

June 14, 1994 Boston

Elders and Wife's Meeting

We gathered at the Tremlett House after the evening sacrifice. Over supper we talked about the following main topics:

- a) Revelations 18:2
- b) Need's list
- c) Witness of the Spirit
- d) Training Teachers
- e) Counseling
- f) June 22 and Cafe

Revelations 18:2

"Fallen, fallen, is Babylon the great, She has become a dwelling place of every unclean spirit." When the beast destroys them in the last hour there will be no sincere among them _ they will have all come out. The beast will have such control of the whole world, he will do anything he wants to. The destruction will have something to do with fire.

Andrew: The beast is the insensitive government system which already wants to use the current government to carry out their purposes and ends. Roger Williams saw this and had the idea that in order for the Stone Kingdom to be raised up there had to be a place where established religion could not have a hand in the government. So we pray for men and kings in authority so that there can be a time of peace for the Edah to grow up in.

Racham: In Cleveland we saw the flyers for several Christian candidates who want to take back America for Jesus

Ben Chesed: I'm thankful for the revelation we are receiving. We see it is deadly what they are trying to do, but on the surface it looks so nice.

It is a catch-22 situation. We do want moral men in government, but not ones who seem moral and will actually take away men's freedoms. If some of these leaders get a hold of our papers it is going to cause a big stir. They will be affected if they see what we are saying.

I'm thankful we are here for this meeting. We have some things to talk about. We established two things at our last meeting (two weeks ago).

Need's list

- a) Money in the houses

We asked if the standard about money was communicated in the households after the last meeting. Everyone said it had been. It is that when someone is given money for some need, they would bring back the change and a receipt for the money that had been spent.

- b) Meeting needs in a personal way

We discussed the common needs list that had been brought up at the last meeting. The purpose of it was to make meeting people's needs more personal, not less. A young single brother felt it was doing that. (To just go and put his need up on the needs list.) Single people should be incorporated into a family, so that they would bring their need to the family and they would make sure it got met, by putting it on the list or whatever. We also said that simple things like tooth brushes should be available from the commissary. We want to keep extra of such items around our household. There will be needs taken care of by people who go out and shop. But one of the most wonderful ways to meet a brother's needs is to see a brother in need and meet that need. (1 John 3:17) This is the most personal way if the love of God is in everyone. (1 John 3:18) This establishes and maintains community. So, how are a person's needs taken care of?

Yael: I look at the need's list or people communicate to me when I'm going out.

Shaul: The needs list should be in an obvious place so people can see it.

Ben-Chesed: We should be looking out for each other's needs.

Yael: A perfect example of that just happened in our family. Yahnathan saw that Ethan needed socks from the needs list. He came up to our room and gave him a couple of pair, saying he had loads. When I was looking at it later on, I saw that he needed some dress pants. I knew that Ethan had plenty, so I gave Yahnathan a pair. It bonded us together.

There has to be equal care or there will be schisms, that is what the word says. (1 Cor 12:25)

Some people are not cared for...

Shaul — Because they never complain, while others are always asking.

The laundry people should know who doesn't have what they need. Instead of going to someone else with that brother's need, the laundry person would see to it. (Either meeting the need or putting it on the list, etc.)

Andrew: We look out for our brother's needs.

What do the Scriptures say? Philippians 2:4 — Look out not for your needs but for your brothers, and Acts 4:33 — Everyone's needs were being met. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we saw each other's needs and saw to it that they were met. If you see a brother in need you have no rest until you met that need, if the love of God abides in your heart. (1 John 3:17)

Lo-Nekar: Sometimes we have to help people with the mentality of "work" versus "celebration" clothes, that is, they don't see the difference because they always did desk work and are used to wearing nice clothes to work in. With the kind of work that we do, some people have quickly ruined the nice clothes that we have got them before we realized what was happening.

Rakefet: I wish that we would look in each other's free store.

Someday we will have our own used clothing stores in every clan. We will have shoppers go out and buy \$5 Gap pants or \$9 Gap dress shirts in quantity instead of buying one inferior pair of full price pants for \$30. Someone has got to take on this burden in the near future. We need a location like the Thrift Store in Island Pond that Naomi used to run. Yesterday we got pants for \$1 per pair! This is a ministry in the Body. It is so good people from each house are currently doing this once a week. Sameach wants to take people to the big place in NY and teach them how to shop.

