

Getting a New Heart, Part 2

Hobab: Today I was reading 1 Jn 3:10 and I'm thankful it's so clear that I can know that's what I need to do from the time I get up in the morning until the time I go to bed; that we need to have a love affair with one another. And I don't want to hold back from the unseemingly members; the ones who are harder for me to love. Our Master's way is not partial; only loving the ones who are easy to love.

I've come here to do His will. It takes laying down our lives for one another. If we're not loving one another then how will we be a demonstration of His love on the earth? He wants those who are *freely* laying down their lives. I'm thankful I can do that today.

Noah: If we are a people who show partiality and only love some of our brothers, then we'll only know certain aspects of our Father. But if we love everyone through spiritual eyes then we can know His character more.

I'm thankful that we can live with so many different people who together make up the character of our Master. I'm thankful we have a life together.

Chets Barur: I'm thankful we were chosen out of all the billions of people on the earth. Our Father's heart has been to have a home on the earth. We're His representatives.

It says somewhere in Isaiah that we are His *witnesses*. He is taking the most unfaithful people who were deserving of the lake of fire (that's what we deserved) and He paid for our sins and took them away. He changed our eternal destiny from the lake of fire to the holy city. I *never* want to grow dull to this. Everything we do doesn't matter unless we know He rescued us out of death. We were sealed in death and He rescued us.

His people are scattered all over the earth. In Rev 18:4 it says, "*Come out of her, My people.*" That means come out of Judaism, Buddhism, Catholicism – from all walks of life. Their only hope is if we stay connected to Him and live a resurrected life like it says in Phil 3:10, "*that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection.*" We can't without knowing one another. There can't be one ounce of partiality in us, but we have to treat everyone as our Master would. For thousands of years He has been misrepresented by people claiming to know Him.

I want to know Him, personally, so I can tell others about Him.

Yatsaq: I was thinking what Chets Barur said about, "*Come out of her, my people.*" There are two billion Christians on earth. My mind cannot even comprehend this. Our Father's people are scattered all over the earth (not just in Christianity).

Our Father doesn't just want to give us a new heart, but a heart of flesh; something that's pliable like clay. He takes a willing heart and He takes away the heart of stone. And He takes the heart of stone and gives a heart of flesh (softness). When I look around the city I see so many people that I just want to stand up on something and "shout" about our Master and see if there's people who can hear. They get so caught up with things of the world. You can sense the stormy hearts in those who've grown up in the world. They won't let their hearts be touched and they protect themselves from being hurt, being vulnerable.

I can sense death all around when I go on the "T" (public transportation) and see people cut off from other human beings. This deception is the influence of the evil one on the earth. And Christianity is the greatest deception; it's so easy to be one and still have your own Jesus. They hear the Gospel and totally reject it. Why be a true disciple when you can give up everything and still have Jesus at the same time? The evil one has people ensnared; trapped under a delusion. Our Father's heart needs to go out to proclaim the true gospel.

In Eze 18 it says He wants to give us a new heart. In verse 32 it says, "*For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies,*" says the Sovereign God. "*Therefore turn (repent) and live!*" There is a small voice growing now that says, "*Come out*", but it will get louder and clearer and someday the multitudes will come in and be saved. Our Father wants to give mankind a new heart so He can work with them.

I'm so thankful for what He's teaching us; what He's putting into our hearts. I'm thankful for this life.

Keli: Eze 18:31 says, "*Get*" a new heart. It's already there; all we have to do is "get" it! He's not telling us to strive for it or to do the impossible. He already gave Himself as a sacrifice for us. He went all the way down for us. All we have to do is "get" it.

Rom 12:1 says "*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God ...*" That's the sin offering. It's the way we get a new heart. He gave up His only, precious Son so we can have a new heart, a new life, a submissive heart. We submit to our brothers out of reverence – not just walking by and ignoring them. We've been given a new heart already. We just have to "get" it.

I'm so thankful our Master was the sin offering and now we can come and "get" a new heart.

Jesse: Today when we were reading Ezekiel 18 I was thinking about the heart our Father wants to give us; a heart for others, the same as His heart. If we walk by our brother who's suffering and needs grace and we don't encourage him then we're not receiving a new heart. I thought about that today. I have to go out of

my way to come out of myself and encourage my brothers because my natural tendency is to be an introvert. It's hard to turn my eyes outward. Today I had to cry out that our Father would give me the grace to love my brothers and He did. We have to *want* that heart and "get" it and not conform to our natural tendencies. I want to have that heart. If our heart is hard it doesn't release our Father to pour out His love. We can cry out for Him to "bring in the lost sheep," but forget to encourage our brother. I want a heart to encourage my brother. I'm thankful for what I'm hearing.

Yael Ahavah: Today I was thinking that I really want to encourage my brothers and sisters, but sometimes I don't know how to do it. But I'm thankful for what we've been hearing because I cried out for wisdom to have what others needed and I saw a sister who was in need and I had what that sister needed. If we have a new heart our Father will give us what we need to encourage our brothers and sisters.

Shemuel: I was reading Jer 31:33-34 during preparation time and it says that He will forgive our iniquities. That's how we come to know Him – He's continually forgiving us. His heart towards us is that He wants to save us. The more we confess our iniquities and He forgives us, the more He saves us. Then it won't be that we'll think, "Oh, I'm supposed to encourage my brother, so I will," but it will be in our hearts to do it. The more we confess that's in our hearts, the more we'll be saved. I'm thankful for that.

When something happens between you and a brother and you are reconciled, when you're forgiven you know each other more because of what you went through. You know each other's heart more.

Qesheth: I read 1 Cor 12:21 during preparation time and it really spoke to me about the least seemly members of the Body. (Actually the whole chapter is amazing how it speaks about the "whole" body.) And in verse 25 it says, "*that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.*" It made me thankful that we're all He has and He needs all the graces and gifts in us to work together. If we think we can do without someone then we are cut of and we need to repent!

Our Father's grace is sufficient for us to overcome. If we have eyes we'll have the grace to be what our brother needs. Our Father needs a home. I want to be that home He wants and not leave Him homeless.