

August 20, 1994, Shabbat Morning Sacrifice Boston

How It Grows, I Do Not Know

(*We sang, "We worship you . . ."*)

Huldah — I'm so thankful we have rivers of living water in us and we'll never be thirsty or hungry again.

Racham — When we speak those words, "If you come to the Messiah, you'll never hunger or thirst again" — it's because we know it — Jn 4:20-23. It made me think about all we heard last night about honoring the Sabbath — our physical bodies will perish if we don't do this. Our Father has a purpose in it — he knows human nature and that we need a day of rest from our toil, labors, worries, cares, or our bodies won't last until the end of the age. Our Father seeks such people to be His worshippers — we're different because He sought us out — He initiated it — He likes to be around those who see His worth (these are the only ones who can bring about His kingdom).

We bear the mark of being sought out or not sought out. If we are, we'll give Him His proper worth. I'm thankful He sought us out for that purpose.

Kepha — The beginning of John goes along with this (Jn 1:1-13). Racham was saying that only by receiving Him and His will can we be born anew and have the right to be children of God. That's what makes Him our Father — that we want to do His will — if we don't want to we haven't become His son. If we have been sought out it's because we want to do His will. If we don't see Him as worthy, we won't do His will.

The whole world was created by Him and man was without life until He breathed on Him and gave him life — He gave life to a people. Many times He brought them back, but they didn't receive Him — so He took His life and gave it to a people who would do His will. This makes me want to do His will and be connected to the vine.

It encouraged me what Racham said — it wasn't something we did on our own, apart from our Father drawing us.

Yoneq — In Mk 4:21-22 our Master was saying, "Do you hide a lamp under a bowl or bed? NO! You put it under a lampstand. Everything hidden was meant to be disclosed.

Everything concealed will be brought out into the open". Vs 23 — He knew what He spoke very few could hear (Qashab). Whoever can hear — listen — think carefully about it, with great care — think carefully about what we heard in vs. 21-23. Vs 24 — the way you give to others is the way God will give to you, and even more. Those who have understanding will be given more — those without understanding, even what they have will be taken away. That's why we go down to silence. (Ps 115:17) Remember the Proverb we learned one time? — (Words to a dumb mouth are like preparing a feast and dumping it on a graveyard) — that's what Ecclesiasticus 30:18 says. So we hear, and we hear, and we hear — Mk 4:10 — later when our Master was alone, the disciples and His followers began to ask Him about the stories He told. He said that they understood, but if the other people he told stories understood they would come back to Him and be forgiven. Vs 8 — They would yield a crop and produce 30, 60, and 100 times more. Vs 9 —

You who can hear listen, but not just listen, but speak (do what it says). Vs 25 — What is He trying to tell us to do?

Racham — To give.

Yoneq — What does He want us to give?

Racham — He wants us to pass on what we hear — to give faith and encouragement to each other. We get it by hearing. What we pass on is to build up the Body.

Yehudah — If you pass it on it multiplies — if you keep it to yourself, it dies.

Yoneq — Is that right? Can we rely on this? Is it the absolute truth? Do we actually reap what we sow? Mk 4:26-29 — Our Master said the kingdom of God is like someone who plants seeds in the ground, and it's in us. Vs. 30 — "*How can I show you what the kingdom of God is like? What story can I use to show you?*" Vs. 31 — the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed — when it is planted it becomes the largest of plants, and the birds make their nests in its shade. What does this mean? How do you hear this? Our Master used many stories like this to tell the crowd as much as they could understand, but when He was alone with His followers He'd speak plainly and explain everything to them. What is the kingdom of God like?

Rose — It's like the Community.

Hosah — When we get revelation about something we think it's nothing, but when we pass it on it grows.

Yoneq — No matter how small your revelation is — pass it on! It's like a seed — it grows if you plant it and someone hears. You think it's little, but it's really like a mustard seed planted in your heart. And all the wild birds come and nest, not just one species — that really tells a lot right there because our backgrounds are so different (our personalities and temperaments).

Yasqar's Farm shriveled up to nothing because you have to be alike to live there. It's only for those who have natural abilities (people with the same interests, skills, abilities). But people can exist here in the Body because there's love, patience endurance and forbearance — there's not just one kind of bird.

