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At the beginning of the teaching tonight, Daniel ben Chazaq shared what he had heard in the last teaching about child training. Pr 23:15,16; Pr 23:24. When the parents raise up their children right they are glad. They have true glory upon them, because they ruled their children well, they have light shining from them, and that light is the glory. That is what spoke to me because that light is the same light that is spoken of in Isa 49:6, the light to the nations. In raising our children right we will be that light.

The stem are the begetters, those who begin something new. The stem of the ship is what takes all the beating and battering of the ocean, breaking the waves. We are the stem. We are the ones who have been brought in out of the world. Our children will not have been in the world like we were, so it will not be so difficult for them to raise their children. But it is very difficult for us because we have been raised in the world by parents who did not train us. Therefore we have things like self-centeredness, laziness, and selfishness in us that have not come out. We will have a great tendency not to want to confront our children — to avoid the conflict that there is in child discipline.

Because we were untrained by our parents, we are self-centered, selfish, and lazy and we want to avoid the effort of training our children. We have a tendency to just want to play with them, to be entertained and to avoid responsibility. So our laziness causes us to overlook things in our children that need to be dealt with. It teaches us to look for ways to avoid conflict because we do not want to pay the price — the conflict of opposing wills. So we hide behind our excuses by saying, "Well, children will be children," or, "Let them be children," or, "They're just going through a stage."

But the word of God says that if we love them we will be diligent to discipline them. This is a great hardship on us, being the stem, because we ourselves have not been trained. But by grace and by the power of the Holy Spirit (whom we must submit to) we must undertake this task of raising our children. We must overcompensate for our lacks — our laziness, self-centeredness, selfishness, our desire to play, to be entertained, and to avoid responsibility. Because no one really loved us, it is going to be hard for us to love our children.

Certainly it is not a feeling, an emotion of hate, but it is that we do not love them enough to get to the root of their problem. We must endeavor to correct their development in every area of their young lives or we are not truly loving them. If we give an excuse for their rebellion or bad attitude, calling it a *stage*, we miss our opportunity to love them. If parents miss that opportunity to train that child while he goes through that stage, he will remain unpruned. While he is going through a certain stage it is the pruning time for him so that he will not retain the bad characteristics of that stage (the terrible twos, the rebellious threes, the reasoning fours, etc.). Pruning is important during that time. You think they will pass through this time and their behavior may change, but the bad characteristics will resurface later. During the stage is the time to prune, otherwise they remain unpruned.

We have matured past those stages, too. That is why we remain lazy, self-centered, etc. Because no one pruned us during those stages, we did not change. If we do not prune them during those stages, they will remain lazy and self-centered all of their lives, and if that happens, our God will not set up His Kingdom, because the sin in us will go down to the third and fourth generation. If the stem does not overcompensate, making up for their lacks by grace and by the power of the Holy Spirit, they will not be able to train their children. There is nothing greater to which we should devote ourselves than child discipline.

Who can say that they do not have a tendency to be lazy, self-centered, selfish when it comes to the most important task they have to do , training their children and raising the male child? We were unchecked, but we cannot allow our children to go unchecked through these stages. Our Father has given us the authority to train our children. These children actually are His children whom He has given to us. We are raising them and they are going to be sons of God in the universe someday. He has caused them to be born and He has given us the authority to raise them to be His sons. The world does not understand that this is why the world's children cannot be sons of God.

God, as the Creator, has the right to set policy. This means He has the right to establish, set, fundamental principles of government. That is what a constitution is, an established policy,

established fundamental principles of government, frame of civil government or powers and duties defined and designated. Policy has to be established so that people can be governed properly by God's authority which He has set up on earth so that people can find a way to Him, Acts 17:26,27.

When there is chaotic, disorderly government, you cannot find God there because God's government cannot find its way there. Government is set up for order not chaos. Any government that does not protect people's rights is not true authority. That is why we will not be in certain countries. That government is basically evil. Socialist and communist countries leave no room for anyone to grope for God thus the kingdom of God will not be able to be set up in those nations.

