

## **Grave Consequences**

### **(More on the First and Second Covenants)**

Before we began the teaching Yoneq asked, “Where is this teaching going to lead us to, especially concerning the eternal gospel preached to Adam?”

**Ma-Aminah:** One thing that you said that really affected me was that unstable thing in woman from Eve and that what stabilizes me is my husband. That comforts me, that what stabilizes me is Michael. It made me go back to that teaching about Adam and Eve (weeping), how Adam, that there is something in man that loves her, that he wants to protect her. That set me straight more than anything else I've heard in a long time. That stabilizing factor is a source of trust.

We want to summarize these things and then understand what a natural man can know. He can't understand like a man who's come into the collective Messiah which is the completion of Him (Eph 1:23), like a wife completes her husband. We want to understand what nature teaches us, what we can expect of the natural man.

There are grave consequences to people's actions. Words can hardly communicate the seriousness of the second death. How much did Adam and Eve understand of the first death? In certain areas we now have come to the full knowledge of the truth of things that would sever us from Messiah and bring us to the first death. But there is also a coming to a knowledge of the truth. We did some things before the *Members of Messiah* teaching was adequately taught that now would sever us.

There are grave consequences for Eve or woman after her down through history if she again, a second time, if she, through nature, having knowledge of good and evil, exposes her head again. She knows instinctively that she should not expose her head, but that her husband should rule over her. There are grave consequences for both the woman not allowing him to rule and for the man not ruling over the woman. The grave consequences are the second death.

There is a resurrection from the first death but not so from the second death (the lake or sea of fire). This is the grave consequence for woman doing this a second time, woman the boss,

wearing the pants in the family. Look at your own parents. Who raised you? Who called the shots in your family growing up? You can see how deeply man has gone into the fall.

Rom 2:14 tells us about the law of the nations, what is instinctively known about good and evil. It wasn't just that God spoke to Noah but man instinctively knows this even if it isn't passed on verbally. This knowledge runs from murder to spitting on the sidewalk. Both are offenses against the image of God. Spitting is consistent with murder as a sin against the image of God in man. What He said in Gen 9:6 carries over into every aspect of life. He didn't have to list 10,000 laws, all subsequent laws are connected to Gen 9:6 and the due respect it calls for man made in God's image.

There are grave consequences for a woman uncovering her head a second time and for a man letting her do so. The first time was Eve's disobedience; then the gospel in Gen 3:16 was preached to her. If a woman's desire was for her husband, that means she would be obedient to him. Her desire would not be for anyone else. It means that woman would also be consistent in other areas and should be obedient to the instinctive knowledge of good and evil in every area.

**Kharash:** Inconsistent righteousness is usually for base motives.

If we could pose this question to people, "What are the grave consequences for a woman uncovering her head the second time?" who would understand? What were the consequences for uncovering her head the first time? The first death was inherited by all men. Then, if they could see the first death, it might convict them of sin.

The only way out of the first death is to be obedient to every word of Messiah (Jn 8:51). If a person is obedient to the (essential) gospel, then he will obey all the rest of the gospel. The Holy Spirit is granted that we might obey every word. God won't give the Holy Spirit to Christianity for they do not have the context for obedience. Instead they have the context for every evil spirit to well in (Rev 18:2). People won't come out of her to be tested in every area. We need to be in the community where we are completely known.

*Familiarity breeds contempt* is a worldly proverb. We see each other's faults in this environment and will naturally start despising one another *if* we live according to the flesh. If we

are led by the Spirit every day, then we'll love and forebear with our brother. We'll bring him alongside of us, helping him. We have the perfect environment for loving our brothers and the perfect environment for hating them. It all depends on where we are — in the Spirit or in the flesh. We represent Messiah; do we bring people alongside of us?

The Creator, God, thinks that the instinctive knowledge of good and evil is ingrained in man enough that He will have sufficient means to judge each man (Rom 1:20). No one has the excuse of ignorance. *For this reason*, verse 26 begins — for what reason? They refused to acknowledge the instinctive knowledge of God. (This is why we were saved; we were going to the second death.)

