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Last Days in Naftali

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If everyone knew that they were going to die and experience what our Master experienced for three days then everyone would want to be saved. He suffered for three days but people have to suffer eternally. Death will hold them because they didn't go to Him and get their sins forgiven. But if they knew what they would have to experience, they would go to Messiah and thank Him for dying for their sins. They would say, "Thank you; What can I do for You now?" And if anyone was thankful, he'd offer his body continually to Him as a bondservant. But somehow people aren't so concerned, so it's only those who are held in the bondage of the fear of death that can cry out to our Master. But if you are not held in the fear of death, then you're going to have to suffer eternally. Tonight we are celebrating to remember His death — He died for us. So who on earth is thankful for that? Only those who have been rescued from death. I'm doing it. I'm thankful. I can't go to eternal death; I cannot get there from here. Those who have been saved are thankful. Those who haven't been saved have nothing to be thankful about.

Manoah — Our Master suffered for the cause of justice so it could be established on the earth. He established it through what He did for us. We were people who did not want to die. We disobeyed our conscience; we were rebellious .. we trusted in our own strength. He made us see he put us on the rock. And now all we want to know is, "What can I do for you?" Gain the kingdom, seek first the kingdom and His justice. But for eternal life, we can only be thankful.

Man is in such a stupor! People are living for I, me, mine. That's why they go to college, get good jobs — I, me, mine. We've escaped that life. (Matt 6:32,33) And we're thankful. Why should you die for your own sins? Go ahead if you want to, but why should you? You can either die for it or let Him. Why don't we wake up out of our stupor. That's why it says, "*wake up oh sleeper,*" but most people sleep on in their stupor. I'm thankful our spirit has been awakened from its stupor by the gospel — we made an active choice to follow the son of God when he called us. Martha — It's real because God loves me and I love Him.

Martha is an example. She said she had a terrible life of confusion in the world and she traded it in for salvation. Imagine what a deal she got! You've got to crucify that old man, get rid of it, and

our Master YAHSHUA will give you eternal life. If you keep your old guilty life, what do you get? eternal death. If you give it up? you get eternal life. Is it good news or bad news? A little child can understand it.

Deborah — I was thinking about why people stay in the stupor. One reason is Christianity. Christianity is only reform, it doesn't change the heart. I'm thankful for the miracle that God was able to break my heart and break that stupor and take off the blinders of Christianity and save me.

Nahaliel — I think the greatest miracle is that a person can receive faith to believe that YAHSHUA rose from the dead. And the proof of this miracle is that a person can love his brothers as He loved us. When I saw the sun go down tonight I thought about the time of neshef — about our Master dying. He was buried and His soul went down and down and down and at this time tonight He came out of there. What type of power could make a dead body come back to life? The power that created the universe. If you look at the stars you see their light from here. That star right there has so much energy. But its energy couldn't raise a man from the dead. But before this energy, was the Creator — just think of the great power He has. In all the power of the Creator of the universe, YAHSHUA raised from the dead. And those who cry out and beg Him for salvation, He will give that faith. He gives this faith to those who ask. People say they know God and praise God but they don't have life and they don't love their brothers. That same power that raised Him from the dead helps us to love our brothers. The same power, the same love. It's an incredible thing. This is what we are celebrating tonight.

Salvation is truly believing in Him. If we believe in the Son, we've passed out of eternal death.

But the way that we know is not by what we think or believe or what we are even sure of what we believe, but 1 Jn said that we know we've passed out of death and into life because we love the brethren. This is a daily experience — loving your brothers. We know love by this, not someone you see when you go to church, but this is a daily laying down of your life. If you see someone near you in need and do nothing, 1 Jn 3:15 describes you, and you believe in vain.

There is no salvation outside of the place God dwells — people have to devote their lives to Him (Jn 6:44; 12:25,26). Eph 2:8,9,10,12 all go together. If you are not loving your brothers, your good works are worth nothing. Because salvation is first. It is a sin for the world to use the word

community, for that is what our Master established — the community. (Jer 30:20 NIV)

Nahaliel — Those bricks are not going to fall. He established it, He is going to protect it, His angels are around it. We have to remember that that is His work.

David Derush — What is going to be done here is going to be done by the miraculous power of our Master YAHSHUA.

"On the night He was betrayed..." This is something we always have to remember — that He was betrayed, so that we will never betray one another or betray our Master. We know that it will happen in the very last hour that there will be children of wonderful parents who will betray parents and parents who will betray their own children — turn them over because of fear of what's going to happen (just like they feared the giants in the land). Mk 13 It is bound to happen because it has already been written. Our Master knew He was talking about us. He knew us. He knew you. Let's never betray one another. Our Master was betrayed with a kiss of submission. ha-emeq — I was thankful this week to see we can change — that the weak character that we have can be changed and restored to the way we were created to be. Yael was talking to me about cloth. Some cloth looks really good but after you wash it a few times, it starts to break down and fall apart. But other cloth has good fiber. I thought about me. I don't have good fiber in me. I can take a certain amount of pressure, but not enough — because I don't have a strong character. But we're promised in the new covenant that he is going to send tribulation that is going to bring about perseverance in us that is going to prove our character. The new covenant promises that some things are going to happen that is going to change you. With a piece of cloth, once it's cut, it's cut. But a human body heals. If a person is cut, you look at them the next day and the cuts almost gone. And like if you have soft feet, and you walk on hard things and it gets cut. But if you walk on hard things for a while, they get tougher and can take it more — it changes, it can change, we can change. It's the tribulations. We are promised that tribulations are going to come constantly on the fiber of our character to change it. Someday we're going to find that we are changed. You can't see it overnight, but it happens. That's the new covenant promises: tribulations, perseverance, proven character, hope. We can have hope. And I received hope, because I see the pitiful character we have.

