

## The Fear of the Sovereign

Acts 2:43 actually reads that “fear was occurring to every soul.” Jer 32:38-40 — His people will have one heart and one way even as it already has happened in Acts 2:44 and Acts 4:32.

The reason why there is unity is because of the fear of the Sovereign, which is a person's ability to be ruled over by Him, to recognize and receive His delegated authority in the Body — that which causes a person to submit himself to the brotherhood (Eph 5:19-21). The result of such submission always creates one heart and one way — unity.

This fear is clean, enduring forever (Ps 19:9). This fear is clean because it is not a fear that keeps a person away from the Sovereign, but a fear that keeps him near Him, a fear that causes him to be near his brothers and sisters, being submitted to them. The clean fear causes a person to seek and maintain fellowship at any cost, even as our Master did in Heb 5:7 (He was heard because of His piety = godly fear). It is a fear that causes the one who has it to turn away from evil and hate anything that would destroy his communion.

The unclean fear is the fear that causes a person to hold onto his life, to protect his flesh — the fear that something would interfere with his self-will.

El Shaddai cannot be served this way, out of an unclean fear. He has to be served without that kind of fear, because the presence of that fear is the indication that the flesh has not been put to death, but that the self will is still very much alive and active.

The flesh profits nothing and hinders everything. It is an enemy of Messiah and an enemy of the cross. We have to be delivered from that enemy in order to serve El Shaddai. That is the oath that He swore to Abraham our father — the cutting off of the flesh, the covenant of circumcision in Gen 17. That is what it means to walk before El Shaddai in holiness and righteousness, to walk blamelessly before Him. That is the only way that He can be served.

According to Pr 1:29 a person chooses that fear.

So why is the “church” so divided today? What happened to the church that was of one heart and one soul? They must have stopped living in that fear (Pr 23:17-18).

That fear makes a person sensitive to the rulership of Ruach ha Kodesh. The opposite set in — a hardening of the heart. That is what disqualified old Israel from entering the land; that is what disqualified the first edah from entering His rest. Isa 63:17-19 tells the story. Their hearts were hardened from fearing Him. They didn't remain in fellowship with Him. They became unruly. They became like those who are not being led and being ruled over by Ruach ha Kodesh. They became like those who do not live by their relationship with Ruach ha Kodesh because they don't have that relationship, those who live by principles alone — Christianity. They didn't continue in His *chesed*, in that relationship with Him (Rom 11:22), and so the edah of Yahshua that is built as a result of that fellowship could not be built any longer (Heb 3:6; Pr 28:14).

That is why Isa 26:9 and 10 are connected. We have to diligently seek Him. That is why diligence is a man's greatest possession, because everything depends upon that diligence. It is a person's ability and desire (which is a very strong word and means a *longing addiction*) to seek fellowship. That is the clean fear, the fear of ever going away from Him, losing that fellowship.

To not have that diligence to seek Him is a lack of surrendering, and what is left, apart from surrendering, is only living by principles. It is not learning righteousness, it is dealing unjustly in the land of uprightness, in the community, the commonwealth of Israel. It is not perceiving the majesty of the Sovereign.

A disciple is a learner of Messiah (Eph 4:20-21). If we don't learn Messiah like this (verses 22-24), we are just Christians in the Body, a hostile element, because the flesh is hostile to Messiah. It does not subject itself, it doesn't submit itself to His will. Remember we are priests not by the power of the flesh, but we are priests and we maintain our priesthood because of the power of an indestructible life.

Therefore day after day we have to obey the terms of peace. We have to surrender and open up the city gates (Dt 20:10-11), open up the doors of our heart. Such, those who actually

diligently do this will be *the generation*, the 14th generation (Ps 24:6-10). He made a covenant with us for *all* of our salvation and all of our desire (1 Sam 23:5; Ps 73:25-28).