The Creator has the right to set policy for all creation according to His own will and purpose and plan (Mt 5:17-19). He has the right to command obedience to its laws, constitution, principles of government in order that people could have liberty and freedom to search for God and find Him. He has the ultimate position of rulership above all leaders that He might direct their actions. Our God is directing governments in nations of the earth so that the gospel could be preached in those countries where a few years ago you could not even go. He also has the power to administer, execute justice. Pr 29:4 speaks about crooked government (crooked judges), contrasting a government that takes bribes and a government that rules justly. Pr 16:12 —The power to punish evil and to reward good is in the hands of God and in good government. Since ultimate authority belongs to God, any legitimate right to rule must be delegated by God. Delegated means sent to act for another with same authority (Mt 28:18). He will deal with bad authority. Thus certain dictators are being overthrown and run out.

Rom 13:1 — Be loyal and be loyally subject to the governing authorities in the nations, community, family. Wherever the authority be, let each person be loyal to it because there is no authority without God's permission and sanction. Those who exist do so by God's appointment. We are commanded to pray for the civil authorities in the nations. We can bring to power these

governing authorities. Governmental authorities exist by God's appointment sometimes because of our prayers.

Power or authority — the right to decide or act. Ruling or official powers, such as elders and apostles in the Edah, and earthly powers in the nations, have authority. God commands every individual to place himself willingly under the position of any rulership that exists above him. We have rebelled against that starting in the 60s on through the 90s. Some people rebelled by dropping out and heading to the mountains. We saw that most government was corrupt and therefore we threw away all the principles of government and authority. This is a Body principle (and also the earthly principle of authority in government), that every member places himself under the position of rulership — under the head who is supreme over all the parts of the Body. Just like a hand obeys its head's command to move, we are to obey the head without reasoning (without reasons that we might give). We cannot place ourselves willingly under the position of rulership unless we confess that Yahshua is King — Sovereign, and if that comes from the heart, that is the initiation into that body. When you willingly place yourself under subjection to His headship, you denounce SELF (Mt 10:33,38) and from then on submit to all authority in the Body (Eph 5:21). Confessing with your mouth that Yahshua is Sovereign places you in the body of Messiah where you can obey because you have a new nature, you are a new creation, you are born again in the kingdom, with the Spirit and grace in you to give you the power to obey.

If you are in that, a miracle has happened in your life. The greatest miracle that the world will see is the unified cooperation between the brothers and sisters that brings about the end of this age — that Satan, whose work is to divide and destroy, cannot worm himself in and divide us and cause factions. Then we will be able to bring in the next age and bring in His rulership, which begins by us saying that Yahshua is King. That is the initiation. We cannot say Yahshua is King except if we have heard the good news and it has cut us to the heart. If we know and understand what the gospel is and are obedient to it, we submit to the King (Lk 14:32). We know we are not powerful enough to defeat that King and so we have to renounce the old king (the one who once ruled us) and confess the coming King. That is the renouncing of your old life and

your possessions and submitting them at the apostles feet, capitulating. You must do that before the King gets here. This is salvation. A person who has done that can submit in the Body because he has the Holy Spirit. (If he has not done that, it is impossible for him to continue in the Body because he did not come in by the Holy Spirit.)

From then on we submit to all authority. We, more than anyone, submit to all authority, as long as our conscience allows. Wherever authority is, we recognize that authority. We are a new creation. We are no longer lawless because we know that God has established all authority. We understand the principle of authority. Just because there are bad policemen does not take away from the principle of authority. Police still protect citizens from crime, theft, murder, etc. We do not throw away all authority because some is bad. We must still love authority because true authority is of God. If we cannot recognize authority, we cannot recognize God, because God is authority. Yahshua has all authority in heaven and on earth. All is in his hands so we should not have fear of authority. Yahshua cannot be King to you if you do not recognize, appreciate, and love authority.

We can submit to the authority whom we see here in this area in Sus because Rom 13:1 says that no ruling power inside or outside the edah exists except through God. Every position of authority is under His control and headship. There is bad government (Pr 29:4,14; 25:5; 8:15,16; 14:34; 11:10,11). All existing authority exists and has been established by God (Rom 13:2). He who resists authority resists God himself. Those who resist bring judgment upon themselves.

