.” But they don’t have anything valid to judge by. The world has to have something valid to judge by: “All men will know that you are My disciples if you love one another.” *All* men will know this. Jn 13:35 and 17:23 — Those two verses are how our Master said the world will see and know and understand. Even if they don’t accept it, they will be judged by it. Is there any well-grounded or justifiable means by which one can judge what is logically correct in the judgment, “What is the church?”

What is the church today? The church is the Body of Messiah, according to Col 1:18. Here we are, living in these days, and we have to make it happen by crying out to our Father and trusting Him. No one else is making it happen. You brothers work and labor, and the girls get up in the morning and labor to make you food. Why should they do that? They could go out and get a job in the world and have a “good time.” Good time, huh? It would turn into a bad time!

Do the words in Jn 13:35 have any meaning today? Do all men know who are His disciples by our little witness here in Chattanooga? No, not yet. Maybe it is kept from them and will be revealed in the very end times, the end days. Maybe that is when His salvation will be revealed, when He returns with His armies. We have to understand what he is really saying there.

Did Peter even know what he was saying when he said that? Or is it prophetically taken as a catalyst to understand other things? Trying to understand this gives us understanding of many other things. How could it be that all men will know we are His disciples if we love one another? What does that mean? You can see that it is happening to some extent here in our midst. People are seeing it a little bit. Not all men, but some men are really seeing something that is valid.

You ought to look up the word *valid*. It is an amazing word. Are we valid? Are we a valid expression of the Body of Messiah? Is there any validity here? Is there any well-grounded or justifiable means by which one can judge what is logically correct regarding what is the church? The federal government judges what a church is. They are natural-minded men trying to understand what the church is. They are like Constantine. It is not the business of the natural-minded to make such judgments. The federal government can't make such judgments, but of course they will, especially as the church and state come together again. Then the Harlot will mount the Beast.

So let's ask the question, “Does Jn 13:35 have any meaning today, that all men will know who are and who aren't His disciples?”

Obviously, if this is fulfilled, they are going to observe love. They can understand that when we love one another as our Master loved, we are proving to be His disciples. Somehow they will know it, according to our Master's words. All men will know (*men* is both genders). That is something left for a people to do, and it will happen — it is an absolute prophetic utterance of our Master Yahshua. It is His prayer, “Let them be one as I and the Father are one, so that the world will know...” That was His prayer. Certainly, we know that His prayer will be answered by *someone* on earth. It will be a living demonstration, a witness, a kingdom.

Ne'eman — Right now we are in the process of establishing the validity of the truth that is going to convict and save people. The Twelve Tribes are being raised up right now, but they have to be built up, and then it has to be maintained, and then it will be a light to the nations and salvation is going to dawn on people a lot more than it is now. It says, “we're being kept by the Father,” meaning He's with us (if we are with Him), and we have to cry out, “Give us what we need — farms, delis, communities, and gifting — whatever is going establish that witness,” and then there will be a valid expression. There won't be any room for Pilate to say, “What is truth?” The evidence will be there.

Netsak — It says in Jn 7:17 that if you are willing to do His will, you *will know* whether the teaching is from God or man. Right now only a few people know what His will is, but at the very end our Father is going to make it clear so that all the people who thought we were crazy are going to realize that we were actually doing our Father's will, by His Spirit.

It is the end of selfishness that brings about the end of Satan's reign, and the end of Satan's reign brings about

the end of Death's reign. First of all, all men will know that we are His disciples because there's no more selfishness among us. Sin is selfishness. Selfishness is sin. It is what makes us live for ourselves. The end of selfishness is living for our Master. We live for Him and for one another, and that is the end of selfishness, therefore, Satan has no more reign over our lives. When that happens then death loses its power, and the last enemy will be overthrown. That is what we have to do to bring about the end — even the end of death and Satan's reign.

Satan is reigning on the earth, but there will be a people he really isn't reigning over. People are going to see that and say, "How come you are different?" They won't say, "How come you are laying down your lives?" They'll say, "What are you *doing*? You're living together, and there is no more selfishness, no more we seeking your own food and clothing, working just for yourself; but everything you do is to serve one another."

Acts 2:44 is the end of selfishness, which is the end of Satan's reign, and at the end of Satan's reign is the end of Death's reign. That is what we are working for: the end of Satan's reign. Then death will be no longer. Jms 1:14-15 is based on what happened to Eve. Desire is not sin, but when desire is conceived, then you are enticed, and you sin and keep on sinning in that way, and it brings forth death. Obviously, it brought forth death in Eve and Adam, and then death reigned on the earth (Gen 2:17).