Be on guard; make sure your character changes in time because you will be handed over to local councilmen and flogged and on account of Me you will stand before governors and kings as witness to them. And the gospel is going to be preached in all the world in every nation and when you are arrested for preaching the gospel and put on trial, don't worry about what you are going to say beforehand. Because it won't be you speaking but the Holy Spirit. And because of fear at this time, brother will betray brother to death (their character didn't change) and have them put to death. And during that time all the world will hate you and despise you because of Me. But he who have proven character will be saved. No one else but those who have proven character — Rom 5. We have to go through the hard time of the winnowing process —

harvesting, crushing, winnowing — we have to go through all of that. And during that time, you are going to find out which the grain is and which isn't.

Elders, Deacons, etc.

We are warned that we shouldn't lay hands on a deacon or elder if he is too young — they will sin like Satan sinned and elevate themselves in pride to think they are something when they are not. Even though some here in the tribe of Naftali have certain responsibilities in the Body, we are not going to make you a deacon or elder. It's better to be last in the Body and never be anything like an elder or a person in responsibility unless you are 100% faithful because you will be judged with a stricter judgment. You don't know what you are asking for. You can read the qualifications for an elder and if you think you are qualified, maybe you have an elevated spirit. We have responsible brothers who have responsibility. We are not saying that responsible brothers or crew heads are going to be elders, but they have certain responsibilities and they have to answer for it. If you want to be first in the Body, you have to be servant of all. Because the first will be last if they are not 100% faithful. And you have to use all of your talents. Those with responsibility have to cry out for wisdom everyday, otherwise they are in the flesh and you can be sure they will be last (if they are in the kingdom at all since they are in the flesh). Remember: Always seek to maintain a low position in the Body. Otherwise you are going to be last (if you do even enter the kingdom) because you have an elevated spirit — you want to excel, you want position, to be looked at as something good — that's a worldly principle. Our Father chooses and promotes and demotes. Always seek for a humble position. Don't take the highest seat. Take the lowest seat.

Some people in Island Pond haven't gone out of Island Pond in fifteen years. Some people leave town every day, going in the car all the time. Someone who says in their heart, "How come he gets to go in the car all the time?", he'll be cast into the place of weeping and gnashing of teeth because he harbored envy. Is that what you envy? Is that your attitude? No — you work in Island Pond, work in your house, serving, saying, "Thank you for his ministry, thank you for that brother who travels so much." And be thankful you can serve in your ministry. So, be last, be a

servant, and our Master will receive you into the kingdom. But the one who strove to drive in the car?

Who wants to be an elder, a teacher, an apostle? Who wants to go through the spiritual battles?

Nahaliel was sent over here. I wanted him to go to Fortaleza. That's where you came from.

Manoah is Nahaliel's co-worker, helping Nahaliel. Nahaliel can draw from Manoah's strengths and graces (his abilities), as long as Manoah is submitting to Nahaliel, as a husband and wife or apostles and prophets. Apostles, prophets, evangelists... that's our Father's order. So we all have to be wise how we build on that foundation. Even though some build with the flesh, if we all belong to Him, we will all be saved even though some will have to go through the fire because they are avoiding the fire now.

So our Father knew that Manoah and Ruth had to come over here. They are to support Nahaliel — to support him.

We owe our lives to those who have ministered the Holy Spirit to us. We all owe our lives to our Master, but we also owe them to each other. The body is held together by submission, we respect and appreciate those who have ministered to us. So tonight I want to lay my hands on Nahaliel.

He is the overseer here. This body will be held together by everyone submitting to Nahaliel. But a good overseer will always be in submission to everyone else in their expertises and graces.

In Revelation it says that He writes to the angels in seven churches — angel in an apostolic center. Nahaliel's angel has a greater authority than other angels. We want to be in submission to angelic authority. Women wear that head-covering because of the angels in our midst. The angels are always aware of the order of things. They see everything; they are watchers. When He wanted to communicate with the churches in Revelations, he said, "*write to the angel of the church in Laodecia, Sardis, etc.*" We are in a spiritual body.

Don't think too highly of yourself (if you do you are making an error), but only according to what the Spirit speaks to your heart, only according to the faith you have received.

There will always be those ahead of you in YAHSHUA. Look to them. Follow them. What if you are last? The new covenant is for the least to the greatest — the least in faith to the greatest

in faith. If I don't exercise my responsibility, pray for grace, ask for wisdom, I'll be last in the kingdom too. I don't have to be, but I can be. And the least might be the greatest or first in the kingdom. And I better be careful how I treat him.

If there is an accusation against an elder, don't listen to it. Not unless there are two or three witnesses, then it will be expressed before everyone.

It says that double honor comes to people who will be preaching and teaching. Nahaliel will be doing a lot of that — which he doesn't want to do — he would rather be playing songs. That's how it is. He has to let go of some of his gifts and do others.

This is not exalting anyone, but just establishing good authority, authority that saves. We have talked about Manoah's strengths and weakness and Nahaliel's and we are satisfied that they can work together in peace. If you have an accusation against Manoah, go to Nahaliel and he won't listen to you — unless two or three people see the same thing.

Accept them as sent ones to you.

Some day there will be apostolic centers and there will be clans all over the area in the scope of those apostolic centers. Nahaliel and Hakam will be going around and making up for the lacks in the leaders. I'll be going around making up for the lacks in Nahaliel and Hakam.