Dan 4:17 — Because Nebuchadnezzar set himself up as God, God humbled him. He was sent out to eat grass as the animals do.

We have heavenly watchers who watch everything that is going on in and outside of the Edah. There are also other *holy ones* mentioned here who do things and make things happen. Anytime they want to, they can act — as long as we pray. We are the only ones on the earth who prayed for the downfall of Communism. Thus the Berlin wall was broken down and that is why D'rorah (our new sister from East Berlin) is here today.

Our Father humbled King Nebuchadnezzar. He was the most powerful king who ever lived. He ruled absolutely over all the known kingdoms of the earth at that time. The later kings had decreasing values of absolute power, but his power was absolute. [Today there is no absolute power. All rulers are checked by other nations. The whole world today is in concert right now concerning Iraq. We know their unified effort will one day lead to a one world government, but right now our Father is going to use it for our benefit so we can preach the gospel to all nations.]

God is supreme authority over all kings. He sends His angels to kings and they set policy concerning us. Dan 4:25 and 5:21; 2:21; Pr 8:15,16 are to encourage us and allow us to have the confidence to pray for anything we want according to His will. We know He can put a new mayor in Navarrenx whenever He wants — if we pray.

There are ten toes mentioned in Dan 2:42,44; 7:24. These will be ten national kings existing concurrently as God sets up his representative kingdom of 12 tribes (Isa 49:6) before our Master's second coming. This kingdom will be set up when there is absolute obedience. A kingdom is made up of people who submit to a king, who submit to his absolute authority.

In Dan 7:24,25 the final form of the economic community of the Roman empire will be given power. This will be the world kingdom which will have absolute power, made up of ten nations. It is going to be the same time as the 12 tribes are raised up and one tribe, in that area, will be representative for all the tribes. Dan 7:14 — Our Father is going to set up a kingdom, establish, institute a kingdom, made up of people who give their absolute allegiance to Him, making no provision for the flesh because they are clothed with Him. If we make provision for the flesh, that kingdom will not stand. Our Father raised up Adam, he fell. Our Father raised up Noah, his sons fell. Our Father raised up Abraham and Abraham begat Israel and Israel failed. Our Father raised up the early church and it fell. So, in the days of these kings there has to be a people who give absolute allegiance to the King of Glory who is enthroned in heaven sitting at the right hand of the Father ruling over the house of Jacob through the workings of the Holy Spirit and His angels. They will not fail if they submit to His rule.

He created angels and they fell. There was a rebellion in heaven and one third of the angels fell. Because of the fall of the angels and subsequently the fall of man, the whole world has been effected with perverted government. But we will look for the good in government that we can submit to.

It was God's will that the human and angelic beings He created would accept His authority. Yet both rejected His authority and so God could not establish or set up His authority, His kingdom, in created beings since they were disloyal, untrustworthy and unfaithful. They could not endure because one third of the created angels were prowling around destroying the authority that God set up. Those evil angels have been doing this for 6000 years of history and so man has always turned against God and rejected His authority ... until the days of the ten kings. Then God will establish His kingdom. A kingdom is made of loyal sons who desire to do the king's will regardless of the cost. They follow the footsteps of Yahshua their King and spend their lives as He did. He has not withdrawn His authority even though He may have withdrawn His presence for a while. He is going to offer His authority to man until man receives it and uses it wisely according to His purpose. That is why Mal 4:16 says that if we do not do this, the land will be smitten with a curse. If our hearts do not turn to our children's and our children's hearts turn to us, nothing can be accomplished.

Wherever His authority is, there is the place where He will be. His Spirit will dwell where people are obedient. When people are not submitted to authority, He will not prevail with those people. Mal 1:5; 11:14. His name will be great because the loyal and faithful ones will give absolute allegiance to him and not falter as everyone has done for the last 6000 years. There were a few overcomers in the first church, but they were not enough to carry on that lampstand. Wherever He causes His name to dwell that is where He will affirm His authority.

