

Justice and Righteousness are the Foundation of His Throne

Old Israel never really took the land. They marched in physically, but they brought their baggage from Egypt with them, so they never prospered. As a nation, they never learned our Father's ways (Heb 3:10). ha-êmeq wrote something in the back of this Bible, a long time ago: "Learn His ways, or you will not enter the land."

The Edah, the community of the first century (the "church"), was called *The Way* (Acts 9:2; 19:9,23; 22:4,14; 24:22). If we're in *the Way*, we have to learn the way — we have to learn His ways. Old Israel never *learned* His ways so they never *knew* His ways, so, they would always grumble and complain. Therefore, they were *destroyed by the destroyer* (1 Cor 10:10).

The Call to Follow Abraham

The Community was called *The Way*, and our Master is the Way (Jn 14:6); He is the way we are to go. We are to *keep the way of Yahweh*, as Gen 18:19 states. That is *the Way*. The first-century church was called *The Way* because they wanted to keep *that way*, the way of Yahweh, in order to bring about what our Father promised Abraham. He promised him the land as an everlasting possession — an enemy-free land — if only they would obey our Father. But they never obeyed Him fully, so they never obtained that promise. They have not kept the way of Gen 18:19, which was the only way our Father could bring about the promise our Father made Abraham in Gen 15:18.

Our Father promised Abraham all this when He walked through those split animals, so if He doesn't keep that promise, He'll be cursed, and end up just like those animals. It was a *self-cursing oath*.¹ So the terms He provided for *all* the sons of Abraham to fulfill their side of the covenant was Gen 18:19 — they were to *keep the way of Yahweh by doing justice and righteousness*.

¹ See also, *Self-Maledictory Oath* (Part 1, 2008.06.00-T01; Part 2, 2008.06.20-A01)

The foundation of the *throne* of Elohim is justice and righteousness. If we don't do justice because we're righteous, then there's no way we're fulfilling our Father's purpose.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you. (Ps 89:14)

That is why doing righteousness and justice is the way of Yahweh (Gen 18:19). The sons of Abraham are doing that, the very chosen ones of Yahweh, because that is the very foundation of His throne. Wicked men are those among us who don't understand justice (Pr 28:5), but "those who seek Yahweh understand all things," as Paul said in 1 Cor 2:15-16. We understand *all things* because we have the mind of Messiah.

Mt 21:43 — You can see the reason our Master said that. He had to give the kingdom to a nation who would *do* justice and righteousness, and bring about the promise to Abraham. That is why we're here. The restoration of all things is to bring about the promise our Father made to Abraham by *doing justice and righteousness*, thereby keeping the way of Yahweh:

For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of Yahweh by doing righteousness and justice, so that Yahweh may bring to Abraham what He has promised him. (Gen 18:19)

You've heard that over a thousand times, but I'm sure old Israel heard it a lot, too, and the first church heard it a lot, but they didn't keep the way; they didn't *keep* doing righteousness and justice.

So what does it mean to do justice? Justice is having regard for the welfare of others; to do what is worthy of one's righteousness. So if you're righteous, you're going to do justice — that which is *worthy* of your righteousness in Messiah. It is not our own righteousness, but *His* righteousness that He has given us. Our righteousness has to grow into His righteousness. It is justice to do what is worthy of Messiah, as a true son of Abraham.

Abraham did justice and righteousness, but what about those who came after him? It says, "command his household *after him*..." That means those who come *after*

you have to do justice and righteousness also. It's not good enough for one person to do it; there has to be a *generation* that comes after you who do it also, and generations after them. That is how the promise is fulfilled. That is very purpose of our existence, what we are living for, to bring about the end of this age, and the end of Satan's reign — to cause Satan to be locked up for a thousand years, which will take bringing our Master back.

Children of the Promise

It is up to us to do it, by our Master's grace, which we can have for the asking, if we cry out for it. It is not up to anybody else but the twelve tribes of Israel — whoever is the twelve tribes, whoever is the restoration of all things. People ask whether we're "the only ones." No, we're not the only ones. All who are part of the restoration of all things are "the only ones;" all who are part of the twelve tribes of Israel are "the only ones." Therefore we are calling everyone into the restoration of all things, so we won't be "the only ones." There are only twelve gates; there is no way you can get into the twelve tribes unless you go through one of the gates. Every community, every cluster that is attached to the Vine is attached to one of those gates.

So that is why Paul spoke of our twelve tribes who earnestly serve God night and day in the hope of attaining to the promise *for them* — for Abraham's *natural* offspring. If we belong to Messiah, we are Abraham's *spiritual* offspring (Gal 3:29). And if we really belong to Him, we're going to keep the way of Yahweh, and we're going to do justice and righteousness, and we're going to command our children and our household after us.

That means it will go from generation to generation, until our Father's will is done, until the year of Jubilee. Our Master can't come back until we celebrate the year of Jubilee, which means we were victorious over our enemies for a 50-year period, which Israel never was. They never celebrated a year of Jubilee. They always divided or fell into idol worship.

The Outward Sign

There are two outstanding characteristics of the seed of Abraham:

- 1) They command their children;
- 2) They do justice and righteousness.

Who commands their children in the world these days? How difficult it is to command your children, or even to do justice — having regard for the welfare of others. This just a little part of what it means, “*to know His ways*” (Heb 3:10).