We have to eat from the Tree of Life now. Someone has to bring death to an end, and it can't be done without a people validating the truth. We are going to put out a paper on selfishness. There is no way selfishness can be eradicated in the world. You have to be selfish living in the world. There's no way out of it because you have to live for and work for yourself. Maybe you don't even want to, but you still have to in order to survive. But here, we can live for one another. Everything we do is for one another. Our girls got up this morning and cooked for us. They laid down their lives.

We are here to lay down our lives. We are not here to work for ourselves; we are working to establish the Kingdom. That is the end of selfishness. If we are lazy, that is selfishness, isn't it? If we get offended, that is selfishness, isn't it? As we said yesterday morning, a man's character is measured by how quickly someone can "get his goat." Someone said, "She not only got my goat, she got my whole herd!"

ha-êmeq — The end of selfishness is the cure for the fatal flaw. You pass out the *Fatal Flaw* freepaper and right after that you could give them the *Selfishness* freepaper. Suppose someone is sitting back watching this scene going on: a man totally involved in his painting and really giving himself to painting, and then another character comes on the stage and picks up an airbrush and starts saying this and that. And the first painter says, "What are you saying about my painting?" He gets the air gun and says, "I'm walking out of here if you touch that painting!" They yell at each other and then walk off, and that's the end of a friendship. And the one watching would say, "Yep, that's the 'same old same old.' That's the way the world has been going for centuries."

You just don't touch someone else's artwork. That is a big "No-no." We learned that in college. But if there were someone watching the whole drama and sees the sober look on his face, sees him pacing around, and then sees her come in, and then sees a big hug and smiles, he would say, "Wait a minute, the fatal flaw was undone right here! What happened?"

It seems like a small example, but that is exactly how World War III will start. It will start with something as little as an offense, then it just blows up into a huge thing. I am so thankful for the salvation that is going to be revealed on the earth.

Yesterday, we were at the fabric store. The lady at the store came from Tennessee Temple. I remembered that

feeling that came over me thirty years ago. If you met someone from Tennessee Temple, you knew they were going to hit you with the Bible the next minute. They were going to yell John 3:16 at you and ask you, “Are you saved?” To me, those were the scariest people on earth. I was scared to even drive down that street. One of them might try to give me a tract or something. I am just not that kind of a person. But I could tell this lady was not made out of that same kind of stuff as the old Tennessee Temple people were.

I imagined that I could ask her, “Do you believe John 3:16 is valid?” and she would say, “Of course,” and then, “Do you think John 13:35 is valid?” and she’d say, “Of course,” without even reading it (because it is the *Word of God*). “Could you read it?”

“Sure, I’ll read it.” She probably had her Bible tucked under the fabric table. So she opens it and reads, “By this, everyone will know that you are My disciples, by your love for one another.”

“So, is that valid?”

“Whoa, I am sure it was, in its setting. They loved each other, those disciples.”

It should totally pull the ground out from under her feet. For sure, she believes it is the Word of God, but is it valid *today*? Nobody loves one another like that today. And probably she had a sad face on her yesterday because she got in a fight with her roommate or something. John 3:16, which is *so valid* for them, doesn’t add anything to the story. So, when you get mad with your roommate there at the dorm, all you can say is, “You’re going to the Lake of Fire,” or, “You’re not saved! You’d better get saved.” That is their whole story. Get John 3:16 out and they can only tell each other they are not saved and fight. But they wouldn’t have anything else that was valid. They wouldn’t have Acts 2:44.

What our Father is trying to do is get us to judge our own selfishness. We have to judge ourselves right. When we see that selfishness, we can confess it, and we can undo it. We can be forgiven for selfishness. It does not mean we are never ever going to be selfish again, but when we are selfish, at least we can judge it. We can start judging the selfishness in us. Pretty soon it will be eradicated, at least to the extent that it won’t divide us. We submit to one another, and that doesn’t mean the women are going to take over, but they have a certain insight we have to receive.

No one is a know-it-all. We ask each other, “What do you think about this?” We don’t have gurus in the café, making all the decisions. We ask, “What do you think about this? What do you think about that?” “Yes, I think that is good.” We submit to one another. We don’t just make independent decisions.

