

He Watches Over Those Who Follow Him

Last night we read in Ps 97:10, “those who love YHWH hate evil.” It says, “He watches over those who follow Him and frees them from the power of the evil one.” Does He watch over those who don't follow Him? No. What are we supposed to do to follow after Him? Hate evil and love Him. Mk 8:34 says our Master called a crowd to Him along with His followers, and if anyone wanted to follow Him they had to give up the things they wanted — deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow Him (Mt 16:24). Our Master said they must be willing to give up even their own lives to follow Him, and those who want to save their lives will lose it. It's a paradox. “Those who give up their lives for Me and for the gospel will have life (Mk 8:35). Verse 36 is the answer — is it worth nothing for them to lose their souls? Nothing can be compared to having eternal life. People are living now in a sinful, wicked age. If we're ashamed of Him He'll be ashamed of us. Lk 9:23 — One word is different from Mt 16:24 — *daily*. We must give up our lives *every day*.

Ps 97:10 — People who love YHWH hate evil. It's a statement, a fact. You can't love the Sovereign and love evil at the same time. He watches over those who follow Him and frees them from the power of the evil one. Whose job is it to follow our Master? Are we told how to? We deny ourselves and take up our cross to follow Him. Ps 97:11 — “Light shines on those who do right; joy belongs to those who are honest” — not pretenders. How is the light sown for the righteous? The path of the righteous is like the dawning of the sun — it gets brighter and brighter as the day dawns.

Our children (like Zachariah Martin) who have left have no excuse — they can't blame their parents. They can't blame anyone, but they'll be judged for their own sins (Jer 31:30; Eze 18:20). A child will die for his own sins, regardless of how he was brought up, because he didn't love our Master, doing what was required to follow Him — he didn't want to pay the price. He has no excuse. He's holding Him up to public shame and disgrace (Heb 6:5-6). Our children have heard the truth every day of their lives, more than anyone else (out of almost 6 billion

people on the earth), while others in Africa or Siberia or Greenland have never even heard of our Master Yahshua. So if they leave their hearts are more wicked than someone who has never heard because they had the opportunity every day to follow our Master and they wouldn't do it.

There's no sympathy for people who fall away. Ps 101:3 says, "I hate the deeds of those who fall away." Ps 15:4 — A reprobate is despised. Those who fall away bring total dishonor to our Master, the Edah, their parents, saying that our Master was a helpless criminal hanging on the cross without any power to save. They swear to their hurt and don't change. We can intercede for them, hoping they'll change. But they may have done things that make it impossible for them to repent. Who may stand before YHWH? Ps 24:4 — Those who have clean hands and a pure heart; those who have no idols or vile things before them. Those who follow Him (who will receive a blessing), are those who look to the God of Jacob for help, who don't do any harm to their neighbors, not gossiping and telling lies about others.

We must despise a *reprobate* (look up meaning), one who has heard the truth a million times and turns away. I hope that Zachariah Martin is not this way. I hope he can truly repent. He's one of our first-born sons.

We are right on the verge of the greatest spiritual awakening that's ever been on the face of the earth. The hearts of the children will turn to the hearts of their parents and families will be united to Messiah and to one another in this age, or they'll be disintegrated. The contrast will be remarkable as it says in Mal 4:3. That means there will be an awakening, a revival, a light that will go to all the earth. The twelve tribes will be the light that will bring salvation to the ends of the earth. There will be a distinction between those who serve YHWH and those who don't. No one has to guess that this will happen — we know it will! Our Father is making stones that will not be removed (but all the obstacles will be removed). A "revival" in Christianity means putting up a tent for a week and having a "revival". This is ludicrous. We still use the word *revival* because it says in the Word, "Revive us, again." Every obstacle will be removed (even in the Body). If I'm an obstacle, I'll be removed. And if you're an obstacle, you'll be removed. Mal 4:1 — This day is coming. Mal 4:2 — But it's for those who love Him. The sun of

righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. It's going to be just like that special kind of bamboo tree we talked about in an earlier minchah — you'll be able to watch it grow.

So many people are going to come in on us. If we can't handle two or three people now, how will we handle many people in that day? You have to be ready to speak to them. You can't wait for a teaching! That's why it has to be that the hearts of the fathers will be turned towards their children and the children towards their fathers, so in that day when families come in with all their children that have wicked ways from the world, our children won't be swayed (persuaded) by them and the ways of the world. It will be a time of great testing that's coming. There will come a time when many people will come in because they will see the light — all whose hearts are turned towards Him. If it were happening now, maybe we'd be destroyed. But, He protects those who follow him — the upright.

So, let's continue to pray for Zachariah Martin, interceding for him and others who've left (Jonathan Langmaid, Rachel Painter, New Sprout) that they would count our Master to be worthy of their loyalty and devotion.

Mal 1:11 hasn't been fulfilled yet. But when it does His name will be feared in all the earth and the nations will believe at that time and it will be the greatest spiritual awakening on the face of the earth.

Racham: It's not a mystical thing how our children follow Messiah. We're training them to be disciples. We've gotten away from bringing them to the minchot. If they're sleeping in during the minchah and then they go swimming all day, I don't know what we're putting into them and what we're going to lead them into; and what we're putting into the children that come after them. We're not training them to have the heart of a disciple. To me it's an important thing that they would wake up every morning with the ear of a disciple.

I've heard that in certain places in Judah children will be sitting on the couch and adults come in and some children don't give up their seats and the adults have to sit on the floor. If that's how it is we might as well pack up our bags and go home. If this is happening it's because parents are teaching their children this, and not teaching them to be disciples.

Racham: The path has been laid out before us. We haven't been left as orphans, trying to figure things out. I want to walk on the path of righteousness until the brightness of the full day comes.

The sun of righteousness (the brilliance of righteousness) will arise. It won't be done through the Unification church, the Catholic church, the Mormons, or the Children of God. But it's got to be done through the twelve tribes — that's the promise of the brilliance of righteousness. It's up to the parents. The sign is the parents turning their hearts to their children and the children turning their hearts to their parents and families being united. Unless that happens the earth will be smitten with a curse.

Melody: Something spoke to me this morning — that those who will dwell on His holy hill will be those who'll be faithful to their oath, even if it hurts. I've had friends leave and it hurts, but my oath is more important than my friendship with them. I was thinking about how our Master Yahshua went through torment for us and this is more important to me than my friendships with people that have left. The oath I made to our Master is more important than being influenced by others.