

July 31, 1996, Evening Minchah Asher

From Plight to Flight

I just want to read Mt 16:18. This is a Jewish Bible. It was written by a Jew. He kind of knows about the Jewish language, Hebrew. I want to read this verse, Mt 16:18, just for all the people who want to bad-mouth us from calling that word here a *community*, who say that we have no business saying, "This is the community... Yahshua came to establish the community." But it says right here, plain as day — he takes this from the word *Edah*. And of course, Jer 30:20 in the *best* translations say the *community*, not the *congregation* or assembly, because the word transferred over from Hebrew into English, the word *Edah*, the witness, the people who are together, like a beehive, working together, day and night worshipping our Master, which is the church, cannot be any other way.

If it is, it's demon possessed. This means it's been taken over by evil spirits. And it's been transformed into another nature. But the nature of the church (if you want to call it that) was like a beehive, working together, living together, having all things in common, doing everything together, no one independent, no independent movement in the Body, all coordinated under the head, worshipping Yahshua, day and night. That's the community. That's how it was. If it's not that way God doesn't have one thing to do with it. Not **one** thing. It's not His. It's a bad witness. *Edah* means witness. So Christianity *is not the witness*, is it? It's a false witness. Remember that. It's not like it was in the beginning. That's how He chose people to live. It's recorded. It's documented evidence. Anyone who wants to argue with it can argue with the Word of God. So, He said, "I will tell you this: you are Kepha, which means *rock*. And on this rock, I will build My community. And the gates of Sheol will not overcome it." *I will build My community*. Look up the word *community* in an English dictionary that's maybe fifty years old, when the words hadn't changed and you'll find out what it is. It's joint contribution; joint participation; it's joint possessions. That's what community means.

There's no such thing as community like it is today, "*This is the community in Picton...*" There's absolutely no community. It's a injustice, a perversion of the word. **God** made up the word *community*. It's sharing everything you have. It's communication. Communication means communicate everything you've got — all your possessions, all your time, all your energy, everything you have in you, all your spiritual gifts, to build up the Body. That's how it is. And then that's what Acts 4:32 and Acts 2:44-45 totally supports. So don't let anyone tell you anything else different. Because this is how the church in this age is going to be established. It's not going to be established any other way. There is no other foundation. There is only one foundation in Messiah and that's how it's going to be formed. That's how it's going to be. And then in Mt 13:31, Yahshua (it even says *Yahshua* here in this Bible) put before them another parable. He said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man takes and sows in his field..." If someone says, "What's the kingdom of heaven like?" You say, "Well, it's like a mustard seed." You don't give them any big lofty explanations of what the kingdom is. "It is the smallest of all seeds. When it grows up, it's larger than any garden plant and it becomes a tree so that the birds flying about, *all* the birds of different feathers can come and nest in it's branches." And of course, Yahshua was prophesying there. He was taking the Old Covenant, where it says in Eze 17:22-23, and bringing it right into the New Covenant, knowing that the tree had to grow up.

Then He told another parable that the kingdom of heaven is like yeast, or leaven. You know what that is? It permeates the whole loaf, ferments, makes it rise. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with a bushel of flour. Then waited till the whole batch of dough

rose." That's what it's like. So what does He mean by that? How is that like that kingdom of heaven? What does that have to do with us? What's that got to do with Dan 2:35? And what about the tree? Where is the parable about the tree? Who knows what that has to do with anything?

Amatz: Does it have something to do with the Stone Kingdom growing and filling the whole earth?

I don't know, does it? So what about leaven? Is leaven bad or good? Sometimes it's good and sometimes it's bad. Eating leavened bread is not bad. They were told to eat leavened bread in the Old Testament, but at certain times to eat unleavened bread. So leavened bread is not bad for you. So there's a leaven here in 1 Cor 5:6, "A little *Chametz*... to leaven the whole batch of dough. Get rid of the old *chametz*, so you can be a whole new batch of dough because in reality you are unleavened..."

So you can see that if there is just a little bit of leaven in this tribe, this body, it'll leaven the whole loaf and it'll be destroyed like the first church. Was the church in Corinth destroyed? Did it leaven the whole loaf? I went through there. I didn't see any church going on in Corinth. What about the community in Rome? It's completely different than what it was in the beginning. It's leaven. It blew up to a big puff ball. It tolerated anything. But even if there is leaven in *this body*, it will permeate the whole loaf.

