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Despising One Another

Our Master's word to us is filled with the good news of how we should be and the things we should avoid that would bring us into a fall, into judgment. We walk a fine line if we are like Derush. He would get out of communion, out of fellowship and start seeing the faults in his brothers and sisters. Then he would start talking about them. He would look down on them, despising them, having a high estimation of himself and a low estimation of them. Then he would start speaking to others about them.

When you're in fellowship, you have love for your brothers. When you're out of fellowship, you see all their faults. You get critical, despising them, holding them in disdain. It becomes division. It is a sin that causes our downfall. "See to it that you never ever despise one of these little ones. Always build up ..." (Mt 18:10) Never look down on or have a lower estimation of someone. Have you ever done that? It's easy to do that with certain people. The way they look, walk, the way they talk, dress, eat, the way they hold themselves. There are a thousand things we could criticize or pick on. We're actually disobedient to His word. We think we love Him. He wants us to know that in the foundation of this tribe so we'll never do it. If we do, we will fall into judgment. Avoid it!

Derush was detrimental. First, he despised people in his mind. Then outwardly. He could see everything wrong with everybody else — all their mistakes, faults, failures ... but he wouldn't see his own. He was turned over to *irresistible impulses*. This is what it means to be led *into* temptation. When you overestimate yourself and underestimate others, you get a lofty view of yourself. It makes you look better.

Chen: Our life is about brothers receiving one another. If one comes to you and you don't receive him, you hold him in contempt. You despise what he's saying to you. That's serious. Even in the nations that is very serious. In a court of law, if you don't respect the judgment about your life, you are held in contempt. Even in the nations it's in men's minds and consciences. How much more should it be in Messiah. How much more should we recognize and receive Yahshua in our brothers. He's the King of kings and the Name above all names. He's writing His laws on our hearts. We have to receive one another like little children.

Mt 18:3 — By no means can we enter the Kingdom if we treat each other in this way. We have *no means* by which to enter the Kingdom, no grace, no power ... all *means* have been removed. You will have stained your garment. Beware, be on your guard. This is a solemn warning to us.

Many people have fallen away because they've looked down on one of these little ones. You know how easy it is to do it yourself. That's why it says to be on guard. Beware. Look at each other through our Master's eyes of compassion, mercy, love, tenderness. Not our own negative, destructive, critical eyes. Do not despise or feel scorn for one of His children. Have you ever felt scorn? That is dangerous ground. He's really serious about us living in peace with one another.

Yedidah: I'm so glad this is the testing ground. In church twice a week you can be friendly to anyone. But living together tests our phileo love — and if His Spirit flows from us. It all happens in our minds. It is the last straw when we voice things. But easily thoughts come to us that we don't like how a person eats or walks. We have to be careful to judge ourselves when thoughts about someone come, because they pile up and cause us to have a case about someone. So, when something bigger happens, you think, "Aha! That's right about them," because you're already tainted. They can't do anything right. Then pretty soon you don't say anything anymore to that person. You just ignore each other. That's the highest form of hatred. Mt 5:46-48 — Even people in the world love those who love them. But people who do things we just can't stand, we can learn to love them also. We have to see what our Master sees in people and love with His love and love our children the same way and teach them to love that way. We're all looking at that garbage on the outside, but we have to see the gold that's on the inside. In the end we'll all be tested. Yahshua was the cornerstone. He was tested and He passed the test. One day our Father can say that about us. They're tested! They've stood!

Zakar read from Mt 7:5 — "Hypocrites! First take the log out of your own eye and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye."

ha-emeq: Our Father came to Zakar and spoke to him ... you hypocrite ... Our Master actually said that! He hated it: people going around saying, "Oh, let me help you with that speck," when they had a log in their own eye. Derush had a log in his eye. What's worse than a speck? People want help with the specks. "Oh, can you get it out for me?" But when there's a log in someone's eye, everything changes. He doesn't see the need of others for help to get their speck out. All he can see is their faults. It makes him critical, and he despises others.

Someone with a log in his own eye is not worthy or capable of helping them with such a *delicate* operation.

There is no way you can enter the Kingdom with even specks in your eye. We have to have perfect revelation and understanding, clearly understanding and perceiving. Then we can be a positive influence in the Body, always building up. If we have a speck we cannot see things right. We always see things in a different way. We come here every morning to get the specks out. So we can help others.

Heb 12:15 — We are all responsible for one another. The one who sees the need is responsible, or else a root of bitterness comes in and destroys the whole community. If we see someone not receiving grace and we do not see to it that no one misses grace, we're accountable. This is a great, awesome responsibility each one of us has. It's so important that we all would build the Body up and not let bitterness come in and destroy the Body. That bitterness *gets passed on ...*

Nun: The natural result of not confessing your sins is a bad conscience, walking around with a log in your eye. Our sin is like that log. Eventually it will destroy the Body. (Gal 5:15) If we bite and devour one another, take care ... this comes from not judging ourselves and causes us to become critical and put others down. But rather we should be filled with the Spirit, and we won't carry out the desires of the flesh. The flesh is hostile. It brings about death. The church in Sardis had a reputation for being alive but were really dead ... It was an accumulated condition. They tolerated this and that, and over a period of time divisions and factions came in. Their light turned to darkness. If our mind is on His Spirit, we'll have life and peace. It's the only remedy. Then He gives us His promise that He keeps on revealing, disclosing Himself to us: Jn 14:21. If we have our mind on the flesh, it is hostile. Set our mind on the spirit, which will result in life and peace, and the bond of unity and peace will be upon us.

Discord destroys His Body — tearing one another down and devouring one another. The channels of grace must all be open. We must hold Messiah up and discern His Body, even the ones you know have needs. Seeing their faults tests if you love Messiah or despise Him. If you despise His Body you despise Him. When we look at each other with approval, our children, our wives, all of us, it's amazing what it does ... confirming each other.

Israel: We have to be objective when we help each other. If you don't take things from one another personally there seems to be more grace to help and not be so emotionally involved and get so dramatic.