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Noble and Ignoble

Some of the nations on earth (especially in the past) can get along together. These are *noble*¹ countries which do not rob, steal, and kill their neighboring countries. Loving and caring for an animal isn't being ignoble² (bad) but it isn't to be exalted. Knowing Messiah puts everything back into proper order — proper thinking.

You can't have unspiritual people judging spiritual people in the Body. People leave and end up as our judge, but if they were so true then we should see the fruit of their lives. If they were so pure they wouldn't immediately be bowing down to all the world's trappings such as lip sticks, rings in the nose and ears, fingernail polish and all kinds of hair treatments, and on and on.

Where is nobility today?

While things of this nature are quite evident all around us, we also know there are certain people who have nobility. For instance even in the world the Queen of England or even the President of the United States had nobility at one time. Kings in the past were like servants to all. They had

¹**noble** — possessing eminence, elevation, dignity, magnanimity, etc.; exalted; above whatever is low, mean, degrading, or dishonorable; magnanimous (**syn.** — honorable, worthy, dignified, elevated, exalted, superior, sublime, great, eminent, illustrious, renowned, stately, splendid, magnificent, grand, magnanimous, generous, liberal, free)

eminence — an elevated condition among men; a place or station above men in general, either in rank, office, or celebrity; social or moral loftiness; high rank; distinction; preferment

magnanimity — greatness of mind; elevation or dignity of soul; that quality or combination of qualities, in character, which enables one to encounter danger or trouble with tranquility and firmness, to disdain injustice, meanness, and revenge, and to act and sacrifice for noble objects

liberal — **a.** free by birth; hence, befitting a freeman or gentleman; refined; noble; independent; free; not servile (*befitting a slave*) or mean **b.** bestowing in a large or noble way, as a freeman; generous; bounteous; open-handed; (as a *liberal* giver)

²**ignoble** — not honorable, elevated, or generous; base (*morally low*) (**syn.** — degenerate, degraded, mean, base, dishonorable, reproachful, disgraceful, shameful, scandalous, infamous)

mean — **a.** wanting dignity of mind; low-minded; base; destitute of honor; spiritless; (as a *mean* motive) **b.** of little value or account; worthy of little or no regard; contemptible; despicable **c.** of poor quality **d.** penurious (*excessively sparing in the use of money*); stingy; close-fisted; illiberal; (as *mean* hospitality)

their castles on the highest hills of an area, not to appear pompous, but to insure the safety and protection of all the citizens of their kingdoms. The villagers were so thankful for a good and loving protector, one whom they held in their heart with the highest regard.

But the days have changed. The Media have ripped the "Royal family" apart. What ever remained of nobility on the earth in the past has all but been eaten up today by such scandals. They are no longer recognized in the public eye as noble ones (Ps 1). Yet we know that the children who belong to our heavenly Father are to be raised (in the truest sense) like kings. Our children are special children, not like children of the world. Consider the tribe of Levi in a situation with their children. The children there were brought together for correction and admonishment because they had disobeyed their covering on the Sabbath child-care. They had failed to listen to a command from one of their coverings that day. They continued on head-long in being led astray from a secure place. They were instructed in their behavior and taught about acting like children who belonged to nobility. Our children are to be brought up with revelation of who they are. They are of nobility, sons and daughters of the King. Worth and dignity must be put into them or their behavior and mentality will never change. Once worth has been put into them, once they really understand who they are, that they are indeed children of nobility, their actions will come into conformity with this. *The way they think will be a stepping stone to overcome every other ignobling (worthless) thought.*

It's so hard to take a noble stand in the midst of such filth that permeates every corner of the world today. But Peter called men and women out of an ignoble generation, to come out of the perverse and crooked society they were living in and come into a kingdom of Royalty — a royal Priesthood (1 Pet 2:9; Ex 19:5-6). But we know what will take away our nobility, just as it did to the church in the first century (1 Pet 2:11). This is what waged war against the Kingdom. But Rom 12:1-2 was the rock which they had to take their stand on and this was done once they heard the good news. As a result the Body (embodiment) of Messiah came into being that day (Acts 2:44, 45, Acts 4).

Down through the centuries the righteous (*those conforming to the divine law*) have always given way to the wicked³ — Pr 25:26. This is exactly what happened to the first church. Their fresh clean spring of water was trampled underfoot by heretics and false apostles who masqueraded as apostles of Messiah (2 Cor 11:13-15). That is why we need the Apostles and the anointing they have in the Holy Spirit to restore us to our nobility as sons and daughters of the King. We must not allow any unclean birds to fly over the wall into the Royal Residence our King Yahshua ha Mashiach. We have to judge things right. Our Nobility (worthiness) is in our Master — doing His will and walking uprightly before Him. The ignoble (worthless ones) have no part in the Holy City (Rev 21:8). Just as our forefathers have always done in instructing their descendants, we are to pass on proper understanding and vision to our sons and daughters of who they really are. Jacob would call his children together and communicate to them what it was to be Israel. They even retain a certain (arrogant)⁴ nobility about this identity to this very day. He knew that his fathers had been called out of the world to begin something new, something truly noble for the rest of the world to perceive what God was like. They grew up with this identity as a people; it was inbred in their very genes. Their whole life was a manifestation of their faith, their God. They had a distinct culture that set them apart from the rest of the world. They fell, though, from their calling. They lost their nobility and were slowly integrated into the world, just like the early church. Both had a beginning but there has never been an ending. God wants to have a people on earth who will finally bring about the end. What's a beginning without an ending?

³**wicked** — evil in principle or practice; deviating from morality; contrary to the moral or divine law; addicted to vice or sin; sinful; immoral; profligate

profligate — broken down in respect of rectitude, principle, virtue, or decency; openly and shamelessly immoral or vicious; dissolute (*loosed from restraint in morals or conduct*)

rectitude — rightness of principle or practice; exact conformity to truth, or to the rules prescribed for moral conduct, either by divine or human laws; uprightness of mind; uprightness; integrity; honesty; justice

⁴**arrogant** — marked by arrogance (the act or habit of arrogating, or making undue claims in an overbearing manner; that species of pride which consists in exorbitant claims of rank, dignity, estimation, or power, or which exalts the worth or importance of the person to an undue degree; proud contempt of others; lordliness; haughtiness; self-assumption; presumption)

What use is it to have faith and not be faithful? What good is it if our children are cut out of the world along with us but they never cut the world out of their own hearts? Where are the noble ones today? Who do our children think they are? What do we think?

We can never be worthless in view of Messiah having called us. Can we entertain worthless thoughts? Yes, but we aren't supposed to if we know who we are. We take every thought captive to the obedience of Messiah (2 Cor 10:46). That's why people fall away — because they don't see Messiah's worth. They lose grace. A worthless person cannot see Messiah's worth, because he has no personal worth. But something appealed to us about how we were going to spend our eternity. The worthless don't care (Rom 1:28); they don't consider it worthwhile to give God the true honor due Him. Our worth is determined by how we give up our life.