

June 6, 1994, Morning Sacrifice Boston

Blessed are the Peacemakers

(We sang "Arising and Shining")

Ahimelek — I'm so thankful my life isn't worthless anymore. I was downtrodden, but now I can lift my head up because I have dignity and worth in Yahshua.

Keli — It's amazing that our Master has taken a downtrodden people and caused the light of His love to be seen around us — now He's given us His glory.

Yahudah — People can do all kinds of things — they can build towers and bridges and all kinds of architectural structures, but they're still worthless and all that they've done will burn someday. But we have worth because of our Master, Yahshua.

I remember Ahimelek's testimony in the Freepaper — "What I want to be when I grow up." Have you read it? It is the most wonderful article! One time ha-emeq and I were on a ship crossing the sea and we gave a Polish man we met a Freepaper to read. He was so amazed when he read the article, and he asked who the man was that wrote it. I said, "He's a friend of mine." He said, "A friend of yours wrote this? You know him?" He took identity with Ahimelek because of what he read and a seed was planted in him. There is nothing more powerful than your testimony. Not everyone will relate to it, but someone will. That's why it's good to give your testimony when you are talking to people — who you were and who you have become now.

Where His Spirit is there is liberty and emancipation. WHERE — A place, a realm where His authority is, the place where He has caused His name to dwell — a kingdom where His people are. Kingdom means "King's dominion" where the king has dominion over a people, area, place and locality. Deut 12:5 — Describes the place where He has caused His authority and His name to dwell — where there is no dissension — and if there is it will be detected by the shepherds and brothers and sisters because we are all peacemakers. If we are not peacemakers, we are not sons of God. If we are born of God we are sons of God — and our Master won't be ashamed to call us brothers and our Father won't be ashamed to call us sons. We're "Shalom" makers — "*Oseh Shalom*" — we create peace, we cause peace. If you're not a peacemaker, you haven't been born of God. God is love and love creates peace.

When you see a brother or sister in dissension and you can't do anything about it, go to a shepherd (or someone older that you in the Body) and say, "I need help — I see a brother or sister in distress — what can I do to bring peace?" Blessed are the peacemakers — they will be known throughout all eternity as the sons of God. Someday when we inhabit galaxies the people there may never see Yahshua in His human form, but they will see us and we will be just like Him.

Titus 3:11 — If a person causes division it's because they are worthless. Have nothing to do with them unless you are instructing or correcting them to help them. When we see this (with children, husbands or wives) we try to bring healing in the situation by being peacemakers. Please don't claim to be a son of God if you are not a maker of peace in every human relationship. We are not supposed to have any squabbles. We have the Ruler in our hearts — He has dominion over us, His love controls us.

Mt 5:9 — Blessed are the peacemakers — they shall be called sons of God. This is the good news. Are you a peacemaker? Everyone knows if you are a hypocrite — if you cause dissension, argue, push for your own way. What keeps us from being peacemakers? The scripture doesn't say, "not all the time." There are no part-time peacemakers — it says, "blessed are the peacemakers." If you can make peace sometimes, you can do it all the time! There is no excuse. Let's be peacemakers today — sons of God.

Whoever has joined themselves with our Master has become one Spirit with Him. How do you set your mind on the Spirit? Where is the Spirit? We have a body, mind and Spirit. Our mind has to be set on the Spirit in us. Our Spirit and His Spirit are joined together. We have to put our mind on where He is — in us and my brothers and sisters. He is not up in heaven somewhere. I want my mind to be influenced by the Spirit and not on the flesh.

Melody — Is that what it means in Col 3:3 when it says that our life is hidden in Messiah?

Yes, that is what it means. If our mind is set on the flesh we'll die, but if our mind is set on the Spirit, we'll have life and peace. An embrace is the joining of our spirits together — that's why we hug and say, "Shalom — peace." We can't say "shalom" unless there's peace.