The “restoration of all things” includes (at least) the following:

- 1) The restoration of the Holy Spirit;
- 2) The restoration of the gospel;
- 3) The restoration of community;
- 4) The restoration of the Sabbath;
- 5) The restoration of the twelve tribes;
- 6) The restoration of annual festivals;
- 7) The restoration of the monthly (new moon) festivals.

The restoration of all things involves restoring whatever has been lost since the fall of the first church. We’ve got to restore it back to the original pattern as it was in the beginning, or *no one is saved*. No one is saved unless there is a restoration back to where the Holy Spirit can be given to a people so that they can keep the way of Yahweh, which is to *do righteousness and justice*, so that our Father’s ultimate purpose can be achieved. That is the restoration of all things (Mk 9:12; Mal 4:6).

The first church tried to restore what was missing in old Israel, and did for awhile, but *they left their first love*. And so we’ve got to get back to where they went off in the first century so that we can complete the restoration *for* old Israel, because they never did it. We’ve got to get back to the *true spirit of the festivals*, what they are actually for. We have to know why we’re celebrating the festivals — Pesach (Passover), Shavuot

(Pentecost), Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement), Sukkot (Feast of Booths) — which we hardly know anything about.

We have to be honest. *Only* our Father can reveal it. So many people have tried to do it, tried to understand it in the Scriptures — they clean their houses to get all the leaven out, but they don't get anything out of their heart, and that's what He's trying to say. Of course, we need to do clean our houses, too, but the heart is the main thing. So if we have the cleanliness of our heart, we'll know why we're cleaning our house. Do you understand? This will bring Messiah back.

The Second Resurrection of the Edah

Look at Acts 26:6-7, and you can see that the kingdom was taken away from old Israel and given to the people who would bring about the promise and the fruit. When Paul said “our twelve tribes,” he wasn't speaking of Jews; they were persecuting him. The Jews didn't even have twelve tribes. The twelve tribes Paul was speaking of was the first church. They were serving night and day *for the hope of the promise made to Abraham*, which they were hoping hoping to fulfill *for them*.

Why should it be thought incredible that God raises the dead? (Acts 26:8)

Don't be surprised if God raises Israel from the dead. You can say that it is an individual resurrection, but it is also a *national* resurrection, as it says in Rom 11:15 — “Life from the dead.” We're going to raise dead Israel and they're going to have the land in the next age. They're going to have a twelve-tribed nation according to our Master in Mt 19:28. He said the apostles will be “on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel” in the next age, *in the regeneration*.

Walking in the Way

So, you can see what we have to understand in order to pass it on to our children, so they will know who we are. That is why we were chosen. We are working for our Father, since He made the promise when He walked through the split animals, the

significance of which Jer 34:18-20 explains to us. Genesis 15 describes a self-cursing oath. And anyone who makes a covenant and doesn't keep it is cursed; he will be like those split animals. Our Father walked between those split animals and said, "Abraham, I'm going to give you that enemy-free land. That is My promise." But, Gen 18:19 says there is something Abraham and his offspring had to do, which now we have to do *for them*:

- 1) *Command our children and our household after us;*
- 2) *Keep the way of Yahweh;*
- 3) *Do justice and righteousness.*

If Israel had done it, our Father would already have brought about what He promised Abraham. But they never did it, so there has to be a people who will do Gen 18:19. Therefore, here we are, and every one of our children have to know and understand that so they can grow up and train their own children to do it. It has to go from generation to generation. Do you see that?

So many people say, "Well, I'm a Christian, and I'm going to heaven when I die." That has *nothing to do* with what people are saved to do. We are here to do Eph 2:22-23, so that the eternal day will come, the Eighth Day, when our Father will have an eternal dwelling place. He is looking for a home. He has been homeless for almost 2000 years. Did you know that? He wants to rule the universe through us.

As it written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him..." These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. (1 Cor 2:9-10)

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, what God has prepared for who? Those who love Him. Do we love Him? Do we keep His way? Do we do justice and righteousness? If you're righteous, you'll do justice. That is the foundation of His throne.

Ben Naby — I've never seen so clear before why old Israel was cut off. What they were producing wasn't the foundation of His righteousness, but self-righteousness. They weren't concerned for justice, regarding others,

since they were more concerned about how people saw them, how they looked in the marketplace, and having the seat of honor.

They never learned justice, so He had to cut them off. An evil spirit started growing, instead of love. When Paul became an apostle to the Gentiles, the Jews at that time were totally excluding the Gentiles, considering them dogs, casting them out. They were longing for something to happen. Paul saw those hearts reaching out, wanting salvation. They wanted to do what was right, but they couldn't, because the supposed representatives of God were caring only for themselves.

He couldn't use those people to reach out with His love, and His justice and righteousness, because they had left that foundation. That's why our Father had to put an axe to it, because it no longer represented Him. The kingdom had to be given to another people who would represent Him. Somebody needed to represent Him, so He chose the Gentiles.

What a wonderful privilege we have to truly care for the welfare of others. When we restore His righteousness and justice, asking for grace to love our brothers and sisters and care for them, He will get the glory.

Let's all, knowing who we are, raise our hands so that we can be all that our Father has redeemed us to be. That's why we raise our hands in total surrender. We give our lives only to Him, our Father, and nothing else.