

## **The Immaterial Reality of our Spirit**

We began with the song, “Great and Wonderful.”

**Soreph Gamaliel:** His glory will be revealed through a people. Everyone knows the gospel from Christianity, that all men have fallen short of the glory of God (Rom 3:23). But no one knows that the purpose of the gospel is to restore man to that fallen glory (2 Ths 2:14). Unless that is happening, you have the wrong gospel, because it is not having the desired effect.

In the same way, many people have spoken of the Trinity. They have killed each other over it. But what they don't realize is that the proof that God is one (expressed in three distinct personalities), is that we, His people, are one. When they see our unity because we have the same Spirit living in each one of us, then they will be able to believe that God is one.

**Yoceph:** I was thinking of the same thing as we sang that song — that His glory is going to be revealed. There are only a few people on the earth today that don't love the world. 2 Tim 2:19 – Our Father is gathering those who are willing to abstain from wickedness and depart from iniquity. In order for that to happen, our iniquities are going to have leave us — go out the door. 2 Tim 1:8 and 2:3 both say the same thing — we are taking our share of suffering.

He wants His glory to be increased on the earth. That is going to have happen as we put away our iniquities by taking our share of suffering — what our Master has given us to help cut away those deep-seated iniquities that would otherwise hinder His glory from being revealed in a people. This has to happen in order for others to see.

### **The Indefinable Us**

It is amazing who we are. We are our Father's greatest, highest creation. The Spirit leads us. The Spirit of God leads those who are the sons of God. To be led by the Spirit is something you can hardly define. The source of our actions is something immaterial. Our source is not our brain or something physical. When our spirit — that indefinable us, the person that we are — departs our body, then our flesh falls down to the ground. It has no life apart from our spirit.

Our spirit is what makes us act. We are accountable for the spirit we are listening to. It is very difficult to understand, explain, and define. Our body houses that spirit. We can see

we're more than just flesh and blood. Flesh and blood can't enter the Kingdom. It's the indefinable us, the person that we are. It's what makes us act, react, be kind, be angry, believe accusations against our brothers. Whoever is led by the *Holy Spirit*, these are the sons of God. I'm thankful we can be led by the Spirit.

If we set our mind on the Spirit, we will be steadfast. Those who endure to the end will be saved. This life takes enduring. If we endure with the hardship of restoring these buildings — if we persevere through the hardship — then the glory of God will be revealed. If we endure we'll show the people in this town who the sons of God are. We're going to be a great witness in this whole area. Right now we may not be such a witness that people can distinguish us from others. Those who serve the true God will be distinguished from those who don't. This is our goal; it's where we're headed (Mal 3:18).

**ha-emeq:** That little spark of life Yoneq was talking about... When Adam received it after our Father fashioned him, he became a living being. He was a son! That meant he was to think like His Father, want to do what His Father was doing, take on His heart. That is just how it should be with our sons.

If it hadn't been that man fell, then something wonderful about our Father's real nature wouldn't have been able to be expressed. His forgiving nature wouldn't have been revealed. Our Father is so forgiving — it's His character. He wants His sons to be just like that. Things happen to us that need to be forgiven. He is a forgiving God.

We're one. It's the character of the first breath that came into us. It stands out even against the mess. It's even attracted other people to be one with us. If someone was to walk in here what is there to be attracted to? The breath of our Father... when we are connected to that Spirit... We are always messing up, like Gidon was saying. Having you here (*ha-emeq said to Gidon*) is going to provoke us to be just like God.

### **The True Justice of Compassion**

Whatever spirit we take in — what it communicates to our spirit, and then what our spirit communicates to our soul and then to our brain — is what causes us to then hurt or bless our brothers and sisters. We have to see how our Father made man. It's something deeper. In Zec 7:8 it says, "*Then the word of the Sovereign came to Zechariah saying...*"

Where did the Word come to, his brain or something deeper?

