

July 6, 1994, Morning Sacrifice Boston
The Headship of Messiah

We are going to talk about a *ship* this morning. What does ship mean? If we say, Son-ship, Head-ship, Lord-ship — what does it mean? It obviously means position, or place. We are sons of God — we have His sonship, just like the son of Ethan has his sonship. We are under the Headship of Messiah. How is Messiah your head? How is He the head of the Body? How do you know if He is your head? How does He exercise Headship? If you don't submit to one another, He's not your Head, your Lord, your Messiah — it is as simple as that. Salvation is coming under His head — submitting to His Headship.

Phil 2:3 — Recognize others as more important than yourselves. Paul said it was according to the grace given to him that he could do this. Rom 12:3; Rom 1:5 — Everyone has a measure of grace and faith — some people have more than others. You submit to the greater grace. If you don't recognize the grace in your brothers in certain areas — you don't know Messiah. You can only know Him through your brothers. That's how you show your honor to Him — through submitting to your brothers. Some have greater grace in certain areas and we're all working together. Why don't you submit? Because you're proud. God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble. If you are humble you will receive the grace and wisdom in someone else. You're proud if you say, "I'm not going to go to him, he can't do it better than I can." Don't be uncoordinated — out of order — then "helter-skelter" sets in and you're counter-productive. You need to recognize the grace in others — look for someone to submit to. You can't bypass your brothers and love Messiah — that's ludicrous. That's what Christianity does — then they pray a hypocritical prayer. You can only pray if you are treating your brother right. If you are not, then you go to him and confess that you are proud.

Headship means we follow the Head. Being in the Body we are learning how to rule. How will He give us authority to rule the universe unless we receive authority? That's what discerning the body means — does my finger recognize my body? Of course it does — it's totally coordinated. Everything is coordinated — even my emotions. My head tells my body what to do. When you

smile — a revelation gave you some type of joy and you smiled because you were happy. What if my spirit wasn't in my finger? I might as well cut it off — it can't follow directions. The Spirit is in each and every person in the Body if they are not dead. The Spirit is in every cell. We have to have the spirit to be in coordination and fellowship.

Do we submit to each other's grace? Am I too proud to submit to Seth if he has more grace in a particular area? The enemy is in the camp trying to cause disturbances — you can't let another spirit besides the Holy Spirit (which causes peace, joy, love, etc.) come in between you to cause a disturbance — especially between husbands and wives. That's how we know we're receiving from the Holy Spirit — if we have the fruits of the Spirit. If we're not that way, we're drinking from another spirit. If we are drinking from one spirit, we are all submitting to one another — there is no uncoordinated actions in the Body. We are baptized into one Spirit. Submission means that you submit your will to the will of another. You can't say, "O Lord, I'm your servant" and then say, "Get out of here", to your brother (not being submissive to them). That's hypocrisy! This made our Master angry, and He showed it. He talked about hypocrisy — it's in us. That's what headship is — recognizing the greater grace in others and submitting to it.

Hab 1:12 — Says what? If He's appointed us for life — we won't be disappointed. If He's appointed us for judgment we won't be disappointed. What has He appointed us for? For life, not death. How do you know what your appointment is? It is very easily recognized because you love. How do you show love? "*If you love Me, you'll obey Me*". We show love by submission to one another (wives submit to your husbands). There is no difference between submission and obedience. Submission is the highest expression of love. You know you have passed out of death into life if you love. There is no way you can show love if you don't submit to your brothers. We've been appointed to a place in the Body, a position of sonship — and we submit to His Lordship. Let's be what we are — sons.

Who do you know who's ahead of you in the Body that you submit to? *Example* — It's not hard for everyone to submit to me is it? But what about your brother? Are you nice to me, but not your brother? You hypocrite! You're a man-pleaser. We need to recognize the grace in our

brother — that's what pleases our Master. It doesn't please Him to submit to me. You need to find something in your brother to submit to. Love is not mocking a brother.

When our Master comes back people will say, "O, Master!" He'll say, "You hypocrite! You didn't submit to your brothers!" You didn't recognize the spirit of our Master in him. Our Master said, "It is expedient that I go away, so that I can be distributed to every person — then everyone can find out who belongs to Me. As long as I am here some only have outward submission, but if I go away and leave My spirit — then you'll find out who has my spirit and who doesn't by how you submit to your brothers." We can say, "You are Lord" all day long, can't we? 1 Cor 12:3 says you can't say He is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. If you say "Yahshua is Lord" and you can't submit to your brothers, then the Holy Spirit isn't doing that! *"To the extent that you did it to the least of My brothers, you did it to Me."* So let's submit to the least of the brothers — otherwise we're just a man-pleaser, not a God-pleaser. What is pleasing to Him? Recognizing Him in your brothers — that's what pleases Him. We need to treat our children right — continually encouraging them.

Eph 5:21 — We submit to one another out of reverence to Messiah — recognizing His Headship — recognizing Him in one another. He is the King — we see our brothers as "the king is in you". Let's give our sacrifice.