When are we going to get rid of the leaven? Is there any leaven here in this body? What kind of leaven was going on in the church there? 1 Cor 5:8, "So let us celebrate the Passover... not with old or leftover leaven..." What is that leaven? James 1:21 — What remains of wickedness, and filthiness, evil, malice. What is malice? Is there any malice here? Ill will, wishing harm to someone else, harboring resentment. So if there's any of that it will destroy the whole Body. It's like a law. So the *chametz* of wickedness, and evil, what remains, has to gotten rid of, so there is purity and truth.

So, our Father has chosen each and every one of us as a nucleus. We're part of the nucleus of this tribe. I've already taught about what the nucleus is, as far as the formation of the heart, then everything else comes about. I know we're part of the nucleus and our Father's purpose and His will comes about. He chose us specially to be part of the nucleus. He expects a whole lot out of us. He wants to add to our number. We're in the days of the nucleus of the restoration of all things. We're in the very beginning of that, the very formation of the heart.

The seed that was held over from planting — it was the very smallest, most insignificant seed, the one you wouldn't think would do anything... it became the biggest of the plants in the garden. It became a tree. The smallest of the seeds? Did it *have* to be the smallest of the seeds? Why did He chose the smallest one? Why did He have that parable that there was the smallest seed that produced the **biggest** plant? Why did He do that? Why did He say it? We're supposed to understand it. If we understand the proverbs, Pr 1:1-6 says we'll understand the parables. The proverbs first and the parables second. So our children are being trained in the proverbs so they can understand the parables and wise sayings. So Zakar, you better find out in Mt 13:33 why He said that. The smallest makes the biggest.

So in the restoration of all things our Father **deliberately** makes it hard for us. He deliberately does. Does that mean He's bad? He could have totally just made it easy couldn't He, if He wanted to, could He? No! He couldn't because it would have been unrighteous and He doesn't sin. So the way is **hard**. God is... silent..... *sometimes*.... silent. He's chosen us, the worst ones. He **should have** saved the **BEST ONES**, shouldn't He? Those whose character was just a **fantastic** character, who had it all together in the world. Or should He have chosen *us*? He chooses those

who are willing doesn't He? He had to choose those who were willing. That's all we had going for us wasn't it? We were in need of forgiveness. He chooses those who are willing and in need of forgiveness and makes the way hard. He's even silent. He's not applauding their every movement. He's not applauding everything they do. You're washing dishes and He applauds; you work hard getting all the wood in and He applauds; He applauds, yea, yea, yea, you can just receive the applaud of God all day long and just work. Does He do that? He doesn't want people to work hard just because He applauds them. He's silent. He makes the way hard. He's silent. He's not applauding them, their every movement, their every work.....

But as the butterfly flaps and flaps to break loose.... the butterfly may think God should be more merciful, right? That He shouldn't have caused that type of transformation to happen through flapping but somehow had another way, an easier... way. The broad way is easy. The narrow way is hard. It may think God should have been more merciful... in it's plight. God should have been more merciful in the butterfly's plight. He should be more merciful in our plight. But He's thinking about it's *flight*, isn't He? Like a butterfly, in it's transformation time, it may think God is not mindful of it's plight. But He's thinking about it's flight.

Plight means what? You have a plight. You're in a plight. You're in a plight. [Looking around the room] "You're in a plight. You're in a plight." We're all in a plight. Plight is a distressing state. It's a predicament sometimes. We get in a predicament. Circumstances. Certain circumstances. Difficulties. Perplexities. Trouble. Or you could call it *straits*. Straits. You know what the straits are don't you? A narrow passage and you get right over there and you shipwreck. So many of the people in the first years of the community are shipwrecked. A thousand at least, are shipwrecked. There's only a few hundred or a thousand or two that are still going. You know what I mean? But most of them, I guess more than not, are shipwrecked. They went through the straits. They couldn't go through the perplexities, the trying times, the flapping of the wings, the hardness, all the things they had to go through because our Father is building a nation. He's building something that's going to go over into the new age. He's got to do something right. Like the standard. He's not applauding us so much, is He? We're in a plight. Right now we're in a great big mountain, like Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel had a great big mountain, didn't he? We got a mountain. You got a mountain, don't we? We all have little mountains, but we got a great big mountain all together, don't we? Our Father's given us a big mountain.