Those who have understanding will be given more, and those who don't — even what they have will be taken away. We have light — do we hide it? (vs. 21) Do we have a dumb mouth? What's a dumb mouth? — Someone who can't speak. We don't have a dumb mouth. How is it that we all grow up into every aspect of the head? By sharing what we have (Eph 4:15).

Our Father loves a cheerful giver, not a begrudger — and He will give us back (He will outdo us) whatever we freely give (you can apply this to clothes, your time — whatever you have — a freewill offering). It is all according to how we hear. If we never give, it's because we aren't hearing right. Who is going to hang onto what they have and not give out? We're not going to,

are we? If we're spiritual enough to hear, we're spiritual enough to give out. The spiritual are going to inherit the kingdom of God — not the fleshly, but the spiritual!

What does spiritual mean? The spirit dwells in your heart where you communicate. When you say, "Abba" — it's right there in your heart — you sense your Daddy — your "Abba" in your heart. Some people address their earthly father as "Father" (more formal), and some say, "Daddy". What kind of relationship should we have? Both — but "Abba" should come first — knowing Him as your Source.

Be careful about what you hear. It's amazing we read these things our Master said, and some in this room don't even hear it! And some hear more than others. Some don't give out what they hear — that's who fall away and eventually are cut off.

How did our Master love people? He told them everything His Father told Him — He didn't hold back anything. He taught them what to say and how to say it. (John 12:49 NIV) We've seen 1,000 people fall away — if you count it would be more than 1,000.

If we see His worth we'll worship Him. **Worship** — means to give what He deserves. What keeps a person from giving? Speaking? Not receiving? **Intimidation!** If you let it keep you from giving out what you've received, then what you've received will be taken away. If you give out what you've received, more will be added on to you.

Sekel — Heb 6:7-8 — If we don't hear what's being said, we'll grow up to be thorns and thistles and be cursed. Vs. 11-12 — I am so sluggish sometimes to share what I hear, but I want to be an imitator.

2 Thess 2:13 — talks about what we say here, today. We have the Spirit who teaches us through the Word. The Spirit needs the Word — the Word needs the spirit — they both work together to teach us. If we hear what is being taught, we'll pass it on unless intimidation keeps us from doing it — then what we have will be taken away. Vs. 13 — He chose us from the beginning to be saved. We have been saved, now we are being sanctified by the Spirit — set apart for His purpose. God used the gospel we preach to call you to be saved so you can share it.

2 Thess 2:15 — He told them to continue on and "stand strong" — did they? What makes you think they didn't? How do you know they fell away? This is what I heard (a negative thing) —

"I'm afraid after you leave that things will just go back to the way they used to be!" That means I've wasted my time here. If it does go back, it means you allowed it to!

Phil 2:5 — In your life think and act like Yahshua did. **Attitude** — how you think and act (look up the word). You have to think and act like Yahshua — have to have the same mind. We're always supposed to think and act like our Master, aren't we? Have you learned something from verse 4 and 5? We're supposed to be like God in everything. So what are we supposed to do? What did Paul say? Vs. 12 — to keep on working to complete your salvation until the end. So you must be worthy of our Master and work out your salvation with fear and trembling, because God is working in you to help you want to do and be able to do what fully pleases Him.

Col 1:10 — What does it say? We live the kind of life so as to be worthy of Him — that pleases Him in every way. Vs. 11 — God will strengthen us with His own power and strength (not our own). So we don't give up when trouble comes, but we endure everything with patience. Vs. 12-13 — He brought us into the kingdom of His Son — Kingship (into the King's domain). He paid for our sins. God has to work out their salvation -

Judah is doing it — Naphtali is doing it — we're working it out.

Chayah — You can't hear what our Father says without someone speaking it. Our Master would share what His Father spoke to Him. If He didn't we wouldn't know what His will is — we wouldn't hear.

Mal 3:17; Dan 12:1-3; Mal 3:16-18 — What are we going to do to be recorded in that book? Our names and what we say are written in a book of remembrance. Who is He going to save? He's going to consider them a precious son of His right hand. And He will save us when trouble comes — why? Because we are speaking to one another what is whispered in our ear — we shout it from the rooftops — this is a commandment. We are part of His Body — if we don't obey His commandments we won't see life, will we?

When that day of trouble comes on the earth — that terrible, horrible day of tribulation — there will never be a more horrible time that we will have to face and you'll see the fruits of it coming over the horizon — it talks about it in Dan 12 — a time unprecedented that will never before have happened. You won't even be able to walk down the road without being mugged.

