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The Loyal and Disloyal

Our Father loved David because David knew that he would be rewarded according to his own Righteousness (Acts 13:22; 2 Sam 22:21,25,28). Also if we read Hab 2:4 right we can see what our Father thinks about "the Proud ones" and "those who *live* by their own *faithfulness* to Him." Remember that we are rewarded by our faithfulness. Mt 25:21 says, "Well done my good and faithful servant."

What never ceases to amaze me is how true 1 Jn 2:19 is because of Rev 3:4. We see both kinds of people in the Edah mentioned in Hab 2:4. Even the ones who had *stained* their garments were there. Also the *overcomers* were there. But those who did not have a garment to stain, of course, could not endure "diddly squat." Even one who had stained his garment (inner and outer vesture, Gal 3:27) is still sealed with the Spirit (Eph 1:13; 4:30).

The New Vesture

The new man is the *vesture* we are now clothed with (Eph 4:24). The old man was dominated by the spirit of disobedience (Eph 2:1-3), but now we have a newly created capacity to obey the Spirit who speaks to the Edah. Our own spirit is capable of going through all kinds of hardship, no matter what and is able to stand (Luke 21:36). Those who have stained their *new vesture* can repent if they do not wait *too late* — before it becomes *indelible* (Rev 3:3). If anyone waits too late and does not respond to the Spirit's voice he will be indelibly branded (sealed) in his conscience as with a hot iron (Rev 3:20; 3:3). After one has *ignored* His plea, it is too late to repent, even as Heb 12:16, 6:6 or 10:26,27 points out. Maybe a friend had not loved him enough to rescue him from the error of his way and save his soul from death (James 5:19,20; 1 Cor 11:29,30).

In Sardis only a few had not stained their new vestures and were told they shall walk with Messiah in *white*... "*for they are worthy.*" If all the rest did not respond to the Shepherd's voice their names would be blotted out of the Book of Life. But they had opportunity to respond since the letter was addressed to the whole Edah in Sardis. It was not too late for anyone of them, but

they had to respond and *open the door* for Him to come in. They could once again walk with Him in white vesture (Col 1:10,11). As you can read in Rev 3:5 they had become *ashamed* of Yahshua and the Gospel (Mark 8:38). But if anyone had an ear and could still *hear* the voice of their Good Shepherd they could repent and be clothed in *white* and live by their *faithfulness* to the Good Shepherd (Rev 3:6,20-22).

Otherwise, as the lampstand in Rev 2:5 and also 3:3 illustrates, the *whole* Edah's light would be removed.

Prov 2 says some will end up as verse 21 and some as verse 22 (even as we have been taught concerning Ps 1 at the June 22, 1994 celebration). These two verses depict the *two lifestyles* in the communities. Those who live an *open* life and those who are in an *underground*. Those two ways are contrasted in Dan 12:2,3,10 and Mt 7:13-14. Ps 2:5 and 6 says those who do not lead an open life will not *stand* in the judgment (Lk 21:36; 1 Jn 2:28).

How many people have been *blown away* since the June 22nd Celebration (Ps 1:4)? Ps 1 is the foremost Psalm, designed for the Edah — "the Way." Prov 2 makes a plea for God's Holy People to appeal to their Father for wisdom and knowledge which Dan 12:10 says "the wicked" lacked. They proved to be like the treacherous in Prov 2:22, that is, unfaithful to their King (2 Sam 22:21). Ps 1 (about the wicked) is "the way" of those who *stained* their garments. Ps 1:6 is "the way" of those who *overcome*.

Before the race begins all will have perfectly, *renewed* vestures of white which have been washed whiter than snow, and we know how to keep them white. Many already have experienced Rev 3:3. But as Dan 12:10 says, they were not wise. He came *like a thief* and cut them off; they did not wake up in time (Eph 5:11-14).

The Threshing Floor

The false brothers and sisters (as in Mt 24:9 & 10) should be able to judge themselves according to 1 Jn 5:13 and 3:14,16,23. They should not *deceive* themselves. Unless you can repent, you will have wasted your entire life in the *threshing floor* of the community life and what will you have to show for it? Why not go now and try to become like the man in Lk 6:24

and 16:25, at least you can have your comfort in full now. If you don't go now when experiencing just community problems, then you will go when the *furnace* is turned up to full blast (Mt 24:9-10). So don't waste your life in the Community.

Look up Luke 14:30 and Hab 3:17-19 in the Amplified Bible. Jump ship now; don't wait until it goes down, because Mark 4:35-41 is for only those who can receive it. They must not wait until *greater* hardships drive them away. As for all in Messiah who belong to the "us" (in 1 Jn 2:19) *they will stick together*. If the community is not good enough for all the others they should leave and make "us" envy them by their perfect (community). But Paul said true community (Acts 14:22) will be besieged and beset by *hardship*, in order that the *insincere* would be washed out or (overboard). But all who were sealed with the Spirit in Sardis were present, both those who were *stained* and *unstained*.

If we could see those who have left us with any *evidence* of loving and obeying God, we might have more confidence in their tales and horror stories concerning their experience on board the Ship, called "Salvation" (1 Jn 2:15-16). Instead they cut off their hair, wear all the world's tight jeans, use make up, wear ear rings, listen to rock and roll, play sports, go to movies, watch TV, etc., etc., and all the while they *justify* themselves by telling evils about the community. When the culprits are washed overboard the storm subsides and then the Ship can reach its final destination, while those who deserted will perish in the stormy waves (1 Tim 1:19).