The power of Satan continually violates God's authority and makes people dishonor it and brings disorder. Thus man rebels against God. God sets up authority and Satan does everything to destroy and defile it. God will not permit this to go on forever. He wants order so people might grope for Him. He needs obedient people to put an end to rebellion in their own

lives and their own family. We came out of every evil thing in the world. We have every evil thing under the sun in us but somehow our Father saved us; chose us from the beginning of time in order to bring about His kingdom on the earth. The God of heaven will set up His kingdom (that is His absolute word). He has called us to do it. And the main thing is that your heart would turn to your children.

Down through the ages there has never been a second generation that was united. They always fell away to idol worship, etc., because they could not overcome the workings of the evil angels who were the first to rebel (at the time when Satan rebelled by wanting to be preeminent in the universe). But God created man with a plan which was to undo the works of the evil one. Yahshua undid the works of the evil one and we must follow in His ways to carry that out. He will establish His kingdom with those who obey Him (all of His commandments) to the extent that He would say to them, "I love you, My Father loves you, and we are going to come to you and make Our home with you" (Jn 14:21,23). The stone kingdom will be those who love Him to that extent. He will establish His kingdom through our obedience. Never once was our Master disobedient to the Father. Never once did he resist authority. He obeyed perfectly by permitting God's authority to exist absolutely in His life. 1 Jn 2:6 — we are to walk as He walked, keeping His commandments.

Down through the ages God's representatives and delegated authority have failed: Lucifer, Adam, Noah, the church. But in the last days, the God of heaven will establish a kingdom. A kingdom is a territory which is subject to a king. John the Baptist told the people in Mt 3:1-2 and Mk 1:14 to repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand, the reign of Messiah. The reign of Messiah is over those who are submitted to it. The greatest of God's demands on man is not for him to bear the cross or to serve him or to do the deeds prepared for him, make offerings, deny himself, but it is for us to obey him.

We see in 1 Sam 15 that God ordered Saul to attack the Amalekites and destroy them utterly. The Amelekites represent the flesh — the evil, corrupt flesh. But after his victory over them, Saul spared Agag the king along with the best of the herds and flocks for an offering to

God. But God had told him to destroy them UTTERLY and completely so that they could never be raised up again to come against His people. If you do not destroy it, it will destroy you later on. And so in verse 28, the reign was severed from Saul for being disobedient and was given to a better man. Saul would not devote himself to destroying everything God had commanded him to. He argued that these things were spared to sacrifice to God. He told Samuel this, but Samuel said that obedience is better than sacrifice and that to give attention to God is better than the fat of rams. Obedience is greater even than that sweet aroma of true sacrifice.

Who would detect that rebellion except a prophet? Because even in sacrifice there can be an element of self will. But obedience is absolutely honoring to God. There is nothing more honoring than obedience. Because it is according to your will that you obey. So God found David because he was willing to do all of His will.

Our Father is going to find a people who are willing to obey Him. In order for authority to be expressed, there must be subjection and the flesh must be absolutely dealt with (making no provisions for it, being clothed with Messiah). If we have self life, subjection is not possible. The thing that we learn in 1 Sam 15 is that if we start reasoning like Saul did and do not obey absolutely, then it is just like the sin of witchcraft (1 Sam 15:23). It is the same as witchcraft. Our Father is going to have a people who will not reason and children who will not reason.

N'su: I know that Yahshua is Sovereign King. He rules the universe. I know that in my heart is rebellion, the same sin as Saul, my own mind, what I think is right not what the anointing is. I know that is evil. I don't want that in my heart ... It leaves a road, a highway in my heart for speculation. I see that sin in my heart and I don't want it ... I want to receive the reasoning and understanding of Yahshua, not Satan. I know he has favor on me to let me dwell in His courts to receive from His people and I really need help because that is my withered condition.

Jehu: I saw more clearly tonight why our Father needs man. He needs man to populate the universe. Just like man needs woman to have a child, our Father needs mankind to submit to him. It became clear to me how everything comes against authority. In Israel there were continually people rebelling against authority. Our Father wants us to totally give ourselves to his good authority.