But He'll come to rescue those who are recorded in that book. How do you get into it? You speak to one another — you have to overcome. If we didn't have anything to overcome, we wouldn't be overcomers. Overcomers pray for His strength to overcome. If you never pray and try to overcome in your own strength — then your own strength is your god. We have to say, "Abba, Father, I don't have strength unless you give it to me — I can't overcome unless you help me!" Then when He gives it to you, you give Him glory. Eph 3:12 — we have 'freedom of speech' — "I need You, Abba! You're my source of all things." That's how we talk to Him. We've been given the spirit that cries, "Abba, Father!"

So let's speak to one another — let's overcome. Can we overcome? Yes, if we rely on His strength, not our own. Some people will experience life and some will experience the same death as He experienced — (some people in this room) — but it doesn't have to be. Is that a negative thing to say? If you say, "that's me!" — then it will happen.

Miryam — I tend to be a person who gets into work (although it's good to give yourself), and then Talilah will come up to me and say something not related to what I am doing and I have to have something to give her. I could say, "I'm too busy" — but it stirs me up to say something to her. If I take time to give out what I have received then it blesses her and it blesses me. I'm thankful for her — she is simple and when I share with her during the day it helps me to know my purpose.

Yoneq — We'll grow up into every aspect of the head — socially we'll grow up — we are so immature — emotionally we are like infants. Eph 4:16 — All our temperaments will be like our Master. Do we want to have a temperament like His? Then keep on growing and you will. The community is a social order, and we are to be speaking words to one another. Mal 3:18 — this will come true.

There is a distinction between those who worship and those who don't — those who see His worth and those who don't. Even in the Community there are those who see His worth and those who don't — you can tell by the way they think and act; walk and talk (the way they respond).

Our Master said, "Haven't I chosen you twelve and one is a devil?" What do you think about that? Are we devils? Accusers of the brethren? I don't want to be an accuser of the brethren. A devil is an accuser of the brethren. Accusations tear down — let's build up.

Haggai — What makes us trustworthy is how we pass on what we know. I want to grow up and be just like our Master. When we don't speak, it hinders us — we don't know what's in a person. I want to be one who speaks so people will know what's in me.

Racham — All we've heard opens up to us what Mk 4 says. If the seed doesn't find good soil and produces good fruit, then it's our fault. We have to get rid of the rocks, the hard places in our life. If we hear wisdom it will bubble out of us and we will give it to others.

Yoneq — When trouble comes, we want to be found in that book. Those who are going to be in that book are those who are building up the body. We tear down by silence — when we have something and we don't share. We have fertilizer and water and then don't give it to others. Let's be those who give.

ha-Emeq — I was reading Mk 4:27 — "How it grows, I do not know". I was encouraged by our Master's words, the seeds of life. In the story our Master said, "man scatters the seed, and how they grow I do not know". It's so amazing that it does that. For me it means I have an angel on the right and one on the left. And when Yoneq said, "Do you listen to what's being said?" — I thought about the angel on the right says, "Yes, that's right" — and the angel on the left says, "No, you don't listen!" I'd rather listen to the angel on the right that says, "how it grows, I do not know." Our Master's words are life to us, and when we speak about them, they bring faith and life to our brothers. I want to listen and pass on faith to others.

Yoneq — Paul said that one plants and one waters, but what causes it to grow, he does not know — it's a miracle (God makes it grow). Remember Heb 13:15

Racham — Read Mal 2:5-7 if you want to read about the lips of true priests.

Yoneq — It is the same as in Heb 13:15 — lips that praise His name. Let's *Qashab* what we *Shamah* (hearken to what we hear).

Rose — Growth is the outcome of life. If His life is in a people, it will grow and fill the universe. Wheat grows up and then it's sickled — it doesn't have to wait a long time — it's a garden plant.

Yoneq — In the last days He'll do a quick and thorough work. So it's good that we know we're His kingdom. When we are grown up He will take a sickle to us and harvest us. We all have to grow up so He can harvest us (winnow us) when He returns.

We provide just the right water and nourishment for each other, but how we grow we don't know. It's a miracle.

Kepha — A plant needs light to grow — it won't grow if it's in the basement. our Master was life — there's light in the life.