So *flight* means.... You know what *flight* means? You know what *plight* means... Now here's what *flight* means: *flight* means flying, mounting, soaring, winging. You see what He has for us if we get through our plight? If we get through with our plight, He's going to put us into the flight. That's what He has for us... but He can't make us fly now, can He? Our wings aren't developed. We'd only falter and fail... if we didn't go through **THIS hard time** the **development period**. Flight is mounting, soaring, winging. But we're not *flighty*, are we? Frivolous, and erratic. Are we frivolous and erratic? Are we?

Well, He chose a lot of flighty people, didn't He? He is making us into a people who are not flinching, or shrinking, or drawing back, as a winch or a wimp, nor flimsy, frail, weak, easily destroyed, like many people were. He is taking evil ways out of us, like flirting, playing around with one another's affections, trifling, toying. But He is making us like a flint, but steadfast, in devotion. So, we are not going to flip out at every move, turn over at every scream, fly into a rage, an emotional outburst. Nor are we floaters, drifting aimlessly. There's something to what He's doing with us. I mean He chose you perfect. He couldn't have thought of another person. The way you were.

So it's who He chose. He chose the worst ones, didn't He? Failures. Not many were noble, were they? Not many were wise, according to the world's standard. We were taken from many places. Our Father wants to make something out of us. Doesn't He? Someone said He wants to make something beautiful out of our lives.

Chen: I was thinking how good that was what Yoneq was talking about, how we're not ready to fly yet. I thought about the babies inside Yedidah and Emunah and how it would be if those babies felt like they ought to be born now. If somehow they could work it out to start labor and be born... They're not ready, they're not developed. They're not ready to come into the world and take up that job. The work has not been done in them yet. They're not prepared. They would just die. They would maybe last a few hours. Sometimes that happens in the world, and medical science rushes in using all their technology and human wisdom and sometimes they even keep babies alive, but it's not supposed to be that way. It's not right. Our Father knows the time. Man tampers and he can do things like that. But our Father knows when it's time. When that baby's ready He knows when it's ready.

It gave me vision for the work that's going on in us because we're not ready as a nation to be born. We're not ready yet for the weight that's going to be put on us and the things that are going to be required of us. So it made me really thankful for the work that's going on here because there's a race to run here. And we're not ready to be born yet. I don't want to die and I don't want to see us die because we're premature. I want that work to be done in us so we can run that race and that nation can be born. It gave me a lot of vision for the suffering that we go through, just the transformation of that worm into a creature that can fly. Because sometimes we think of ourselves as a worm. But we're going somewhere. It's for a purpose. It's a work that's going on INSIDE of us that's going to make us into a creature that can fly. Our Father knows when we're ready, and what it takes. And we can give ourselves to Him and receive whatever it takes to accomplish His will.

Nun: I was really thankful to hear what I heard tonight because it made me realize that our Father has a lot more faith for us than we feel about ourselves. Because if you think about yourself naturally, and think, "How can it be?" just like that little mustard seed, it just seems so insignificant, like our lives. We're full of all these bent ways, iniquities, so messed up. We've been indoctrinated in public school and the religious system. It's an amazing thing that that little mustard seed, if it just dies, that little tiny, insignificant seed, so small almost no one would hardly even take notice of it, it becomes the greatest and largest of all the garden plants. So big and so huge that He even causes the birds of the air to flock underneath it and it provides shelter and covering for them. All the different peoples from all the different nations. It's just so amazing.

It puts faith in you because you know that there's nothing natural that can change you. It's got to be *supernatural*. It's got to be something infused in you that causes you to absolutely **change** into a whole new creation — like that butterfly goes from being that worm to something that could actually fly. That transformation takes place with all it's struggle and our Father realizes all that. It's so necessary because it actually changes the makeup of the creature. It changes it's character and personality. Actually that struggle enables it, the circumstances, being perplexed, struggles we've experienced changes our whole makeup to something so solid that He knew that that's what He could base His kingdom on. Those kind of people that were chosen that were so needy.

He knew He finally had something to work with that would be so solid that His kingdom would be able to be like that planting that would carry over from one age into the next.