Meshullam: Our Father needs people who would submit. He created man with a free will. Adam used his free will to submit to Satan. There are only two kings:

either you submit to Yahshua or you submit to Satan. We also have a free will and our Father needs us that we would use our will to submit to His will. I have no doubt that Yahshua destroyed the work of the devil but I want to see it. Yahshua is perfect authority — the best authority. We can use our will to submit to this authority and show mankind that his authority is good. It makes me thankful that the world can see that our Master won the victory. All the world could see before was words, but now it is reality.

ha-Emeq: That's why Yoneq said it was a miracle that we could be born again, that we can remain with one another. People come here and ask, "How are you organized?" They know you cannot function together without government. So they look for some cult leader who is doing everything. But the Body of Messiah does not function like that. We are a people who gave up our own independence and submit to one another because we love Him (Eph 5:21), because this is the best government. Authority is in every area. Like in a factory, the way people talk about their boss, despising authority; or the way they talk about *cops*. We have that in ourselves, too. But every time one bad word is said about authority, God notices it because it is going against him. We have a submissive attitude to all government even if they are bad people.

I was thinking about Shimone the zealot. He was so against the authority of that day and all the rebellious attitudes he had needed to be dealt with by the loving authority of His Master. Yahshua was careful not to speak anything against authority, even though Shimone the zealot probably wanted him to. But Yahshua respected the government. He told his disciples to pay the taxes because he respected authority. His enemies wanted to find grounds to accuse our Master by saying that he was plotting a revolt against the government. But when they listened to His words they could find no hint of rebellion. So they said that anyone who calls himself a king is against the emperor, so kill him. But Yahshua said "My kingdom is not of this world." He was not against the earthly government — he had something better! We have to have all that rebellion in us dealt with even to policemen and the boss in the factory. We are not rebellious. We love authority.

Barachah: When I was kidnapped, I was told over and over that I had to think for myself. But that is against all authority. Our Master said that He didn't say or do anything that His Father doesn't tell him to say or do. We do not do anything on our own initiative but from the initiative of our Father and His government. That statement was coming against His authority. When I think for myself, it is the flesh and leads to death. I'm thankful I am under the authority of Yahshua and His good government. I'm thankful that I can be covered.

N'su: Our king has subjects in his kingdom. I'm thankful we can subject to each other because each one is subjected to the other all the way through. We are in a true kingdom of good authority and good rule — that we can be in His rule and reign and His order.

Havah: It is so evident to me that it is only when we subject ourselves to the authority that we can then see our Father's handiwork. I've seen our Father has saved us from our own reasoning and finding our own way out — He has put us in a place that forced us to submit to an authority and then he brought about an even greater thing. With the raid, and with Isaac and Michael, at one point everything was so unfair and we considered not going back to court. But we went and it was that next court that made a new law for the whole land concerning child protection and corporal punishment. I saw too that when Yoneq said we should not miss the opportunity to check our children through a particular stage, otherwise they will always have those characteristics, it made me see how so many people see everything that is wrong and have a recipe to a solution but are powerless to affect those changes. Those tendencies, faults, sins are too strong. We are the only people who are going to be able to do that because we have given up our fallen lives.

Yerushah: I rebelled against my parents. They did not discipline me when I was younger. If we do not deal with rebellion in our children they are going to leave the will of our Father. All the things we do are not so important. The offerings we bring are not going to do it, but it is obedience.

Meshullam: Our Father wants us to have confidence. If we pray in Yahshua's name against evil government, He will bring it down. The Berlin wall is the best example. No one would have ever thought that it would come down. There are still places that are not free, but our Father wants us to pray. There are one billion people in China, 240 million in Russia who wait, in Romania and Yugoslavia too, to hear the good news. But our Father showed us through Nebuchadnezzar that He will do it. That is why he says pray and have confidence because He will change it. He wants us to be so concerned that we will pray and then He will do it. Not so they can have Coca-Cola (but it's good if they have it because then their hearts can be judged if they have it), but so that they can grope for God. He pushed down the Berlin wall and he will push down other thrones because they do not go according to his will.

Jonathan Elezar: Nebuchadnezzar had the greatest kingdom ever on the earth and our Father never humbled a king as much as this one. He made him eat the grass of the field. This gives us confidence that our Father will do it. It is recorded for us.