

2 February 1993, Evening Sacrifice Brazil
Giving All

A thing that our Master talked about a good deal.

The gospels were written so we can know what the good news is. A person can't be saved unless they hear the good news. After hearing it, then they can be judged (Acts 14:37).

We'll just talk about one part of the Good News. The most important part is that YAHSHUA loved us and gave His life (1 Cor 15:1,2). We could believe in vain if we don't really consider what we hear. Most of us took several days. Our Father attracted us.

What keeps us from being saved — or what makes us able to be saved? Some people are not able to be saved because they don't take up their cross, don't give up their possessions, don't give up their sovereignty.

Matt 28:20 — He told his disciples to pass on to others what HE taught them. That's why you see the phenomenon that happened when 5000 people gave up all their possessions. But in these last days there will be a nation that gives up all (possessions and lives, etc.) Luke 14:28

You won't follow Him long if up in the front you say "Oh, but I didn't know I had to do this."

Our Master doesn't want a blind commitment — naive, simple, and empty, that expects only blessings. But He wants people to count the cost. There is a hard road ahead. If you're building a building you must consider the cost first. (Luke 14 — The king who sees the stronger king coming.) The cost of what? The cost of being a disciple. Do we have sufficient faith to give up all?

Luke 14:31-32 — What Yahshua expects of His followers, to be a disciple. Are you here to be a disciple? Or are you here to improve your life? You can improve your life but what good will it be?

Our Master is trying to say that He is the coming King. We must talk about this to others who come in so they don't make a blind commitment. What are the terms of peace? What would you expect if you were the king coming in to take over a territory? Total, unconditional surrender. If it wasn't this, you wouldn't trust them because then later he would try to build up an army to get

free. It takes capitulation. So we must make peace when He is far off. You can't wait until he is on top of you because He will destroy you, knock you down, and annihilate you.

Luke 14:26-33 -The Greek says "able" every time. You don't have the capacity to be a disciple unless you give up all from your past life. If you hold on to one thing you don't have perfect peace. People who left didn't give up everything. What did Ishael, Asher, Yohanah, Sergio, etc., hang on to? Possessions are a stronghold in your life. There is no marriage without decapitation, for there will never be peace in the family. There are no two-headed families, and no two-headed kingdom.

Love to a yielding heart is a king. Love to an unyielding heart is a tyrant. If someone comes to you in love about your life but you resist, you see Him as a tyrant. There needs to be loyalty and submission. No one can serve two kings. If you don't give all to that greater coming King, then you cannot be ruled. He doesn't have to be hard if you submitted. He's not your king until you capitulate. You can't say, "you can rule over me except in this one point." What about the servant who had one talent? He saw the master as a hard man because he wasn't obedient — he was an unfaithful man.

Matt 25:14-31 — Our Master spoke these words. It's amazing what He said. If you don't read the gospels when you have time then there's no love in your heart.

Matt 28:20 — Told the apostles they needed to demand of others what He demanded of them. Acts 2:42 shows what the result of this was — Life for life. Tell people this when you explain the good news. Rom 6:3,5 — If you don't think this is good news then you are condemned.

Acts 2:38 — What they had to do. The apostles hadn't talked about possessions yet, and all the things YAHSHUA had communicated to them. Here you are hearing the many other words (verse 40) — the words that brought about repentance. They were cut to the heart that they had crucified Him but they hadn't heard what they had to do yet. Then they heard about:

the rich young ruler

the sword coming to families

giving up possessions

leave all
denying yourself.

Why was our Master so clear about possessions? So that every need can be met by laying them at the apostles feet. People need to hear this before they are baptized.

We have a King who is worth it all. Worth offering our bodies to as a living sacrifice. . .