

13 January 1993, Wednesday Evening Brazil

Indignation

Did you have to put Matt 5:23 or Mk 11:25 into practice today? What if, for instance, the following situation happened to you: You cleaned the bathroom — "I'm cleaning the bathroom really nice for YAHSHUA's sake." You cleaned the tiles; you cleaned the sink, you cleaned the commode; you cleaned the floor. And then, while it was still wet, someone came in with muddy shoes and not only got the floor all muddy, but they stood on the commode and got that all muddy as well! And you went back in there and saw that.

Well, if a brother did that — persisted in using the clean, wet bathroom when they could have gone to another or cleaned up after himself — then he sinned. But what should you do?

[Someone suggested, "clean the bathroom."]

But I can't spend my whole day cleaning the bathroom. But I don't know who it is.

[Some people suggested cleaning it up and then publicly requesting that people would take care in the bathroom.]

If I had been indignant, then I would have sinned, not against the brother who did it, because no one knows who it is, but against our Father. And the brother who did it, he didn't sin against a brother — he just sinned against the bathroom, and so he has to make restitution with the bathroom. How? Clean it. You should always leave a bathroom better than you find it. You can't read that in the bible, but you *can* read: "Do unto others how you want them to do unto you."

If you don't care — then it is an attitude problem (Eph 5:1; Phil 2:1-5). Does it say in the bible that you should have a good attitude? If we are going to be imitators of God, we're to have the same attitude as Him. What would He do when He went in the bathroom? [You cleaned the bathroom and YAHSHUA had muddy feet — would he get the bathroom all muddy? And if he did get it muddy — He would clean it up.

So you think, "Well, I'll forebear with my brother because he has not come to the point yet of judging himself." Don't take a whip to him. You might take a whip to someone who is making the house of God into a den of robbers — but not to a faulty brother. Maybe he was mixing cement and had to run back to it; maybe he got a long distance phone call — that's thinking the best. *You have to deny your flesh to think the best.* It is things such as this that cause you to be indignant.

Indignation is a sin against God and the Body. Because you put yourself high up as God, judging your brother, and the next day you will probably do the same thing. So we have to be careful to not be indignant. It is a common downfall in the community.

Matt 7:7 — Get the board out of your own eye before you try to take the speck out of your brother's, because you can't see anything. And get the speck out of your eye too. That's what our Master said. Get the board out of your eye *first*.

*We* were ready to get the whip out — that's our fallen human nature. All the world's problems are in our fallen human nature and we bring those problems into the edah and we are called to crucify the flesh and live by the spirit so those things would not exist in the Body. Sometimes you have to put your hand over your mouth, because once you let it out of your mouth, you cannot take it back. Bite your tongue and pray for grace.

Elezar — I'm having to overcome now to not be discouraged and to see that there is hope for me. If anyone would see what was inside of me, they *never* would have given their life for me. But YAHSHUA saw it and He still gave His life for me. He has hope for me, even when I don't see hope for myself. He is doing the work in my life. His work is slow but efficient. Phil 4:8.

Yadon — said something about being introspective, to which Yoneq replied...

Satan wants us to be introspective, our Father wants us to judge our sins and confess it and go on.

Yadon — said he gets frustrated because he doesn't attain to the standard he sets for himself but realizes that the Spirit is not setting that high standard — it's his flesh.

Chassidah — said she has a high standard not only for herself but for other people. She has always had a way of seeing other people's faults right away, but in the community it brings out all of her faults too — you can't get away from it — so she's learning to not judge others so quickly. And also, she hears so much and then thinks she knows so much, but she doesn't want to feel like she knows a lot — because it lifts her up and really she only knows just a little.