Rom 1:28 — Instead of retaining the knowledge of God they let it go. They preferred the evil over the good just like Pr 17:4. [That sufficient ingrained knowledge is essential to what these teachings are trying to say. This is starkly contrasted with the world today which brings all of God's standards up for examination to see if they merit approval. They are treated as cultural baggage by modern man—all that the Bible says about man and woman, economic relations, etc. We are coming up against the knowledge of sociology.]

Men can be good. There is something in man to be good. Seth was good; he lived after the fall. Noah, Shem — the God of Shem, Enoch. Man has the capability of choosing good or evil. This is not working for your salvation. We're talking about not going to the second death, but going to the nations. This goodness doesn't make you a son, it makes you escape the second death to enter the nations. Matthew 25:34 — they enter the kingdom prepared for them before the foundation of the world.

**Benaiah:** I think our God really wants to raise the standard of sin in the world. Christianity has blinded Yahweh's people. If they don't know what sin is, they have nothing to be convicted of. When I saw the Body, I saw authority. That is why I yielded, because they had something I didn't.

**Yoneq:** Our Father gave you eyes to see. Some people didn't.

**Ehud:** Great mercy has been shown to us. We almost were led into great deception. Growing up we made a conscious choice not to live by our conscience any longer. Then I became a Christian. But I was still violating all those

covenants. Christianity made no difference; we were still headed to the second death.

Sometimes the use of the second death will stir people up to wonder — if there is a second, there must be a first death.

2 Tim 3 tells all the horrible things people do while still holding to a form of godliness. The most amazing and wonderful news in order for the gospel to be preached is that fallen man, still under the sentence of the first death, can avoid the second death, either by living according to his conscience or by responding to the gospel. Right now all men are under inspection on the things recorded in the book—what they do, think and what their motives are (Ecc 12:14). People who are worthy of the nations do their good deeds in secret.

**Yonah:** Mt 6:3,4 — It's a promise that if you do your good deeds in secret, then He will reward you.

**Racham:** People who do good deeds secretly cause others to give thanks to God. But those who do them openly draw attention to themselves, away from God.

That carries it right over into the Edah.

Mt 5:16; Pr 27:2; 25:27 — Let others praise you. Every hidden thing will be revealed, even the motives. We're learning now how to judge the nations. It has got to be in our soul and mind now. This is our training program that these things would be written permanently on our heart and mind. 1 Corinthians 6:2. If we don't get this mind now we won't be in the judgement then.

**Kharash:** The reason will have the proper mind is that we will have taken it in and lived by it. It won't be something in our heads but it will be part of us eternally in our soul, heart and mind.

Rom 2:1; Pr 15:3 — Our Father wants to teach us something on this; that is why there are so many verses on it. From the ones we have we will build on more. The foundation goes right back to Gen 3. What Zakar preaches is in Rev 14, the eternal gospel. We must have the same love for the world as our Father (Jn 17:23). He has the same love for the world as He has for His Son.

I went into the store to buy mackerel and I asked a woman, “Is this fresh?” She said, “Oh yes, we got it yesterday.” Later I asked a man and he said, “No, we got it last week.” His conscience prevented him from just making a sale; he cared about me. We can appreciate people like him in the world. You would see the woman's consistency in every area.

Out of the mouth comes the condition of the heart. I went away praising our Father for the goodness of that man's heart.

In circumcision El Shaddai came to Abraham and said, “Walk before me and be blameless.” That is how we have to walk.

**Reya:** A person's integrity is that you can see the image of God in them. Our righteousness in Messiah must exceed the righteousness in the nations. We weren't doing it in the world. The only way we could do it was in Messiah.

There have been people in Sus who have done marvellous deeds for the Edah. One man really helped us out and then he died. We were the first disciples he'd ever met. Another man came and cursed us in our breaking of bread without any cause and then he died. A man can either live by his conscience or hear the good news. Even though this man fails, his conscience reproves him. He has no atonement but his conscience is working, feeling bad. He does the best he can to not do it again. And even if he keeps on falling and his conscience continues to reprove him, if he has genuine sorrow then there is a basis for mercy in the judgement.

Rev 21:8; 22:15 — There is a difference between someone who lies and someone who loves and practices lying. It is they who will go to the Lake of Fire even if their love of lying is masked by the title *Lawyer*, etc.