Yadonah — I was thinking about something I heard when I was visiting at Hiddenite. I was having Friday night dinner with some guests. I was with Naboth of Bellows Falls and his mother, who was visiting us. There was also an older couple at our table, and it sounded as if they were frequent visitors. The woman was very concerned with doctrine and had a lot to say. Finally, Naboth’s mother, who visited Bellows Falls, looked at her and said, “I don’t know about all that. All I know is that when I visited my son in Bellows Falls, all I saw was love.”

I thought that was so wonderful. It is showing that validity is beginning to be established. I know that our choices every day allow us to choose life or we can choose death. We can choose to receive what our Father has for us every day. If we don’t receive, we hinder that validity from being established. I am really thankful for what I am hearing.

Chanowk — When ha-êmeq said, “The opposite of selfishness is love,” it caused me to think about a teaching

not too long ago about the bad leaven and the good leaven. Hakam came back from a meeting talking about it, saying, “Leaven has to stay at a certain temperature. You have to feed it every day, but not too much, and it has to stay at the right temperature. If you do that, at a certain point, it explodes.” It will keep growing and growing. The only thing that will kill it is salt.

But if we keep loving, keep doing Jn 13:34-35, then there is going to come a point when that witness explodes. Then it will be irreversible. The witness is refutable right now, but the day will come when it is irrefutable. It just made me want to feed that good leaven and not be selfish.

It starts with loving your neighbor. Who’s your neighbor? [*Someone mentioned the brother in the next room.*] No that’s not right. [*The same person said, “My wife.”*] That’s right. It goes on from there. You have to love your spouse, or the brother in the next bunk, no matter whether he snores or not.

Nun — I had the opportunity to go to Hiddenite during the Tribal Trading Seminar. Those brothers are dedicated and devoted to seeing to the good of the other tribes. They are all looking out for each other’s needs and bringing an end to selfishness. They are not self-seeking. They are not looking out for what will benefit them, but their whole motive, what compels them, is the love of Messiah. They are not living for themselves anymore. They are looking out for the welfare of their brothers. They are validating the witness.

They were talking by the wheels in Ezekiel turning, and that care is really what gives those wheels momentum, directed by the Spirit in a people, especially in those people specifically assigned to that task. It was amazing to see it actually happening.

1 Jn 3:17 says, “Whoever has this world’s goods, but closes his heart to his brother, how does the love of God abide in him?” John was asking, “How does that bring any validity to the love of God in that person?”

Selfishness is an enemy. It has to be put under our Master’s feet. We have to no longer live for ourselves, but for Him who died on our behalf (2 Cor 5:15). Isn’t that amazing, that we would no longer live for ourselves? That puts an end to selfishness, if we do that. We can’t do that unless we pray that our Father would give us the grace to do it. It takes the power of the Holy Spirit to do it. That is what is going to make the difference. That is the light, the power of the Holy Spirit. It can’t just be our own strength, as 1 Pet 4:11 says. We are not working in our own strength, but by the strength that He provides for us. Let’s give Him all the glory and all the credit.

We are doing the most impossible thing, putting an end to selfishness. But all things are possible with our Father. Maybe it is impossible for the world, but we are going to show them, and then all men will know who His disciples are. Our Master wasn’t selfish, and we have to walk as He walked.

Sekel — Further down in 1 Peter it talks about how we weren’t redeemed with perishable things like silver and gold, but with the precious blood of our Master. That is how the love of Messiah compels us. It wasn’t just any blood that redeemed us. It was *His* blood. “Since you have, in obedience to the truth, purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart.”

That is what causes us to love as He loved, because we know that is the reason He shed His blood — that we would love as He loved. That would be the fruit of His sacrifice, that we would have that kind of love that boils over, that fervently loves one another. We are not there yet, but our Father is making us that way. In Christianity, it could almost be *any* blood, judging by the way they conduct themselves. They don’t have that compelling force to love the way our Master loved.

Amen. Judith and Rebecca were searching all over, traveling here and there, two girls wandering around from

community to community, looking for love. They probably thought they were apostles. I made them mad and they left, but they saw love. What did I say to make you mad?

Sekel — “Solo Christians can’t do the will of God.”

And then you came back a little later?

Sekel — A few months later. We had to get humbled a little bit more.

