

Child Training II

Part 6: Reaching the Goal

How He Saves Us (Mt 1:21)

The parents' recognition of their children's development stages — *infant, child, and youth* — will help them to understand the training functions of *control and teaching*. Children must have parents with authority delegated by God, which is what *parent* actually means — to have authority to control and to teach as Pr 22:6, to *train up* their children as Heb 12:7-8. Col 3:20 and Eph 6:1 are *authoritative*. The word of God establishes the parents' authority to train — control and teach. Obedience to these verses is the authoritative will of God for children and parents. Eph 6:1 and Col 3:20 is how Mt 1:21 is fulfilled in us, His people. We are established as His people by our obedience to His authoritative word.

Because of sin in Mt 1:21, mankind is reproducing a corrupted species. Because of sin mankind is now being reproduced in a corrupted state of God's original creation. The Male Child is not human effort, but God's grace and His faith upon His people who are now in the process of being saved from this sin in them.

Ex 20:5-6 — We prove to be a people who love Him by obeying His commandments. Being *saved from our sins* reverses the effect of Ex 20:5, the passing on of iniquity to our offspring. Mt 1:21 is not just about forgiveness, but about being saved from our sins, which are being reproduced in one generation of offspring after another. These sins, as Jms 1:14-15 says, are *our desires* by which Satan, the serpent of old (Isa 27:1), latches onto us. He attaches himself to us by our own fallen desires. What is the use of just being forgiven, or what is the use of child training, if we are all just forgiven but not saved from our sins? Mt 1:21 is the eternal purpose, the means by which we have boldness and confident access (Eph 3:11-12).

Child training produces the Male Child in Rev 12 and 14. The Male Child in Rev 14:1-5 was not just forgiven, or born with the character described here, such that he is able to be taken up to the throne of God (Rev 12:5). This is awesome, since Jn 3:13 says what it says. This took

the concentrated effort in the Holy Spirit to raise up a *pure generation* (Rev 14:4-5). This was the result of child training.

Rev 6:9-11 — They are even greater than Isaac, a willing sacrifice, even as our Master Yahshua, because each one of these 144,000, as we ourselves know, were born as members of the fallen human race and their body, soul, and spirit were all subject to the effects of sin. All children possessed the human nature bent in some way, as Ex 20:5-6 says, which could have produced in them a totally self-centered person if left by themselves, unrestrained.

Rev 12:1 says a great struggle was going on by the mother (the parents) with even this last generation, to bring them to the place of Rev 14:1-5, so they could be caught up to the throne and empowered with God's supernatural strength (1 Pet 4:11). In Rev 12:1, it was the *parents'* job to restrain the natural tendency of this last child, and to be controlled by the Holy Spirit and not to be controlled by his flesh (Mt 16:24-26; Mk 8:34-38). The parents from the first generation to the last understood the nature of their child with a goal of Rev 12 and 14 in mind, so they realized the importance of their role of authority. They saw their need to train their children by providing them the *external* control they needed, and ultimately teaching them to have the *internal* control provided by the Holy Spirit at *Bar Mitzvah*, when they would be recognized as *sons of obedience* (not *sons of disobedience*, Eph 2:2).

What Does *Training* Mean?

Training is the process by which the one being trained is caused to show the result of the training (Pr 20:11). Therefore *child training* is the process used by parents that will cause a child to reach the objective for which he has been trained (Rev 14:1-5). If this is not the objective, then just having "good children" is useless to God's purpose for the Edah (Mt 21:43; 24:9-14). Our Master Yahshua came to produce a nation who would produce the fruit of His reign in them. Mt 1:21 — *Sin* is the bent ways in us that Satan attaches himself to in order to make us sin a sin unto death (Jms 1:14-15). Gal 5:24 takes care of these desires, which wage war against us (Gal 5:14-16).

Although the book of Revelation was written to the first church, the fulfillment of Rev 14 waits for the generation of Ps 102:18-22 (1 Cor 10:11). *This will be written for the generation to come, to a people yet to be created.* Ps 102:20 was us and verse 22 is where we are going. Verse 18 says this is written for verse 20 (Mt 1:21). As long as sin has dominion over God's people, His name cannot be praised actually, nor are we able to serve Him, that is, to carry out His will (Isa 53:10-11).

