

January 27, 1994, Evening Sacrifice Sus House, Boston

Absent From the Body

Seth — I thought I wasn't saved because I had to pretend so I knew I wasn't praying and going to the throne. But now if I feel like I'm not saved or feel like I'm pretending I know I need to go to the throne where I will find mercy and grace.

Yonah — Luke 21:46 The word *praying* here is really begging. I'm starting to understand what normal prayer life is. If we don't beg for something from our Father's hand it is because we really don't need it. So we are independent. Ultimately independence lets you down every time. When we go to pray it ought to be, "Help me, I'm falling apart. I can't live this life without Your strength. It is nothing anyway without You." In the years to come the way we pray at the sacrifices will become intense. Our Abba is revealing to us what makes His heart pulse. When you realize it and touch it, it causes you to be like Him. This makes you want to give yourself to what is being done on the earth. I have come to the sacrifices so many times not prepared. But now I'm begging for our Father to do something on the earth. I want to be filled with the Spirit and have my mouth filled. He is stirring us up to pray, praying fervently and with passion filling our heart. When the spiritual temperature goes up just one degree it is so wonderful and marvelous because our Father is pleased.

Hakam — It is amazing how He knows what is in our heart, our desire, that is why He chose us. We are starting to understand that we want what He wants. God has a people who will be like Him.

2 Cor 5:8 — There should be no lapse in time from the moment you physically die to when you are with our Master. Paul had learned to be well pleasing to Him. So there was no time Paul was out of fellowship with Him even in the moment his spirit was taken away. He was absent from the body and present with Him. Paul was just as happy to go on and be with our Master for Paul knew there would be no lapse in time. Paul had no fear of death. If there are times we are not in fellowship then we fear going to death. Paul passed out of that. Paul got to the place where everything he did was well pleasing to our Master. It is by the word of our testimony that we overcome. We all need to come to the place where there is no fear to go to be with our Master. If there is this fear, where does it come from? If we are in a lapse of time when we're not in fellowship can you say absent from the Body and present with the Master?

Phil 3:13-14. Paul said, "one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Yahshua Messiah." Paul was a normal disciple. It is His will that we would be a productive member of the Body. We must be connected to the vine and we will be productive. If you are an unproductive disciple you are actually counterproductive. We must be abiding to be productive. We must be abiding and once again. Acts 26:7 will come about by the nation in Mt 21:43 that is producing the fruit of it. Mt 24:14. This is the gospel of the Kingdom that must be preached. We are in the gestation period, we've barely come alive. We are going to become the nation of people fervently worshipping Him night and day.

1 Pet 2:9.

If you can say right now, "I am in fellowship with my Master", then you can say, "If I die I will be absent from my body and present with my Master." If we are in fellowship then you will see we will be completely humble, patient, kind and forbearing. Eph 4:2. Our Master was always completely patient, kind and gentle (which is strength under control). We are being restored in every aspect of our personality. Who can now say, "Absent from the body, present with the Master"? Who can say there would be no lapse of time.

Some people in this room will be:

- 1) separated for eternity — natural man
- 2) separated for 1,000 years or less — carnal man
- 3) never separated — spiritual man

Can you say, like Paul, that if you died you would be absent from the body and present with the Master?