

Shabbat-Keeping, Blamelessness, and Possessing the Remnant of Edom

I am thankful to be gathered here tonight, honoring the Shabbat. The book of Hebrews speaks about this. It never said that the Shabbat would be taken away and given to First Day. That was a manipulation of the Pope, of the Catholic Church, which spread to everyone else. Only God's holy people keep the Shabbat. The Shabbat is not for individuals but for a people. They cease from work on that day and rest.

Ex 31:12-17 — It's a sign between His people and Himself, that He sets them apart. It's a sign that they are His chosen, holy, set-apart people. I am thankful we can keep this sign. It's to be a perpetual sign. Israel quit keeping the Shabbat in the Spirit.

Heb 4:3 — They shall not enter His rest. We who have trusted our Master enter that rest. That's in His kingdom. The day will come when He'll establish the kingdom, the seventh day. We're in the sixth day now.

'They shall not enter because of their deeds.'

Our Father's works were finished. He made His highest creation. He couldn't do anything better. The problem was that they ate from the wrong tree. They never ate from the tree of life. You can see down through history what happened. Everybody was tested.

Verse 9 — There remains a Shabbat-keeping for the people of God. Verse 11 — Make every effort to enter that rest. That's why our Master said Mt 21:43.

Paul kept the Shabbat and the festivals. We know that from Acts and different other places. It was right to keep the Shabbat. The First Edah kept the Shabbat. They gathered at sundown on First Day eve to break bread (Acts 20:7-8). We understand that, we know it.

Heb 4:11-14 says all of this is to know where we are at, as in 2 Sam 22:21-31. He knows everything we are thinking. He judges us based on that. He judges us based on how we see Him. Some people see Him in the wrong way. They see everything wrong and accuse Him.

2 Sam 22:21 says *"my righteousness."* If we have our Master, our own righteousness increases. We have His righteousness, but He wants us to be righteous as He is.

Verse 26 — "With the loyal He shows Himself loyal." You can see why some fall away. The loyal see Him as loyal. With the blameless He shows Himself blameless. If we're not blameless we always blame others. If we're blameless we blame ourselves. If we're full of blame, we blame Him, the body, others. The blame game starts. If we're not pure, we see Him not pure. "With the crooked You show Yourself crooked." If we're crooked we think He is crooked. That's why people have problems in the Body. They are always blaming God, others, the brothers, etc.

Verse 28 — He saves a humble people. That's why some are brought down. If they were blameless they'd see their own blame. Verse 30 — It just shows where we are at as we go back to the letter of Hebrews. "Today if you hear His voice, don't harden your heart." How many have hardened their heart? How many have received accusations? They can't keep the Shabbat. "There is no rest for the wicked." *Wicked* in this context is not like wickedness in the world. In the Body the wicked see everything wrong and start blaming God. How many hundreds have seen Him that way? Hundreds of them.

2 Sam 23:1-7 — The favorite of the Strong One of Israel says this. Verses 6-7 — But the people who aren't

blameless can't be taken in hand. You've seen people like this. They don't see God as blameless. They're not pure. They think God is crooked and the Body is crooked. They are the godless, those who aren't like God in the Body. We don't want to be like that. We want people to come to us. We have no offenses. How many have you known that have been like that? When you go to them they talk about how bad you are. That's really bad.

Jn 18:37 — “Everyone who is of the truth hears His voice.” Who hears His voice? They belong to the truth. They love it (Jn 10:16,27). “What is truth?” Pilate saw everything. He had seen all the religions in the world. And here they were, the Jews, claiming to be the true religion, claiming to have the truth, accusing an innocent man. Pilate was the representation of Caesar. He said, in as many words, “I find no fault in this sacrifice. Yahshua will be a blameless sacrifice.”

Heb 4:11 — It's really something to enter His rest. That's why we keep this day. We work six days and rest on the seventh day. We come to completion, satisfaction. After that we break bread.

The Remnant of Edom

Now this here is something really significant. In Acts 15 there was a big council. There were a lot of problems and accusations. People said that you had to do this and that in order to be saved, etc.

In Acts 15:12-17 they make reference to Amos 9:11-12, where it speaks of the nations coming in, not just the Jews. They had problems about the nations being saved. They didn't have a good name for them.

James, in Acts 15, didn't say that they would possess the remnant of Edom. They didn't know at that time what they would become. They didn't know that they would fall away and become an institutional organized religion. They didn't know they would become Christianity. But they drifted way away from what it was in the beginning. Three centuries later they were changed beyond recognition. They had left their first love. There was no more laying down of their life for each other, etc. The lampstand was taken away in every place. They became an organized religion, the Universal Church.

What was Edom? It is a picture of apostasy. It goes back to Jacob and Esau. Edom came out of that, out of Esau. Edom is a prophetic name for Christianity. It stands prophetically for Christianity, for Babylon.

Not only the nations will come into the Edom, but a special group of people who must come out of Christianity, out of Edom.

We have to restore everything to how it was in the beginning, in the first century, like keeping the Shabbat as a sign. No one who doesn't keep the Shabbat within the framework of the Body is saved. Of course keeping the Shabbat doesn't save you, but if you are saved you will keep it. Ex 31:12-17 — A whole community rests in every place in the world, thousands of them. They rest.

Edom doesn't keep the Shabbat, but there are people in her that belong to our Father. “Come out of her!” We have been laboring for years to reach people in Edom, so they'd come out of her. I was in Christianity. There are people in her that belong to our Father. How are they going to hear His voice? Through His people. “Come out of that double prison!” For them it's not just coming out of the world. Rev 18:2 calls it a prison of uncleanness. The unclean won't see God. Other places talk about how Edom is going to be burned, but those who hear His voice will come out of her before that (Jer 51:58).

We are set apart. We are God's people. How do we know we are? 2 Sam 22:26 — “To the loyal He shows Himself loyal.”

Amos 9:14-15 — That can only happen if we produce the fruit of the kingdom, to bring back to ancient Israel the promise of our Father that hasn't been fulfilled. They are fighting and killing over there in "Israel," but the promise is an enemy-free land.

Isa 56:1-2 — There will be a people in the end of days who keep the Shabbat. This is not just a denomination but a whole nation of people that keep the Shabbat.

How is Israel going to be worthy to possess the land? By doing Gen 18:19 (Isa 56:1-2). They had the land, but they had always tribal wars. They had gone to the world. They never had a Jubilee. It is given to a people at the end of the age who will restore all things. They will bring Israel back to the land.

Who is talking in Isa 56? YHWH Himself is talking. He says, "My Salvation..." That's Yahshua. He is coming. He is about to come.

Isa 56:2 — Obviously they'll keep the Shabbat. What is keeping the Shabbat? Not working on that day and complaining? No it's resting and being happy.

We are going to understand it more and more as we go along. Maybe we don't understand it fully, but we will as we go along.

Ruel

Uncle Germain, *Ruel*, is such a wonderful man. I guess he knows what I'll say. I always say it. We had 120 people up there in Island Pond. Ruel came from Canada. He had worked for many years. He had insurance, retirement savings. It was one of our hard times in the edah. We wanted to open up our store there. We had barn wood, etc., to build it. We could do many things, but we had no way to stock it. Ruel offered his life's earnings. He didn't have much. He had about \$7000, but that was everything he had. It meant everything to the Body of Messiah. I don't know where we'd be if he hadn't done that. It takes everything from everybody in the Body.

Jn 12:26 — Our Master said that "whoever serves Him, My Father will honor him." Ruel is an honorable man. I just want to be like him.