

How Can We Love Our Master?

As we were singing a song, I noticed that Ben Yada wasn't wearing any socks and the bowels of my compassion were aroused that here I have many pairs of socks and here's a brother who doesn't have any socks on. So he may be in need. And I have to find out whether he just chose not to wear socks tonight or he doesn't have any socks, while I have many pairs of socks and he doesn't have any. Now, if I saw him and he really didn't have any socks and that's why he wasn't wearing any, and my heart wasn't touched, how could the love of God be in me? How could the love of God be in me if I see a brother in need and my heart is not quickened, cut? Here I have many pairs of socks and he obviously doesn't have any. What am I going to do? I have more socks than I need. So I sense a brother in need, and even if I only had two pair of socks, if I saw a brother in need and he didn't have any socks, 1 Jn 3:17 says that's how I love my Master Yahshua. I wouldn't love Him in my heart if I saw a brother in need and I didn't give him what he needed.

How do I love my Master Yahshua? How do we actually love Him with all of our heart, soul, mind, and all of our strength? Paul said if you don't love Yahshua we're cursed, were going to death (1 Cor 16:22). And then you read in Heb 6:7 and it talks about the land that rain often falls on. It produces a good crop for the one who planted the seed. But if that land, theedah, the community, produces thorns and thistles, it's good for nothing, it says it's worthless, fit only to be burnt, cursed. But then it says in verse 10, "I know our Father won't forget your good works and the love that you show to the saints."

How are we to love our Master? We can say, "I love you, I love you," all day long, but how do we show that we love Him? How are we going to do any good thing for Him? What does He need? What can we do for Him? Understand what He's trying to say? The way that we show that we love Him is to love one another and do good deeds for one another, help our brothers in time of need. That's what He said. It's so wonderful that Paul said that, too, in 1 Cor 16:22 — that the one who doesn't love Yahshua is fit to be cursed.

But how am I going to love Him? I can't communicate love to Him and not to my brother. Actually it shows that we don't love him at all if we aren't meeting our brothers' needs — their spiritual need, their physical needs, their emotional needs, their mental needs, their social needs. If we see them in need and our heart doesn't go out to them in compassion, then how can the love of God be in us? It may not be. Then we're fit to be burned, we're worthless (1 Jn 3:17).

Paul called the church the field, the land; other Bibles call it the soil. The community is the soil. When it starts producing thorns and thistles, the community becomes worthless and good for nothing, only fit for what is going to happen in Rev 19:2-3 — the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever. I know we are not good for nothing. I know we have good soil here. I know we've had the rain and rain and rain upon us to water the seed that was sown and it's going to produce a crop useful to the one who sowed the seed. And it's not going to produce thorns and thistles.

Sometimes we think when our children are growing up and they don't love our Master, they don't love their brothers and sisters, we think maybe it's producing thorns and thistles, just like the first church. The proof is in the pudding. What's in the well comes up in the bucket. What's in the bucket is our children. How we take care of them and love them and let them know how we need them, how important they are, how essential they are — that's how we love our children. We would all have to pack our suitcases and we don't even have a home to go to because we gave everything up, but we'd just be vagabonds, we wouldn't want to live if wasn't for you. You're the most important thing we have and we love you with all of our hearts. We don't want you to become thorns and thistles; we want you to be good fruit. You're the next generation, leaders of the tribes of Reuben, Levi, and Shimone.

We can show our love for our Master by loving our brothers and sisters. That's how we know we've passed out of death and into life. That's how we know we've got the love of God and it's poured out in our hearts. How do you love God? There's no WAY you can love God

besides loving your brothers. There's no way possible unless you live together in community, laying down your lives together. We've found the way. Let's give thanks.