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Diligently Seeking Our Master

1 Chr 28:9-10 — David, Solomon's Abba was speaking words in inauguration of Solomon's becoming king and building the temple. How does that speak to us and our children? How does it speak to the children who have not been raised in the Edah? Do you see a difference sometimes between those raised in the Edah and those who were raised outside the Community? Is there a difference in their expression of love and their seeking our Master? Have you ever wondered why? There's a marked difference between the love one shows for our Master after having lived a life of sin and hearing the good news. It's like the letter from Lael we heard last night at the Breaking of Bread. She was rescued from a life of hell — sin and degradation. Our children who are raised in the Community don't seem to have an appreciation for salvation like those who have been forgiven much. Our children have been raised with an inheritance, raised in this life of forgiveness and have never known anything else. So therefore it becomes blasé for them, and they take their inheritance for granted. Do you know what will happen to the people who have the greatest expression of love after they have been around our children who are not being trained to seek Him? In due time they will become just like our children — they will wane. If we quit seeking Him, we will wane. If our children will seek our Master, they will become like those who have the greatest expression of joy and love towards Him.

2 Tim 2:12-13 — We deny Him when we don't seek Him. If we continue to deny Him He will deny us the kingdom — to rule with Him. If we are faithless He remains faithful because He can't deny Himself. He has us, we belong to Him, and we are His possession. But how awful it would be if He were stuck with someone who didn't love Him. Just like it would be horrible to be stuck with someone in marriage that didn't love you.

Solomon quit seeking our Father. But if we will start seeking Him with all our heart regardless of how we feel, He will become real to us. (That's the time when we need to seek Him the most — when we don't feel like it.)

These are the words our Father spoke to my heart 23 years ago, John 14:21. Our Master said, "I will do that. I will disclose and make Myself real to him who loves Me." Do you know what the word seek means? To diligently seek? It's like when you find something that's very precious to your life, your most precious possession — something that you lost. (It's like the woman who had ten coins. She lost one, and she had to diligently search for it until she found it.)

Our Master is like one who hides Himself from us because we find Him by seeking for Him. Every morning He may hide Himself from us, but He's not very far off. He wants us to seek for Him. Our Master said, "Those who have been forgiven much, love much." But those who have been raised in the Community have not had the chance to be that deep into sin. Therefore it takes seeking Him to be thankful for your salvation.

If we would diligently seek Him we would grow in leaps and bounds. When parents circumcise their children when they're eight days old, they vow to raise their children to seek Him with all their heart. If we keep the way of YHWH He will bring about what He promised to Abraham — the new age. The temple is being built, but it's hard to keep our children's attention through speaking the word because the word is not going into their heart. They have not been diligently trained to love Him with all their heart. But it's not too late. It's not too late. We need to seek Him now — seek Him early. This is the beginning of the day, the end of one and the beginning of a new day. If we seek Him now we'll find Him and the sacrifice will burn all night until the morning.

Let's give thanks and praise to His name. Children, you're saved because you belong to your Abba's and Imma's. But who will know it unless you start seeking with all your heart?

If those who have the greatest zeal in the Edah start taking for granted their salvation, the day will come when they will become like our children. Their love will taper off and we will become like those in the first church. What was Paul saying to them in Eph 6:24? That they were to have an undying love. Rev 2:4 — This is the same Edah that Paul had written a letter to in Ephesians, but 40 years later they had lost their first love. Their love was waning because they did not go back and diligently obey the words of David. 1 Chr 28:9,10.

So where is Solomon now? He is in death paying for all his sins because he did not seek Him daily. It is just like Derush. That's what happens to all people who fall away. If we're not desperate to have communion with Him and love Him with all our heart, having our mind set on the Spirit, we too will fall away.

We don't have to be doing bad things — the bad thing is, not seeking Him. Bad things will come if we are not in communion with Him. Sin is separation from Him. If we forsake Him we'll be led right into temptation. We have His word to teach us how not to fall into temptation. We pray, "Father, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

If we seek Him He will let us find Him. John 14:21 — He wants reciprocal action, a reciprocal love affair or we will become lazy and the slack hand will be put to forced labor, Pr 12:24.

Let's raise our hands and seek Him with all our hearts.

Deut 4:29-31 — No matter where you are (your spiritual condition), if from there you seek Him you will find Him — if you seek for Him with all your heart.

Heb 11:6 — Do you want to know Him? He promises that we must find Him first. The first action in pursuing a relationship with Him is to find Him. He will reward anyone who pursues a relationship with Him, but we must find Him FIRST and we can't find Him until we seek for Him with all our heart and soul. If we seek for Him, He will let us find Him, 1 Chr 28:9,10. But even before we can seek for Him we must know that He searches every heart — nothing can be hidden from Him. He sees and understands everything in our hearts. David told his son here to be completely open and honest with Yahweh and dedicated to Him. For it makes no sense to hide my thoughts or actions from an all-knowing God, Heb 4:12,13.