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Ananias & Sapphira

Dear Joseph,

Every Monday and Friday morning at 5:30 several of us gather together at the round house where Daniel and Mizpah and Yoneq and ha-emeq live. These meetings are very multiple in their purpose. They are apostolic, prophetic, governmental, evangelistic, industry and for the shepherding of the flock. When we come together it is in the name of our Master Yahshua, not just having the knowledge of it, but someone inspired by the Holy Spirit makes that proclamation known to all, bringing the awareness of His very presence in among us. For it is truly only where two or three who represent the government or authority of the church are gathered together that He is in their midst. These two or three are not just independent men but they are gathered from an assembly, a community, therefore they can constitute the church because they represent its government and authority.

If we can do anything without Him then we are automatically excluded from the government. We need to be totally dependant on Him.

The meetings we have been having are giving us much vision, faith and encouragement as the church begins to be built up and brothers are being raised up for the different areas of responsibility. Being able to meet together allows us to express our hearts, bring forth the gifts in each other and increase the unity which provides a proper covering for the church here. The anointing is then able to flow throughout the whole body for the perfecting, equipping of the saints for the works of service and the building up of the Body. The Father is building up and expression of His Body here, like He is down there and one day as it will be expressed in the completed whole 12 tribes, Israel. Can you imagine one day a gathering of representatives from every tribe? Men who are of one mind, one heart, one faith, one spirit, who have all things in common, the very answer to our Master's prayer in John 17. Can you see these men coming together in our Master Yahshua's name and sitting down at the Master's table breaking the loaf, His body, the representation of the New Humanity which they are and then drinking the cup of the New Covenant, His blood, and the covenant in which they are all bonded. That day a nation will have been born.

Yoneq has been pouring out his life as a wise master builder in these meetings and into the church, strengthening the foundation and building up the church. He has been passing on this vision and direction to us as he receives from the Father.

This past Friday we read the story of Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5. How they sold a piece of property and kept back some of the money. How his wife was in full knowledge of it and he brought the rest and laid it at the apostles feet but Peter asked him, "Ananias why has Satan flooded your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back some of the money. Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God." Ananias fell dead when he heard these words and was carried out. His wife not knowing what had happened came in and also lied about the price of the land. She also fell dead and was carried out and buried beside her husband.

Yoneq then asked us whether or not we would ever see Ananias and Sapphira again. Where? Would they be at the first resurrection? In the kingdom? Before the great white throne? In the Holy City?

The account of Ananias and Sapphira is written down for our instruction, so that we can learn to judge with the mind of Messiah. We must have the mind and the judgement of Messiah now if we are going to enter the Kingdom and rule and reign with Him. The spiritual man appraises all

things. Paul the apostle says that no one knows the thoughts of YHWH except His Spirit and we have received the Spirit which is from Him. He also asks who has known the mind of Messiah. But we have the mind of Messiah. 1 Corinthians 2:11-16. We must pray to have that mind. The Father desires to give generously and without reproach to those who ask. He desires to give wisdom and grace to those who ask and will cherish what He gives to them.

Ananias and Sapphira were part of the first church. They were of those who heard the word preached by the apostles and were pierced to the heart. There was a cutting in their heart that allowed for the entrance of the Holy Spirit in their lives. He was pleased with them to come and make His eternal dwelling place in them. Ananias and Sapphira were sealed with the Holy Spirit, the Spirit was in them, they were bonded in the New Covenant.

This is why the result of their deliberate, premeditated sin was so drastic. That is why their punishment was so severe because they had trampled under foot the Son of God, they had regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which they had been sanctified and had insulted the Spirit of grace. Their deliberate, premeditated sin was the sin leading unto death. I John 5:16. Ananias and Sapphira predetermined and premeditated their actions. It was deliberate what they did. Both of them planned it together beforehand of what they were going to say. They were in full knowledge and agreement. They grieved the Holy Spirit by whom they were sealed. They both had been carried away and enticed by their lust, which conceived and gave birth to their sin, a sin which they preplanned and accomplished bringing forth their death. James 1:13-15 *They were at the point where they could not repent.* Satan had flooded their heart but it was not just something that happened all of the sudden. It's not like Satan floods your heart and you call your brother a fool. But, things begin to pile up against your brother, his mannerisms irritate you, his personality rubs on you, his lacks and shortcomings annoy you and you never repent from the things that are in your heart. Then comes the day when he really does it. He drives off in our only good car, doesn't check the oil and burns up the engine. "You fool!", you gush out from the overflow of your heart. At this point you have murdered your brother, you are guilty of death and the fiery Hell. Matthew 5. Ananias and Sapphira allowed for sin to be conceived and give birth resulting in death.

Although it was a serious thing with serious consequences what happened to them? There is by far a greater consequence of their being in the New Covenant. Ananias and Sapphira were bonded in the New Covenant. When a person is covenanted, YHWH has bound Himself to that person. The Father loves us He has made a cutting with us, a covenant in His blood. Therefore all those who are in that covenant He will purify in this age or in the age to come. Everyone who has entered a blood covenant with our Master Yahshua will enter the Holy City. The Father will purify them during the millennium so as to enter the eighth day into the Holy City.

All of those who are in the covenant will be raised up at the first resurrection to be judged. They will be either raised up to age lasting life (the age lasting the kingdom) or age lasting wrath and abhorrence. Daniel 12:1-2. Either to rule and reign eighth Messiah or to be judged for their lawless deeds.

Ananias and Sapphira will raise up at the first resurrection and the judgement will be age lasting wrath and abhorrence but through this time they will be sanctified and enter the eighth day — into the Holy City. Those who are justified and sanctified will enter the Holy City. Those who are justified and sanctified in this age will enter the Kingdom.

There are many today who are justified but without having the Holy Spirit. They are in the Body, having their existence in the Body but not having a life giving spirit, the Spirit dwelling in them. And there are those outside the Body. These are people who believe but there has never been a

piercing, a cutting of their heart to be able to receive the Holy Spirit. They have never entered into the covenant, never having been bonded in it. These people will not be part of the first resurrection but they will be raised up on the last day and come before the great white throne. Their names will be found in the Book of Life, they will enter and be part of the nations in the eighth day.

I hope that through this you can see the awesomeness of what it means to be in the New Covenant, not that YHWH had never made covenants with men but it is new because it is a Covenant of the Spirit, a new thing, fresh. It's of a different kind with greater promises. It's a covenant that puts the Spirit of YHWH in each individual making them one, bonded together, controlled by the Spirit. The New Covenant is ministered to those who are cut to the heart by the Spirit. He opens up the heart for entry in order to establish that covenant, that bond. He had become one with and is bent on marrying us. He will have that pure and spotless bride, adorned coming down from heaven. The New Jerusalem. The Holy City.