Sins (#266 in Greek means "a missing of the mark") in Mt 1:21 makes one (or a whole nation) miss the true goal of salvation, that is, to bring this evil age to a close and bring about Acts 3:21. So Ps 102:18 is the restoration of Mk 9:12, but Acts 3:21 is the goal. Without being saved from our sins (bent ways), we will miss the goal of our new life in Messiah. The way we miss the goal is by not being saved from our sins, as we fall victim to Satan's strategy or deception. Isa 27:1 — "In that day" — the day of the generation of Ps 102:18 or Jer 30:24 - 31:1, the day of Heb 10:13 and Rev 11:15 and Rev 20:1-2 and 1 Jn 3:8. Satan will not be able to attach himself to the *Saints* to keep them from achieving their goal. He does not mind if we are *forgiven*, but only if we are *saved from our sins*. Only then is he defeated and executed (Mt 1:21).

Sins in Mt 1:21 is to miss the mark or goal or purpose for which we were forgiven. We were forgiven to set us free to be saved from those desires and lusts in us that wage war against our spirit to keep us from doing those works we were saved to accomplish. (Eph 2:10). Mt 18:15 says we are to help one another by showing each other these ways in us — our faults, failures, and sins — so we can be saved from our sins which keep us from doing His good pleasure, the will of God (Rom 12:1-2; Isa 53:10).

What Training Is and Isn't

So parents, as they practice¹ child training, are raising up this pure generation in Ps 102:18. They *train* them like one trains a plant to cause it to grow to achieve its goal — to

¹ *Noun* practice or *verb* practice: do we practice or practice child training? Do we carry out to the end our child training from dedication to *bar mitzvah*?

produce its fruit. The coach trains an athlete to win the game — not just to play, but to play in order to win the game. You train an animal to do certain tasks according to his fullest potential. You train people to be skillful in order to achieve the purpose of the training. Training is not completed unless the subject actually attains the intended purpose of the training process. Training alone is not just the process of teaching. If positive results are not obtained, training has not occurred. If the plant does not produce its fruit, or achieve the purpose of its training, then training was not accomplished. Only when training has been accomplished is the promise of Pr 22:6 available to the parent.

If we are not saved from our sins, we may not have been forgiven either. Only if we are saved from our sins are we *His people* (or *offspring*), who carry out His will (Isa 53:10), and satisfy His soul (verse 11), making up for (compensating for, Col 1:24-27) the suffering of His soul in death.

Training by *telling only* accomplishes no more than to tell a plant what to do, or what is right, or what you expect of it. You must cause the plant to grow in the way you want it to grow. Unless the child or plant actually arrives at the point or achieves the purpose of training, he is not yet trained. You have produced a failure due to your own neglect. Being raised in the community is not training. Just being moral is not having been trained. Neither is learning the Bible. Just raising a child is not training.

Pr 22:6 — *Train* here means to *dedicate* (dedicate = devoted to a particular purpose or cause, designed to fulfill a specified purpose, as from dedication to *bar mitzvah*), to hedge in, to narrow or discipline, straiten him in (Ecc'cus 30:1-13), *renew*, to inaugurate or initiate. Parents are commanded by God to *initiate* or start their children in a certain direction. The child is not able to go the way that he wants to go, but he is set on a *new path*, so that he will not see or taste death (Jn 8:51). Death has no power over a child who has been *trained*.

Dedication is not just a ritual or a one-time initiation, but it incorporates the entire training process, preparing your child to become a *bar* or *bat mitzvah*, to be entrusted with the Holy Spirit (Jn 2:24) after the child has entrusted his life to Messiah at immersion into the Body

to function according to his gifts and grace (Eph 2:10). The result of his training is for this *new way* to become the child's way, and this is the *Way of Yahweh* (Gen 18:19). When the training is *finished*, he is set on course (the narrow path) and will not leave this path of life, which accomplishes the purpose of God (Isa 53:10-11).

The child who has been trained to be obedient to his parents will respect their position of authority and will be prepared to accept their instruction. His parents can teach him all that is necessary for the purpose he is being trained for. Dt 6:6-7 — Parents are commanded to teach their children all that God has revealed to man. *Teach* here means *inculcate*, to teach by repetition. Training is a constant process until the desired result has been achieved. Positive teaching must be repeated, inculcated, to drive away evil spirits that attach themselves to their bent ways and desires (Dt 4:10 and 11:19). The word *teach* means by intensive drill. The same word is used concerning training a soldier for war, as with a goad or sharp stick, prodding to get the child's attention and to cause him to go in the direction he must go in order to reach God's objective.