I'm really thankful that our Father *saw* that, and didn't just disregard it like we would do naturally. In our natural logic, those little seeds like that you would hardly even bother because you wouldn't think that much would come out of it. People would probably say that about my life. Wouldn't think much would come out of it. I thought that about me. But our Father values the things we think are so insignificant because He has so much vision. We can have that same vision. I see people older and more mature in the community than me and I watch how they are. They take things that I would probably think real insignificantly... situations, children, people... and they have vision. And those people just **absolutely transform**. It's just like having the eyes of our Father and relating to others like that totally changes them. It gives them faith and vision. It infuses them. What's necessary to make it past what their natural makeup would hinder them. They absolutely grow and change and their conditions alter.

I'm thankful our Father sees like that and we can have eyes to see like that and we can communicate that to one another. When we're struggling we can come to one another's help and give them vision, let them know, lift them up. Let them know that they're not insignificant and they're not worms. Our Father's doing something really solid in their lives and He's going to prove Himself to them and they can take hold of that and they can believe. Then those things our Master spoke about the mustard seed can become true... the Stone Kingdom can be established. It's not His will that He would choose all the mighty and powerful ones. It wouldn't be supernatural...

Yoneq — Satan would have an accusation. He said, "Well of course Job serves you. You put a hedge around him. Everything's good. You've given him everything in the world. But just take it all away and see, he'll curse you." "You chose all the mighty men of the earth with *perfect* character. You brought them all together. Just choose all the dregs of society and bring them in and see what happens." You can use a lot of people who couldn't make it. People who have different temperaments or emotional outbursts and have mental problems and emotional problems, all of these. Bring *them* all together and then see what happens. **Start the nucleus** out of them! That's exactly what the evil one said, if you read Job 1. You know how he spoke to God. And you know why He did it, of course.

Nun: Our Father is mindful of our plight. He wants to make us take on flight. So don't be discouraged by any plight 'cause just remember it's going to make you fly.

Israel: Thankful for the example of the caterpillar and the butterfly, that little wormy thing you'd never think would become a monarch butterfly. I've watched many cocoons open before and normally they're real dark. But one day I watched one open and it wasn't very dark but it opened up anyway and it came out and crawled up from underneath. It really had to struggle because it was premature. And it struggled much more than a normal monarch butterfly would have to. Then it got out and its wings were all withered and wet. And it never ever became a butterfly. Its wings never opened up for the blood to pump into them. The struggle prepares it. The blood fills its wings and then it's ready to fly. And this one butterfly, because it didn't have its defenses, it couldn't fly. Then a wasp came and ate all of its wings off. And it came out of the cocoon and became the same thing, a little worm again and then it died. Because it had no defenses. It had its wings eaten up.

It's like Chen said, we need to be really prepared that we wouldn't be premature. And it is the same with a refractory disciple that comes out of the fire because the very thing that's going to save you is the thing you try to get away from. The circumstances and the things we go through that will perfect us and make us able to be what our Master wants. But we have to willingly stay in the fire, stay in the struggle because it's those things that are going to perfect us. And I was just thinking too that the evil one can say, "Well take all the outcasts and make a nucleus out of that and we'll see what kind of God you are..." That gave me encouragement in my spirit. It made me want to vindicate our Father that He could. That makes us want to respond that our Father say, "All right, I'm going to *do* that, I'm going to take *those* people and just because of their love for Me, they'll respond." Then the evil one can be put down by the worthless things because our Father could restore us. It encouraged me that we can respond to our Father and we can shut the evil one's mouth just because we love Him.

ha Qanai: I'm thankful our Father chose us just the way we are. In our Master's eyes we were perfect. All the glory goes to Him. Because He knew the way we are. And He knew the way we were going to be as well. That means that all the glory goes to Him. I was especially thankful today. I saw my first monarch butterfly and I've always loved them. It just went flying around me. I sat there about five minutes watching it. I thought, "Look at that thing. It's amazing." Just these two little bits of paper just floating around in the sky, amazing. I'm just thankful it's come from such an ugly beginning. It's form is just not what it was created to be. Our Master knows exactly what He did want. I don't ever want to despise the way I was in that sense, not thankful for my sufferings. I want to be really thankful for them because I just know that our Master is true to His word and He's got the power to save us and He's going to set us the way we should be. It's not for our own purpose but it's for His sake. I'm thankful that I can be a part of that. I'm thankful that He's chosen each one of us to be formed into a butterfly. What more could we be thankful for that He's chosen to do that? I'm thankful I was chosen for salvation, whatever that means. Our Master chose the butterfly.

Yoneq — He said He would be with... "you worm, Jacob." He's going to change Jacob into Israel. He's going to change us into Israel, the twelve-tribed nation.