

June 5, 1994, Evening Sacrifice      Boston

### **Keeping Your Mind Set on the Spirit**

Hosah — I read Deut 4:7-8 before the sacrifice and I am so thankful for what it says — that we have a God who is so near to us when we call on Him and He is in our midst and we can have fellowship with Him.

2 Cor 3:17-18 — Talks about being liberated and set free by the Spirit. Deut 4:7 talks about laws. Israel thought they were righteous because they studied the law, but they forgot to love God. They were just under principle — without love the law becomes heavy and burdensome and you will sin. God will not let us live by principle. Israel couldn't do it — they forgot how to love God. It has been left for a people like us to do.

The Spirit is the Lord, and the Lord is the Spirit (2 Cor 3:17-18). He is here — He is Sovereign in our hearts. We obey Him because we love Him. He said, "If you love Me, you'll obey Me." If we lose vision we will perish because we quit putting our mind on the Spirit Rom 8:6. Then we will quit having life — walking around without life and peace. He will keep us in perfect peace if we keep our minds on Him Isa 26:3. This is everything that we are doing. If we keep our minds set on Him then we'll be the most wonderful, kind, good, gentle, loving, compassionate people. We will be a light to the world and all men will know we are His disciples. We are becoming like Him. The Israelites in the Old Covenant had their mind on principles and the law so they fell — and we will fall too if we try to live by a set of principles. We can't just read the Bible and try to do what it says. Mal 2:5-6 — This covenant will carry over to this age so we can do what old Israel couldn't do. We would probably be just like them, but now we have the Holy Spirit and we can bring back the promises of Abraham.

Twenty-two years ago our Father spoke to me — "Why are you living? What is your purpose? Why are you breathing?" The only purpose in this age for our life is to make the next age come — for our Father's will to be done. How do we do this? It is simple. By keeping our mind on the Spirit. This is the most important thing we should know — to keep our mind on Him. Old Israel didn't do this, but we can do it in the New Covenant. If we do this we'll love — if not, we are worthless and we'll never get back to being like God and our life is in vain. We can actually love if we keep our mind set on the Spirit. I want to do that because if I lose vision I lose heart, and then I lose sight of what I'm living for. Where there is love there is liberty, and we are not under the law that condemns us, but under the Spirit who gives us life. I am living for Yahshua and Abraham and I want Abraham to say someday, "Well done," just like our Master will say to us. I am thankful to the father of my faith. We're going to carry on where he left off. We can do it for him with the help of the Holy Spirit. We train our wonderful children so they will grow up to have the same heart as Abraham.

Then our Father will have the land back. We can't have a people without the land. The offspring of Abraham will be as numerous as the stars and as countless as the sands of the seashore. We are living for the 1,000 year reign. It will take no less than everything we have to do it.

2 Cor 3:18 — The Spirit stamps the word of God (His image) into us. We're becoming like Him. From "glory to glory" He's changing us. We are being transformed into becoming just like Him by the very Spirit of our God. He stamps the image of God into us by the Word of God. How wonderful His word is — we are becoming children of God.

ETERNAL LIFE — To know Him and have a relationship with Him — truly a relationship with Him. That's what He wants — for us to know Him by letting Him speak to us so we can love as our Master loved. The Lord is the Spirit and the Spirit is the Lord 2 Cor 3:18. It's amazing that we are being transformed into the image of our Master.

N'su — It's wonderful what we just heard. Someday I want to meet Abraham too and have him say to me, "Welcome, faithful servant." I'm thankful our life is real. I want to be a faithful servant and keep my mind on the Spirit.

Huldah — When you were talking about vision I saw clearly that last week I started losing vision because I didn't have life and peace. I always thought that there was just a lack of vision, but now I see that if I don't have vision it's because I don't have life and peace and I didn't go to the throne and cry out. Then I started losing vision. The evil tries to keep us from going to the throne of grace, but our Master has everything we need. If we don't have life and peace it's because we're not setting our mind on the Spirit. That's what happened to me last week. The enemy came to me and I started to get overwhelmed because I wasn't setting my mind on the Spirit. It's simple — If I keep my mind on the Spirit I will have life and peace. I'm so thankful that it's this way.

Can you imagine what it would be like everyday here without the Holy Spirit? You would hear so much in the teachings and you couldn't fulfill the law and it would drive you crazy. That's what our life is meant to do — to drive people away unless they have the Spirit.

In a car when you set the cruise control for 60 mph it is set there. The car goes the same speed up a hill and down a hill — it remains steady on course. Sometimes the speed may vary slightly and you make allowance for this, but the speed remains pretty steady. We are to be just like that — steady in His love. We are not perfect, but when we are set on Him — we go along with Him. We have to get into cruise control. If we set our mind on the Spirit, we are going to be like our Master.

The word of God is making us like our Master — the Spirit stamps an image in us. Eph 6:10-17 — We need to take up the sword and do battle. We overcome by the word of our testimony. We have to take up the sword in order to do battle with the enemy. The sword is an offensive weapon. Sometimes I just can't go on and I have to let the word of God (the sword) come out of my mouth. When I get so bogged down I have to remind the enemy that he is defeated by our Master, Yahshua. We have to do this in our Master's name. If we all take up the sword of the Spirit then the enemy will be executed. This will happen some day.

Keynah — When Yoneq was sharing it reminded me of the walk I took this morning. I saw squirrels dancing over branches and birds flying and I thought that these animals are free to do what they were created to do. I remember seeing birds in cages in pet shops and when you went near them they were fearful of you. That's what it must be like being under the law — fearful of making mistakes, bound up. Those birds I saw this morning were free. And I'm so thankful our Master has set us free.

We need to fear that we are not free. Let's give Him everything we have — we can't withhold anything. He deserves everything we can give Him.