

May 21, 1994, Morning Sacrifice Boston

Are You Willing to do His Will?

(We came together for our sacrifice and someone started us singing - "I Know there's a God . . ." Singing this song made ha-emeq think of Abraham and she shared the revelation she had about the faith of Abraham.)

ha-Emeq — Rom 4:20 — When we were singing that song, I thought about Abraham and how he found the true God because his heart was turned toward Him. When he was all alone, he could have sung that song. I can just imagine Abraham saying, "I know He's the one, I believe in Him." He found the true God and connected to Him like a plug connects to its source of power. (Just like a plug, faith is no good until it is connected to the right source.) A plug doesn't do any good until you put it into the wall where the source of energy is. Then when it is really connected, power goes through it and you will have light.

Abraham connected to the true faith. Today there are many things to plug into (the Baptist church, the Hari Krishna's, Buddhism, new philosophy's, etc.), but these don't satisfy because they are not the true light — it's not what Abraham was connected to. Rom 4:20 — He didn't doubt, his faith wasn't shaken — even though many things came against him to try and make him dis-believe. It's amazing that we plugged into the same source as Abraham did. There are so many false sources of life around — like Christianity. It can give you a false buzz, but it doesn't connect you to the true source. There are so many false things, but we believe in the God who made all these things — and human beings are the best things He made. We were so messed up, but we are being restored, and someday we'll be as beautiful as the lilies in the field. We have the same Father as Abraham. I'm so thankful we didn't get mixed up, but we connected to the true faith like Abraham. I don't ever want to have doubt or unbelief come to me, because I have the same faith as Abraham.

Chayah — Our Father called and chose Abraham right where he was — and He called to us right where we were. I am thankful for this. We believe there's a God because we have a heart for Him. Some of us were searching for Him and some weren't, but He knew we had a heart for Him.

Two of the most horrible things a person can experience is being hungry and thirsty — it is an unbearable feeling. If you have ever truly experienced this, all you want to do is eat and drink. Our Master suffered for 40 days and nights without food or water! Jn 6:35 — Our Master is not talking about the physical here, but a spiritual hunger and thirst — a separation and absence from where life is. We have an abstract concept of what life and death is — we are just "bopping along", but everyone will have to come to grips with death someday. Everyone will die and there will be a rude awakening. Many of us have friends who have died (car wrecks, suicide, drug overdoses), but somehow we survived. The time will come for all of us — eternity is waiting for us — will we be ready?

Jn 6:35-40 — "I am the Bread of life". Anyone who comes to Him will never hunger, and anyone who believes in Him will never thirst. Vs. 44 — No one can come to the Father unless He draws them. Vs. 45 — Whoever listens to the Father (the Source, the Creator of all things) and learns, will come to our Master. Vs. 51 — This is referring to eternal life, as opposed to eternal death ("I am the living bread . . ."). Unless we talk, and tell people about eternal life and death, no one will be saved. Heb 2:14-15 — Only those who have a fear of death can be saved. Someone who has no fear is a fool and they are headed for death — there is no hope for them. Jn 5:21 — Our Master's message was about life and death — He gives life to those whom He

wishes to give it to. Vs. 23 — If someone doesn't honor the Son, he doesn't honor the Father who sent Him. We know we have eternal life if we honor the Father and the Son.

Jn 5:24 — A person must hear His voice and believe in the One who sent Him. If they believe in the Son, they believe in the Father who sent Him. Jn 6:45 — Whoever hears the Father and listens to Him — comes to our Master. Whoever hears — this is unsolving a mystery of faith. Faith comes by hearing, and no one can be saved from eternal death unless they hear the Father speak to them. Abraham heard the Father, and we are the seed of Abraham. We have to hear our Father's voice, like Abraham did. We have to cross over and change kingdoms — come out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of light. We have been rescued out of spiritual death, in order to be rescued from physical death someday. Those who are spiritually dead right now will hear the voice of the son of God (Jn 5:28) and be raised either to a resurrection of life or to a resurrection of judgment. Don't be amazed at this — the time is coming (vs. 28) — If you hear His voice, you'll be raised out of spiritual death into life. It is an amazing thing that we can think about this, but He said not to be amazed — for the time is coming when every person who is in the grave will hear His voice and rise — those who have done good will rise to life, and those who have done evil will be condemned. It is an amazing thing that we heard the Father's voice calling us to the Son. Jn 10:14 — His own know Him and He knows them. If you can't hear His voice, you're not His sheep — if you can you belong to Him. We have the same faith that the Son of God has — that's why we can stand here and praise Him.

ha-Emeq — Rom 4:3 — Our faith will be reckoned to us as righteousness just like it was to Abraham, because we believe in the One who died and rose again and we have the same faith as Abraham. We believe, so it will be reckoned to us.

Tahlilah — There are many voices that come to me throughout the day. Sometimes these voices are very loud. But our Master's voice is so clear, and when He speaks to me I have a choice of whether to obey Him or the other voices that come to me. I want to use my will to obey Him and hold onto Him. I don't want to listen to all the other voices that speak to me.

Jn 7:17 — This says, "Whoever is willing to do God's will". There are 2 classes of people in the world — those who are willing to do His will, and those who are not. It has to do with your soul (what's inside of you). Your intellect is how you take in knowledge and digest it. Your brain is an organ that obeys your soul. You can't see it- it's deep inside your soul. Your soul is what peers out from behind your eyeballs — your emotions (which express what's going on inside your soul). Without emotions a person would be a zombie. Then there's the will — His voice has to capture our will. When we hear His voice it has got to affect us. Jn 7:17 — Those who are willing to do His will He gives the necessary illumination to know whether or not they're hearing His voice. Those who aren't willing to do the will of the One who created them will go to death. He knows if you're willing to do His will. It's through following His voice that we do His will. Then the result will be that we will produce the fruit of the Spirit — love, joy, peace. . . . — we will bear all of those wonderful attributes that can only come from the Creator, the God we follow. Satan can only imitate them for so long, but when it comes to patience, his falsehood is betrayed. If you don't have patience, you won't have love or self-control. You can wear a plastic smile, but you won't have patience if you're not filled with the Spirit. Whoever is led by the Spirit are the sons of God. The sons of God hear His voice. If you don't have patience, it reveals who you are because we have the needed illumination to know if a spirit is of God or someone else.

Are we willing to do His will? We say "yes!" but our Father knows. We can't fool Him. We'll all have to stand before Him someday. Those who did good deeds will be resurrected to life and

those whose deeds were evil will go to judgment. His sons can confess His name and give thanks to Him. They are thankful they have been saved from death. Those who can't confess His name are not His sons. Can you hear His voice? If you can, you belong to Him. Let's offer up our thanks and praise to Him.