

Lifting Our Head Above Our Enemies

Chosah: I was thankful for what was spoken this morning about considering one another as more highly than ourselves. I'm thankful to be chosen to be a part of His Body.

Yadutan: It's so amazing that we can come here every morning and every evening and He's our Source, our Abba. We ask Him for things and He answers us. We cannot go on in our daily work without asking Him for grace to help us.

I'm thankful we can come here and everything is resolved; there is no hypocrisy and no accusations against one another. I'm thankful we can come here and give thanks.

Keli: I'm thankful we can come here and pay our dues and fulfill our vows to the great King.

Ps 50:14 — That's what we're going to do right now — pay our vows to the most High, giving a sacrifice of thanksgiving to Him. It carries over to the New Covenant (Heb 13:15). What are our vows? What vows did we make? Ps 116:12 — That we'd give our whole lives to Him without reservation (totally and completely every day). When we called on Him as Sovereign, that's what we meant. We'd better make this clear to people that that's what they're doing when they cry out at baptism. They're offering their lives to Him, paying their vows. Ps 27:6 — When we're walking with our Master and our lives are fully pleasing to Him and we have a perfect conscience, then we can offer shouts of joy to Him — when we're totally living for our Master and not for ourselves. You can't have a shout of joy unless you have a shout of joy, unless your head is lifted up above your enemies, unless you have a good conscience and you're forgiven. Then you can "shout" for joy! That's what is due Him.

Col 3:5 — When we're putting our flesh to death we're lifting our head above our enemies. These things Paul speaks about are like worshipping idols (like creating a stone image and bowing down to it). Israel did it and it's the same thing for us. Remember Eph 5:3 and then Col 3:5. What is idolatry? Silly talk, foolishness, greed. If our heads aren't above our enemies then what happens? The enemy presses us down, beats us down, weighs on us so we can't

worship. Without worship we have no inheritance in the kingdom of God. But we don't have to be left out.

Yadutan: If we're bowing down to an idol we're searching for another source of satisfaction for our souls other than God. We're looking for something else because we're not satisfied with Him.

Ahimelech: Putting yourself first before Him is idolatry.

It's all in how you see the Body of Messiah. Ananias and Saphira held on to something for their own security in case their needs weren't met. They were covetous and self-seeking. We give out of our abundance when we see a person in need or else our abundance could become idolatry. When we realize there's a need we give, especially when our brother wears the same size shoes or shirt as we do. A person's name goes on the "needs list" when those with abundance give everything they can give to those who don't have. We put our names on a "needs list" as a last resort.