

April 29, 1994, Shabbat Eve Boston
Appeal for a Good Conscience

Racham: It is written in the book of Job that when the heavens were created all the sons of God shouted for joy (Job 38:7).

Rom 8:19 — something we're waiting for, and the world is too — all creation will be set free. Those people will be made compatible, comparable, worthy of Messiah (they deserve each other). Verse 23 will come about if we are faithful for 49 years. Then the day of atonement will come and our bodies will be redeemed. We will have immortal bodies and then we'll never see death. This is our hope. I'm thankful for the faith I've been given to believe in and obey the Son of God. I'm thankful to be a part of the Commonwealth of Israel and I have friends. Our Master is worthy to be praised and that's what I want to do at the end of this age — praise Him.

Yonah: When the shofar blows it will be the end of the 6th day and the beginning of the 7th day and for us it is a celebration of us attaining to the 7th day and we have become just like the Son of God. This is our hope — that this week we became a little more like Him. To be like Him I must forgive others. There's something in me that wants to see others dealt with properly and to be put in order. I forget the great debt I've been forgiven. God had to give something of Himself to get us — it cost Him something. He paid something for us — He forgave us.

There is something in me that is unwilling to suffer. Living in the Community we have to experience injustice to be like Him. He forgave and we are supposed to be like Him. We have to feel pain in our own bodies and forgive. If we don't forgive our brother then we won't be forgiven. Love hardly notices when it's done wrong. We can actually forgive and be cleansed from bitterness. This week I actually forgave people from my heart. I'm thankful for our Master Yahshua. He is for us and I want to see His Kingdom come on this earth. I'm thankful to be in the midst of His people. He is worthy to have a people who love Him with all their heart.

Christopher: This week I learned that *betray* means to be disloyal. We are betraying our Master when we aren't abiding in Him. I'm thankful the Word convicts us. Something Racham said this morning spoke to me. He said if you don't like the way things happen or somebody does something to you and you have a hard time with them then you can just leave. I thought about it and it was a shocking thought. I'm thankful our God loved me and sought me out even though I was in my sinful condition. He still sought me out. I'm thankful I can be a disciple and learn how to be. Week after week we're changing. We're getting closer and closer to being like our Master.

We sang "Abiding in the Vine."

Gilah: I want to abide forever. We are the most blessed people on earth. I want to return back to Him the love He's given to me. That's justice — to return the glory He's given to us back to Him.

Keli: I'm so thankful for the love of our Master. We are going to grow. We're not like Him now, but we will be. The Jubilee is going to be beyond our greatest imagination.

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An *appeal* is a desperate plea, something we want with all our heart and soul. We appealed to our God for a good conscience at baptism (1 Pet 3:21). We appealed to our Master and He wiped the slate clean. And He wants us to keep a clean slate. We can do it — there is a provision for us. Our Master wants us to grow up in all aspects to be like Him.

Aysh: If we keep our slate clean, we'll have joy inexpressible.

There is only one place our praise can go. He is worthy of all our praise — He has given us a clean slate.

Racham: He came to us while we could still make an appeal. We were heading for the 2nd death just before we appealed to Him for a good conscience. I'm thankful for His mercy.