If a man will live and work by the ground which is cursed, by the sweat of his brow, his judgement will be according to how he did that. When a man got away from the setting and environment of Gen 3:19, when grandfather left the farm and was drawn to the big city, where he learned to manipulate (instead of sweat) to make a living (like a stockbroker), what drew him to the city?

**Kharash:** Lot went to the big city of his day, where the living looked easy.

**Yonah:** Lot wanted gain. He didn't see why Abraham had left Ur.

Lot actually wasn't called. He should have stayed there and been a righteous man in the nations.

This person that got out of the boundaries of Gen 3:19 got out of the boundaries where he could live by his conscience — in the city. If we take on city living in Boston — spitting on the sidewalk, taking Boston left turns, etc. — it shows that our nature before we were saved was to go to the second death.

If our behavior is excellent among the Gentiles, if we are a light to them, then they will be saved some day for either the nations or the Holy City (1 Pet 2:12). As they observe our life over a period of time they will be saved or do good for us.

Some share with their neighbor, acknowledging that he is made in God's image (Gen 9:6). They stayed in the proper environment where they could love and help their neighbors. In a city you shut off everyone else.

[City neighborhoods aren't geared so that people can help one another. On farms you know your neighbors and their needs. If people didn't help one another a lot wouldn't get done. When you are connected to the land you see that your life isn't in your own hands. If God didn't send the rain you would starve. It caused men to cry out and to give thanks.

Men who work the land don't have time for vain philosophies. Their hands are not idle. You see the beauty and wonder of nature but you know it is cursed. It brings up weeds abundantly. You can see some connection between your heart and the land. You know there is something wrong with both. It causes you to be humble.

Thomas Jefferson said America would be great as long as it was a nation of farmers, men who were close to the land. America became great because it worked hard. It was Shem being obedient to the second covenant. Men had to labor to bear fruit. Without that men look for answers to life that avoid suffering. But it is suffering that produces character. It was not too long ago that if you weren't willing to work you were trash. Now such men are looked up to, “I wish I could beat the system too.”]

God loves and wants to save those people who are going to the second death. That is why He brought Lot out. So the only people who actually go to the second death, after all is said and done, after the great search has been made to see if there is anything a person has done for which he could be rewarded (Rev 20:12-15), anything to save that person, even a cup of water to a disciple (Mt 10:42). Only a worthless person will go to the second death.

**David ben B'rith:** I always looked at God in Christianity as looking for reasons to throw people in the Lake of Fire. This is so different than everything I was taught.

**Racham:** 2 Cor 11:3,4 — It is the evil one masquerading as another Holy Spirit, as another Jesus, who has taught the whole world through Christianity that God is this horrible being waiting to throw men in the Lake of Fire.

Christianity, it is sorcery, Rev 18:23 and 19:2-3. Chuck Smith is one of the greatest sorcerers who ever lived. He knows exactly how to keep people under his control. He does the very things (tapes for money, etc.) that he condemns in others.

**Kharash:** A Christian might actually read Matthew 5, 6 and 7 and be disturbed by it. Then they hear a message that tells them *once saved, always saved* and their unease quiets down.

Titus 2:11 — Grace has appeared to all men, teaching them to say no to ungodliness. For every man there is a way of escape (1 Cor 10:13). The only people going to the second death (for one who hated his sin would be consistent in other ways) are worthless persons. That is where worthless things are. Our talents are grace, the spiritual grace that comes upon us to employ our abilities. Ask for grace sometime and see if you don't receive spiritual power to do something. If you bury your talent, you won't use the innate abilities that are in you. Then you are a worthless servant (Mt 25:30). You can see what he thought of our Master (verses 24,25).

1 Cor 10:13; Titus 2:11 — Everyone is accountable for the grace that has appeared. All men will be judged according to their deeds. The sacrifice of Messiah must be appropriated to pay for one's sins. Men in the nations pay or atone for their own sin in death (Rom 6:23).

**Shoresh:** I have heard it said that the second most precious thing given to man is his conscience. The first is the Holy Spirit. But man has been given enough to

escape the second death. This is such a wonderful revelation. I know that what has been revealed to us is for us and our children forever.

