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No Toleration for Rebellion

I've attached a copy of Hoshua's letter to Yoneq & Ha-emeq regarding Yathed and Abel's sons. It speaks for itself.

I spoke with ha-emeq yesterday morning about Yoneq's response. It was very emphatic and clear. He said the day of toleration is over. In Israel of old, the minute rebellion appeared, they were gone — excommunicated. Any child who is like this has to leave [immediately]. If their parents can't find a place for them, then they'll have to go with them. We cannot continue to tolerate rebellion in the community. The rebellion in our midst is bringing utter shame upon us.

[A later message clarified that it is the rebellious child who has to leave. This is to keep the community pure — it must be *judged* whether the parent bears some of the responsibility. But if not, the parents do not have to leave with the child. They can find a place in the world for the children to go. If they cannot find a place *immediately*, they need to *at least* go with the child somewhere right away to stay *until* they can find a place for the child. They (in most cases it would probably be the father) will not be considered "cut off" because they must deal with their child, finding him a place to live. Then they can return. If the parents have other children who are good, they can stay in the community (maybe with one of the parents). Purity must be preserved.]

Even in the nations, children don't get jobs and keep the money. Yoneq used to do jobs and he never kept the money. He always handed it over to his father. Yoneq said that either the children who are like this leave or he'll leave, but he won't associate himself with any community that tolerates this kind of rebellion. This applies to Joseph and Rose as well. Joseph's rebellion cannot be tolerated any longer. Rose will have to find a place for Joseph. It's gotten to the point where taking your children to Monticello is worse than sending them to grandma's.

We have to preserve the precious environment our Father gave us. This is why our God was so severe in the Old Covenant. Several years ago, Daniel Cleveland almost had to leave. Chazaq and Tikvah were going to have to leave with him and find a place for him because of his

talking with other children about riding snowmobiles and challenging other children who desired to be righteous. Now we've come to tolerate so much. The standard has gone down so much! It is to the point where many of our children don't have any fear anymore because the standard has been lowered so much. Benyamin was given as an example. After getting drunk he was very sorry and repentant, but up to that point he was so bold and defiant — which is evidence that he was greatly lacking any fear of our God. It's getting totally clear. In Hoshua's letter, he mentioned how Yoneq encouraged Sameach to be patient and encourage the children there. But Yoneq wasn't talking about children who are overtly defiant. He is talking about the weak ones who have something in them to want to overcome and be righteous but that fall a lot.

Yoneq was also very alarmed about Sameach having a gun for killing groundhogs on his property. Yoneq said he wouldn't have any part of any community that has a gun or ever will have a gun. Never expose our children to the powerful feeling of shooting a gun. Sameach needs to repent and never do this again.

[Sameach heard of this and wrote the following letter: "This summer I killed some groundhogs with a .22 rifle. (It was not mine, and was used only to eliminate these varmints.) We also trapped some in a cage (which was our most successful method). I want to repent for allowing this firearm to be on our property. In my wrong thinking I thought it would be useful. As I said before, traps serve us better and are less dangerous. No one has yet to be killed by a groundhog trap, nor did Shanon desire to go out and lawlessly purchase a trap. Instead he purchased a BB gun (which I've never had). I know there is a spirit in exerting deadly force! ... Now I hear someone was shot in the face. ... Of all the examples presented to him, I'm sorry he followed my bad one. ... It is no problem to get rid of the gun."]

Yoneq has also heard that Sameach and Hakam were the ones who first started allowing their children to get jobs and keep the money. And that as a result their children got into a lot of trouble from this. If this is true, they both need to repent and make it clear to everyone.

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P.S.

Hoshua called me last night and told me that they met with Abel and Shimonah and confronted their son. The boy was in denial to the very end. [Actually he was hostile and angry that his lies were not being believed. At one point he refused to talk about the situation "in front of ***THEM!***" (meaning Hoshua and Ehud).] When told that Yacob would have to leave, Abel asked if this was a final judgment. They told him it was. He shook his head in disbelief (as if he were saying he didn't agree with the judgment). They left that afternoon before the evening gathering with their entire family, not saying anything to anyone — except Atarah and Yathed. Shimonah told Atarah that she couldn't see sending her 14-year-old boy out alone into the world. Atarah and Yathed seem to be standing with our Father's judgment.

[After Abel and Shimonah left, Qatan wrote a letter to Yoneq describing the situation. *The Smooth Way* is his response.]