

April 3, 1994, Evening Sacrifice Boston

Dead Men Don't Praise Him

(We sang, "Abiding in the vine.")

Abiding in the vine — there are no truer words than these. We will do it in the next age and throughout all of eternity — we are ambassadors of His love.

(Yoneq spoke about Zechariah Martin's repentance.)

If we never give thanks we have gone down to silence! It is like words spoken to a person who has committed a sin unto death — they can't hear anymore. Zechariah's repentance will be the words he speaks — thanksgiving flowing forth from him. If we don't have the desire to praise Him, we have to cry out for it. Dead men can't speak words of life or give thanks.

Ahimelek — Empty men can't praise Him. We need to be filled with Him instead of coffee, music, etc.

2 Chron 20:20 — Believe in YHWH and be established — believe in the prophets and prosper.

Believe — to be firm, stable, established, to be persuaded to believe, solid, considered trustworthy (Abraham believed YHWH). Believe in YHWH and you will be established — it you believe, this will be the fruit in your life.

In 2 Chron 20 — there were mortal enemies that confronted Judah. but the people sought YHWH and victory came (vs. 15). They praised Him with voices that were very loud and high (vs. 19) and the result of their praise was total victory!

You will only be able to speak, praise, and sing (in the spirit) what's in your heart. (*To Zechariah*) — Share what you've heard all your life. Being silent is having a guilty conscience. There is no way Derush could say, "Amen" or have anyone else say it.

An uncontrollable son turns out headstrong.

ha-Emeq — My grandfather raised Arabian horses and they were well trained because he subdued them — they gave themselves to his hand. But a few didn't and they were no good, so he got rid of them. It says in Proverbs to "*Allow a child no independence in childhood, but bend his neck*" — or else he will grow up and hurt you very deeply. Persevere with him — persevere and hope he won't be a bad horse. Zechariah needs to put all his strength to the purpose he has been called for.

My grandfather won the hearts of the horses and they loved him and wanted to serve him. It is a principle that if a man does it right, the animal will be useful. Our Father is going to break us — we must fall on the rock or it will break us.

Yakin — 2 Tim 2:4 — No soldier entangles himself in everyday life. The army that wins the battle is the best trained — those who give themselves even when they think they're good — they'll keep on practicing and honing skills.

This is the practice ground — the army that trains wins the battle and has the right weapons. We have weapons also — right here (the Word). An army can have the best weapons it can possibly have, but if they don't know how to use them, they're useless. Do we really know how to use our weapon (the Word) and put it into our children?

Lev 10:1 — Each son took his sensor and put fire in it and put in incense and offered strange fire to YHWH — apart from faith. And fire from heaven devoured them. Lev 10:3 — Aaron held his peace when his sons died before him. If we come near to YHWH, we must regard Him as holy. Any movement that is unauthorized and uncoordinated in the body is strange fire — done on our own. We have to be holy if we are to approach Him, or else we will be like dead men. We have to come in faith to the sacrifice every morning and evening. Let's keep coming in faith.