*Thus has the Sovereign of hosts said, "Dispense true justice, and practice kindness and compassion each to his brother; and do not oppress the widow or the orphan, the stranger or the poor; and do not devise evil in your hearts against one another." (Zec 7:9-10)*

"Execute true judgment..." We'll have to hear the Holy Spirit, not just our own flesh. Mercy has to be *shown*. We have to show kindness and be tender, compassionate. Are you tender? What are we here? A tender shoot. We're tender and compassionate. The Body carries out kindness. We're in tune to the right spirit when we're kind, think the best, forget people's past. We don't remember anyone's past. When I come into a place I don't even remember what they did.

Don't oppress the single men who have no parents. What about temporary residents? Do we have any temporary residents here? Be careful how you treat them. Don't receive that spirit that would devise evil or think bad about your brothers and sisters.

This is the reason Israel was scattered to the nations:

*But they refused to pay attention, and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears from hearing. And they made their hearts like flint so that they could not hear the law and the words that the Sovereign of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets; therefore great wrath came from the Lord of hosts. (Zec 7:11-12)*

Verse 11 tells us they refused to listen to the prophets. They were rebellious and stubborn. As you see in the 13 verse, when they then cried, He wouldn't listen.

*"And it came about that just as He called and they would not listen, so they called and I would not listen," says the Lord of hosts.*

We don't ever want to come to that place like the first Edah did. They were scattered. They stopped showing kindness; they weren't loving one another. They were like the world.

We have the opportunity to be led by the Spirit. We need to say, "I can't do anything apart from You." If we don't do this we'll be led by other spirits. If we listen to the Holy Spirit we'll be able to endure until the end showing mercy and kindness in every way.

**Jeremiah:** We're spiritual beings and we're led by something. We have a spirit, a spirit that leads us. That is why we have to be led by the Holy Spirit so we'll be led by the Spirit.

**Gidon:** We are as good as dead when we are not led by the Holy Spirit. We'll be just like our body — when the spirit leaves, our body falls down; it's dead. It's the same spiritually. If we're not led by the Spirit, then our spirit is going to death.

**Racham:** That grass is so tender anyone of us could pinch it right off and pull it out of the ground, yet it's pushing it's way up through the asphalt. It's so tender, yet it's pushing the asphalt away to get to the sun which is it's source of life.

If we seek Him we will find Him, *if* we seek Him with all our heart (1 Chr 28:10). That doesn't mean yelling and screaming, but with all our heart. It's not by might or by power but by His Spirit. You get more accomplished by tenderness than through harshness.

**Naomi:** The things I have been suffering about have been solely because I am a selfish person. I want to change.

**Miriam:** 2 Sam 23:2-5 – If our hearts are like Naomi's then He'll save us with *all His desire*.

**Caleb:** Hearing about the grass makes me think that love finds a way. It seems impossible for a blade of grass to push through a field of asphalt. When Solomon dedicated the Temple our Father promised when the people would turn from Him and reject Him..... When they cried out to Him He would hear their voice and He would keep His word.

I read Psalm 106 and it really demonstrates His loving care for man. Israel always turned their backs on Him. I'm thankful that the anointing we have is that Spirit that leads us and teaches us to be kind.

**Shemuel:** We often feel like the asphalt is between our Father and us. I'm really thankful for what we heard this morning.

## Our Heart

*After the minchah our brother Melevav expressed his heart to be restored.*

**ha-emeq:** I don't know who named you "Melevav" (*from the heart*). Did they have true insight into who you are? The heart (*lev*) is not just some gushy thing that beats. Does our Father have a heart? What does it mean, "That man has a lot of heart?" Or "Take heart, brother?" Love and courage are from the heart. Being connected to another spirit is having no heart – losing your composure, courage, kindness, etc.

Jn 17:20-23 – So we have that glory. Is there anything higher that you could receive? Positionally you are as righteous as He is. Because your name is recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life, you returned. Your spirit couldn't dwell out there. You have received the highest glory a human can have — the glory of God (1 Jn 3:1-3).