Gen 3:14-21 is the covenant to Adam and Eve and is applied to the nations. This covenant with Adam is the covenant with all mankind; it sets the conditions for the basis of judgement of Rev 20. Gen 9:6 had to be added to this. After the flood our God gave the sign of the rainbow. You can go out and see it and give thanks for the beauty of creation. But the fact that it is a promise has to be revealed to us.

Gen 9:12-16 — That God has promised that no matter how bad people were, God would not destroy all flesh. Gen 8:22 goes on until the eighth day, the perfect day (Gen 8:22).

**Elizabeth:** I am just so thankful that we are coming to understand the mercy of our Father. I have hope that I will love the way our Father loves. I love Him so much for His mercy on mankind. God is so good to affect our spirits. He wants us to love mankind as He does so man can see how good He is.

We're going to be called *Derusha* someday because of the absolute necessity of us ruling over the nations, representing our Father's righteousness to them (Isa 62:12).

He sought each and every one of us out; we were found by Him. He knew that of all people we would be compassionate and merciful because this is what we were shown, therefore we show it to others. We will be a city not forsaken, that city of Isaiah 62:4. Jerusalem was forsaken even in the physical. The church was deserted and forsaken, but we no longer are called that.

We want to get together and combine our revelation. The Edah depends for its survival upon this: that we shout from the rooftops what has been whispered in our ears. If every individual isn't doing this it is because he hasn't heard, because we haven't spoken. It is not good to keep on taking in when you are not giving out (it's not good to eat when you are constipated). We don't want fat shepherds. Alms are always given to the needy, spiritually and physically. We learn here and at tables we teach. Then as we eat everyone shares what they've received. We live by the bread of life, eating His body.

We must be responsible doing this or our children will not follow us. We must not leave them out of the tables and exasperate them. We must let them share and get things out. We are responsible for our ability to respond to what we hear.

**Yonah:** Christianity has deceived us about the character and motives of God. It is so wonderful what we are hearing about Adam and the first and second covenants. Our Father is looking for ways to save men. Christianity has distorted that to the extent that it only sees Gen 3:16 as a reaction by God (in frustration) instead of a provision by God that man could make it into the nations if he will live according to what has been provided for him, even if he struggles. Because of this we can hardly respond to Gen 3:16.

In the past we haven't had clarity about the Gospel. What we are hearing is clearing away all the cobwebs. The people in the nations instinctively know that what Christians say about God is wrong.

**Adam:** The reason why Christianity is going to the Lake of Fire is that their righteousness is less than that of men going to the nations.

What incentive does anyone even have to live by the covenants if they don't matter in how God judges them? So much of the Bible makes no sense then. Does God want you to be good, the best you can, then throw you into the Lake of Fire?

The people who are going to the nations have mostly never heard the gospel (Mt 25:34). He wants to save people like us who were going to the second death.

**Cephas:** We don't have anything to be anxious about. My love for the world needs to increase. I need to love the people in the world more. It should be in me that they would like the good news. That is how I should think. Our God is merciful. He made a covenant with man because He wanted them to escape death.

**Timshal:** You can't really reach out to people unless you know what is in store for them. We walk by people whose hope is dwindling that they can live by their conscience. We know just a little bit what the second death is like. I'm thankful for what Cephas shared because if we realize the mercy that has been shown to us we'll reach out to others.

I never could figure out who would enter the nations. Sometimes I would think 90% of the people would. Then we'd hear something else and I'd think almost nobody would. One thing is for sure, there won't be any more rebellious people in the eighth day. The people who've lived a life of rebellion against their conscience will not be there.

Being ashamed of the gospel embarrasses us and embarrasses the gospel. It hinders us from sharing the good news. The only reason we'd be embarrassed ourselves is it is not having an effect in our life. It's good news. Somewhere you are compromising because you are embarrassed. This is why Christians can't preach a gospel that saves you. Their gospel has no power because it hasn't saved them and it can't save you because there's no Spirit in it. They can't take you where they haven't gone.

**Yacob:** Compared to the understanding I grew up with it is like an avalanche, the understanding I have now. He's revealing His mercy and kindness to us so that we will never turn away from Him.

**Lo-Nekar:** Seeing the mercy of my God helps me to be merciful myself.

Our children will be as you think of them. This is what our God requires: to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly before our God (Mic 6:8). We can tell our children this."