Witness of the Spirit

Ha-emeq spoke of a situation at her house where a sister is receiving her husband about her weight. It has been a long struggle and sometimes the husband gets discouraged.

Keli: This brother has to LOVE his wife according to the standard of the word. She responds to this love every time. He always responds to the word when I bring it, that's why she can respond as well.

Training Teachers

A training teacher has to be able to communicate love and acceptance to the children. We have to really consider who we place with our children to take the place of the parents doing those crucial hours each day the teacher is with them. In the end the children won't respect a teacher who can't communicate those things, they will disobey her to her face. This is what happened to Deborah Burch. How did she end up teaching our children, our most precious possession? It seems as though she has fallen away.

{She went to the library to plan and never came back. She's been suffering (hopeless about herself, etc.). People have tried to encourage her, Gebar, Ben-Chesed, etc.}

But there is one thing to remember; the way we know we are children of God is that: 1) We love each other, and 2) the Spirit speaks to us deep in our heart. If we don't have this witness

something may be wrong. We can't just convince people if the Spirit doesn't bear witness to this. Speak the word to people (Romans 8:14). Let the word cut them to the heart.

Shomarit suffered with something that outwardly seems similar to what Deborah Burch goes through, doubt, but inwardly it was far different. We didn't have to encourage her everyday that she had the Holy Spirit. We told her to put on the helmet of salvation and the word that was spoken to her encouraged her, she started to resist the fiery darts of the evil one.

Deborah could not do this. We have to pray for wisdom and discernment — you can't have these things without asking for them. If we are not asking for them then we are showing that our strength is our god. Let us be faithful to ask for this wisdom. Teachers should be asking for this wisdom more than anyone else.

Sameach wanted to know why we had young people teaching our children in the first place.

Yoneq said it was because of expediency — meeting just the need of the moment.

Sameach: I know of situations where the women did not want to teach training even though they were good teachers and they had a good way with the children (Yoneq — They were naturally and spiritually gifted as teachers). Pretty soon they weren't training teachers anymore. This bothers me a lot.

Deborah Burch was not a good mother to her children in the world. The people who teach our children should have a natural gift of teaching and grace to go along with it. It takes more than faith and grace to do something, you have to have the ability as well.

Counseling

Talilah wants to go back to France because she got a lot of attention there. If she went it would destroy her because now she has to start overcoming by giving other people attention just like she got it. She is finally realizing this.

Sameach: I was at the cafe the other day and two brothers were having a hard time with one another. I told them they were both in the flesh, because if one of them had been in the Spirit they would have acted as a peacemaker. When they saw that they quickly worked things out. It took me about a minute and a half.

People don't need long counseling times — they destroy the Body. It produces times of dread at the sacrifices where people's sins and faults are pointed out. This happens there because people do not prepare themselves for the gathering, and then we have long, grueling times of confession. Sometimes I have to put my hand over my mouth before I destroy someone's life. Someone used to do that here because they were receiving accusations about themselves. We shepherds need to be really asking for grace. Usually when something is bothering someone at a sacrifice, if they wait until after it is over, it will usually be gone. If not, you can take care of it. We are all under a weighty responsibility to be prepared when we come to the morning and evening sacrifices.

June 22 Festival and Finishing the Cafe

a) Who should come to the June 22 Celebration?

Make sure the youth come to the June 22 celebration, we'll be speaking to them there. We'll also be talking about the reason for the Raid.

b) The cafe

How are we ever going to get this open by July 3? It is humanly impossible. We have at least another three months work left. I know, I have been involved in a few delis opening, when you think you are almost done with the work you have got just as much to go. It is not just the walls, it is all the little details and all the training to run the deli. They have not even been able to get or keep a hold of the right tools. In the future whenever a store opens, each of the other

communities will contribute a \$1,000. It is so costly to open a store, and by the time the building is finished that community is exhausted financially.

In our deli we are going to have to remember that we are in an Irish neighborhood. We will have to be wise in how we answer questions. We need to be praying for Kevin, the owner. He has been very good to us, he is a humble man who has defended us to the local Catholic priest (who is a very influential man in that neighborhood).

c) Prayer

Single people should be incorporated into the families' time of prayer before the sacrifice. Remember to be praying for our brothers in Hyannis — they are going to court on Friday.