Ne’eman — The roots of selfishness are a lot deeper than what the world calls selfishness, which is maybe not sharing this or that. But selfishness is lurking behind doing what you do, the way you want to do it, serving the way you *want* to serve.

ha-êmeq — Even opinions could be a very selfish thing. It feels like your opinion is the only way of doing something, but it actually isn’t, it’s *yours*. We all have really good thoughts and ideas about things, like how to set up the kitchen in the café. There are a lot of opinions about it. And they are people’s very own opinions. We can all just sit there and say how the sandwich bar needs to face this way, but someone is going to have to give, or we’ll spend a week discussing it. Someone has to give and see the value of someone else’s opinion. We can have three really good opinions about it, but someone has to yield. Our Father’s way will probably be a combination of those disciples’ opinions. In the deli, you can really feel it if your opinion is challenged. You tend to get your fingers on the edge of it. It becomes “my” opinion and you don’t even realize that you have an opinion.

Someone probably turned the heat up this morning because to them it was cool down here. Then, someone else comes down and is burning up. Well, why don’t you just wear a sweater instead of turning up the heat for everyone else because you want to be comfortable? That could be an example of an opinion.

Ishah Ruth — When Yônêq said the word *valid*, the first thing that came to my mind is “valid identification.” I thought of an ID card, and how it says, “This is not a valid license.” There are all kinds of identities. Lots of religious people that say they are Yahshua’s disciples. But our Master said, “If you see this identification, you will know who My disciples are.” They are the ones who love each other. They are not the ones who go around quoting Jn 3:16 or bragging about themselves, but they are actually the ones that love each other.

It spoke to me when Yônêq said, “By this all men will know that you are My disciples: if you get rid of selfishness.” That’s the valid identification that we have to have as disciples. We have to look at ourselves and say, “How am I selfish in not loving my brothers and sisters?” I am thankful we heard that this morning.

Emunah shel Derek — When Yônêq asked, “Are we valid?” the first thing that came to my mind was that what would make us invalid is if we don’t love all the members of the Body, if we avoid those that we might not naturally get along with or naturally love. Sometimes I feel that tug in me to go beyond the natural and love when maybe I don’t feel like loving, or when I’m around someone I might have a harder time getting along with. Derek always tells me that I just need to love, and that if I can’t love them, I can’t expect them to love me. I can’t just tap my foot and wait for them to love me.

I know our Father needs all of us to be go-getters and not just wait around for people to come to us. We have to be aggressive in our love. If we overcome to love people that maybe don’t love us, at some point, if they do have the Holy Spirit, then we will *all* love each other, and then we can have that explosion Chanowk talked about. I want to be faithful to do my part. I am thankful to have that encouragement to press on and be a go-getter, and to love.

Derek — I was thinking how we could publish a newspaper for everyone in the world that says, “God is love,” and “These people have love in their hearts.” But I am thankful that it is not something you can put down on paper, “Look, this is documented evidence. They are the truth.” It is our Father who has made it so that love is something spiritual that you can see, not just something you can say. It is something you have to see with your heart. It is not so impressive to the natural eye. I am thankful that our wealth is in love, that we are building the Kingdom, and that we can do it today.

Tabitha — Hakam said the other day that selfishness loses its power when you love one another. We are in an environment where we can love one another. But there are also those subtle ways that we can live for ourselves. I have to learn to detect those little ways of selfishness in me. In order for us to be that witness as a whole, we have to start with the little things, individually, so that corporately we will be that one witness.

In Christianity, there is no environment for them where they can cut off that selfishness, so they have to make excuses for why they don’t love each other. But I am thankful that here there is no excuse. We can’t make excuses for not loving because we are in an environment where we can love each other on a daily basis.

I just want to learn to detect those small ways of selfishness so that I could be a greater witness. There is nothing worse than a window with a smear on it, and that is how it is with selfishness. When we are selfish it is like taking grease and smearing it on a window. But, if we can learn to cut those ways off, then we’ll be a clear demonstration to other people.

Basemath — I learned this morning that if we are living for our Master, we’ll be able to bring death to selfishness. I am thankful that every day I can get up and choose to live for our Master. I can overcome the fatal flaw in me, and by that everyone is going to be so astounded by our life.

Isa 52:15 says we are going to have a startling effect on the world. What is that word we used to use? Galvanizing. Then kings will shut their mouths. They’ll see. Maybe they will drag our children before the council and they will startle the kings, they will shut their mouths. It will be a startling effect.

Gader Peretz — The second part of that verse speaks of the play. They are not really understanding the narration, they are not really hearing it. But what they are seeing is the play. It says, “For what they have been told they will see, what they have not heard, they will understand.” It will be that veritable and verifiable witness that will startle the world.