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Love Fulfills the Law

(Matt 5:23/Mk 11:25)

Love fulfills the law because it never does anything that harms a brother. But if we do, we must do something about it immediately. That is why it says that if you are at the sacrifice and you remember someone has something against you, you panic — and you go to that brother and plead with him to forgive you so you can come back and we can lift up the sacrifice and our Father will be able to hear our prayers. If we are not sensitive enough to know we've done wrong, then it is serious — it means we cannot judge ourselves, we are not able to hear the Holy Spirit speaking to our conscience. This is very important.

Rom 13:10 — Love never does anything wrong to a brother. *Certainly* it doesn't. We don't have to read it in the bible to know that. But here it says that love even fulfills the law. "Love does no harm to a brother, it never hurts anybody. Therefore love meets all the requirements and is the fulfillment of the law." Love doesn't. But what if *we* do? However, if we are in the Spirit, we *won't* do anything wrong to a brother (Rom 8:4). If we are led by the Spirit, it fulfills the law just like love does. God is love. If we are following His Spirit, we cannot do anything wrong to a brother. You have to go against the Spirit to do something wrong. And if so, Matt 5:23 — you remember it. "If when you stand to offer your gift at the altar (we offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, our adoration, devotion, praise, thanksgiving), you remember you did something wrong to your brother (you remember that your brother has something against you), leave your gift and go seek forgiveness. There is no use offering your gift up because it is not going to do any good since you've hurt your brother. Maybe you borrowed something and didn't return it. You might have hurt him in that way. There are many ways you can hurt a brother. So in that case, in Matt 5:23, your brother has something *against you* because *you have hurt him*. But in Mark 11:25, *he* has *done* something against *you*. So what should you do then? He didn't come to you. Well, he may not have known he did something; maybe you misunderstood; but even if you *know* he did something — don't hold it against him forgive him. You have to overcome your flesh to do that. You have to pray in Yahshua's name to overcome that thing that is eating at you, to overcome that great tendency, that driving force — so that you can forgive. Then the sacrifice can go up. [Yochanan ben Chesed — This system of Matt 5:23/Mk 11:25 fulfills one another's lacks.] Eph 4:2,3 says that. But, surely, in order to do what Eph 4:2,3 says, you really have to be a spiritual person. In order to forgive and forbear as in Mk 11:25 you have to be completely humble and patient — you have to be led by the Holy Spirit, in communion with the Son of God, otherwise you won't be able to overcome and do it, because it is an overwhelming thing sometimes.

If we are loving, we won't harm a brother or sister, but we will speak kindly and tenderly to them, be gentle with them. Gal 5:22-23 — This is the fruit, the outcome, the result of being connected to the Spirit of Messiah. Therefore we will respond, react in love because we have a transcending life that transcends these offenses that normally we cannot overcome. If there is a straw that breaks the camel's back, then you have been in the flesh all day — you have held something against that person, held something in your heart. It's impossible to walk in the Spirit and then blow up (1 Jn 3:6). If you *do* blow up and call someone a fool and you say you are in fellowship with the Holy Spirit, that proves you are a liar. Because whoever abides in Him does no harm to a brother.

So here you are, and that person says something to you and you blow up at him — then you've sinned. So then you have to seek forgiveness. And you have to say, "Father, let me be filled with

your Spirit." You don't have to say, "Father give me patience," right? Because if you are in the Spirit, that is where you *are* — you are living in it, in the Spirit. So then if someone slaps you, hurts you, humiliates you, you turn the other cheek. You have to overcome your flesh, to do that (Matt 5:39,45) to show that you are the sons of God (who have that life that transcends offenses). That is how the sons of God react. Now we are the sons of God. And we get a little practice every day — there are *always* circumstances to work this out. We have to fulfill the law (Mt 7:12). If we don't, we are condemned by the law. So then we have to *run* to our Advocate. He is there waiting — just in case. We already have a retainer out for Him; He's ready to stand in for us and say, "Yes, I died for him; his sins are covered, he has a lawyer, his sins are forgiven." So (1 Jn 1:7) if we walk in the light, meaning we walk in fellowship, and we happen to make a mistake in the way we speak to someone and we harm them, and we are walking in the light, then we are going to be able to judge ourselves right and say, "I'm sorry." We are going to repent.

*And* if our brother really repents, we are to forgive them 70 x 7 times a day. But if we don't forgive our brother (Mt 6:12), our Father cannot forgive us (verse 14). We are like our Father — we are in the same Spirit. What releases compassion from our Father releases compassion from us. If we conceal our sin and don't ask for forgiveness, but just ignore it, we are not going to prosper, progress, thrive (Prov 28:13). But if we confess our sin and renounce it, we will find mercy and compassion from Him. So sincere repentance releases compassion. So too, if we are real true disciples, and someone says, "I'm so sorry," and means it, then you will forgive them — 490 times a day. We are in a covenant where the Holy Spirit can speak to us in our heart. "Your word I have hidden in my heart that I may not sin against you" (Ps 119:11).

If you failed today, confess it. He wants us to go on. Only a devil cannot forgive — will not forgive. Twenty years later they'll bring it back up. People in the world cannot forgive. Your mother and father, thirty years later, they keep bringing things back up. But *we can* forgive and forget and let it pass. It's a miracle. It's the miracle of forgiveness, the miracle of salvation. [Zaccai said something happened today and he saw what coveting really is. He wanted to repent from this.]

With coveting, the wrong is not the *thing* you want, but it's that it causes a reaction of carrying it out and getting that thing. It's what it causes you do to get that thing.

Our Father brought that out in you today. He writes His laws on our heart through circumstances. He brings it out through circumstances and explains it to us so we understand what coveting really is. The Holy Spirit does that. We can't just read it in the law, but He puts it in our heart.

[Rosalie (two weeks old new disciple) said she found herself complaining today and realized she was just like the Israelites when they came out of Egypt. She is thankful. She doesn't want to complain.]

We have to remember that our Father brought them out of Egypt to bring them *into* the promised land. And He brought us out of the world to bring us into the kingdom. He let them go through all those things *to show them what was in their heart*. Indignation is the most common way the enemy comes to try to separate us and destroy our communion: "Why didn't someone take care of that?", "Why didn't he do this?" etc. etc.