

## One Standard of Teaching

Heb 12:1 — It says to put away the sin that causes us problems. The sin that so easily trips us up (a way in us that we have to judge, an invasion of the enemy into our life, something that we know is there that causes us to stumble) holds us back and keeps us from fully pleasing Him. There is a race, a goal, a destination we're heading towards. If you run a race and something trips you, you'll fall, you won't win and you'll be put on the sideline (1 Cor 9:24-26). Paul said that he himself could be disqualified; if he could, then we could, too (1 Cor 9:27).

There are ways in all of us that we need help with. Ps 1 — There are two ways in us — one way leads to death and the other way (the right way) nourishes us like a tree planted by the water. Col 1:10-11 — How we will be if we care for one another. If we don't love our brothers we haven't passed out of death and into life. If we can love everyone except one brother, we haven't passed out of death and into life, and we'll see death. We can't love only those we like to be around, those who are easy to love. We won't grow unless we're around *all* the saints, even if it's hard. We can't only talk to those who are easy to talk to, but we have to have the same care for everyone. If not, schisms (cliques) will arise among us. 1 Cor 12:24-25 — This is talking about having the same care for everyone. Some of us need more care and ministry than others. There can't be any divisions in the Body. This is the ministry we're committed to. Christianity doesn't understand this, but Paul understood. The first Church fell away from this.

There's only one standard of teaching we commit ourselves to that gives us eternal life. And we're all committed to that same standard of teaching, a high standard to be obeyed. Rom 6:17 — Paul talks about being slaves. Once we were slaves to unrighteousness, but now we're slaves to the standard of righteousness. And when any deviation comes in, the Body reacts and goes to heal that part (just like the human body). We're all members of one Body and we've been delivered over to the same standard of teaching and we've been entrusted to the anointing. We've obeyed from the heart. Who are the saved? Those who believe in their heart that Yahshua rose from the dead. Some people come into the Body and only believe in their minds. They haven't

passed out of death and into life yet; they're still under Satan's control in their minds. Time tells whether someone has actually received the Holy Spirit or not — that high standard of teaching.

1 Sam 15:23 — Saul was disqualified from the kingdom. He obeyed, but he reasoned with the Word of God and the prophet, Samuel, so he was cut off. Anything less than complete obedience is stubbornness and rebellion — not just a matter of weakness, but rebellion. It's the same as the sin of witchcraft. Saul didn't *qashab* (obey). David, a neighbor of Saul's, was a better man than he was. He obeyed from the heart and fully carried out God's will. The wrath of God will come upon those who don't obey from the heart.

John the Baptist told all of Israel why they were excommunicated and the kingdom was taken away from them. Mt 21:43 — When Yahshua told this parable the Pharisees knew he was talking about them. And He's not interested in us coming here in a religious ritual, either.

However we serve in the Body it should be done from the heart. In the Yellow Deli we used to say, “You might wash dishes for the rest of your life.” And we were happy to do it for Him. We were so thankful to our Master. Our Father will judge the motives of our heart — why we do what we do, whether we're seeking for our own glory (1 Cor 4:5). We have to judge ourselves now and not wait until the judgment. It will be wonderful to go into the judgment without guilt, with nothing in our conscience to hold us back. We don't have the right motive if we think, “If I do a good job now, I'll work my way up to be manager. First, I'll do good washing dishes and then they'll promote me to the sandwich cook. Next, I'll be sent to purchase the food, and then I'll become the *maitre de*, then the manager.” We'll be judged for our motives.

David was a better man than Saul — he had a different heart. He knew how to repent and be forgiven. He could say he was wrong and not be proud. I want to be like David. The outstanding thing about him was that he did a lot of wrong things, but he knew how to repent. He knew forgiveness. He knew the Forgiver. He knew how to confess his sins and say he was sorry. That's how you fall in love. You know how to confess your sins. He said, “I did it again. I'm sorry.” He knew how to talk to his Father about his weaknesses, his inadequacies and faults. He was a better man than Saul. The only reason Saul wanted to be forgiven was to get recognition so

he could look good in the eyes of the people. 1 Sam 15:19 — He didn't obey the voice of YHWH. He wasn't affected by what he did to his Father, but he wanted recognition.

Our Father wants a people who'll be nothing in people's eyes, but who'll just serve. The way “up” is to go “down”. If you humble yourself under His mighty hand he'll raise you up in His time. (The first will be last and the last will be first.) We should always want to have a minor role in the Body, always looking for someone to submit to, someone to obey. We should want to honor others instead of ourselves.

Rom 6:17 — Even though we were slaves to sin we obeyed from the heart that standard of teaching and were delivered from a doctrine of destruction. (Greek #5219, *obey* — to conform to, to command, hearken, hear, hear as a subordinate, submit without reservation. That's what *obey* means — to *qashab*.) *Qashab* means to submit without reservation. If you don't submit without reservation, then you haven't obeyed from the heart and it's only in your mind. You're going to be a counter-productive agent in the Body, not causing the vine to produce good fruit.

Instead of being slaves to sin we're slaves of righteousness now. What kind of slave do you want to be — a slave of our Master or of sin? Hearing, responding, obeying — that's what *qashab* means. This is the mark of a disciple. We're not one unless we obey from the heart. Mt 28:19 — This is our commission: to make disciples who'll obey from the heart. If not, we're only making Christians! You can see those who obey from the heart because they're attentive to God's Word. Who does He give His Holy Spirit to? Those who obey — *qashab*. Acts 5:32; Heb 5:9 — He gives eternal life to those who obey Him (from the heart).

Rom 6:18-19 — How are we set free? By obeying from the heart. We become slaves of righteousness. In Jn 8:31 our Master said we are His disciples if we continue in His Word — steadfastly, being attentive, putting it into practice. We *qashab* (heed). Then we're truly His disciples, having been set free from sin. (Only disciples have eternal life.)

Sin is a *way* in up that keeps us from being like a tree that's planted by water, bearing fruit in its season. What season do we bear fruit in? Continually, all year round, every month, forever and ever. Paul said in season and out of season — whether we feel like it or not. The world loves

when they feel like it. It's the reverse of our lives — we love all the time, not just when others love us. We have to treat each other this way. We have to discern the Body and treat each other as vessels of the Holy Spirit.

To *listen* means to be attentive. You can't listen if you're not willing to obey. Who has eternal life? Those who are willing to do His will.

*(ha-emeq told the story of Barabbas)*

I really believe Barabbas is our brother and we'll see him some day. He followed Yahshua to the cross and saw our Master suffering for him (the essence of the gospel). He saw the gospel come alive that day. The scriptures are silent about him, but it's amazing how he was an eyewitness to the greatest story ever told.

**Ha-emeq:** Once your conscience gets bad it stops working and then it can lead a person to lying, stealing, and even to murder.

**Arar Nathats ben Lo-Nekar:** I'm thankful Barabbas knew he deserved to die. I want to come to the point that when I'm disobedient I know I need to be disciplined. And when my parents aren't around I wouldn't want to lie and hide my sin, but confess it.

It's amazing how Barabbas followed Yahshua's whole death, and then learned that He rose from the dead. I can't imagine that he wouldn't be in the cloud of witnesses.

*(In the Breaking of Bread)*

Just think, if Barabbas hadn't given his life to Yahshua he'd be waiting for judgment. It's so obvious that our children, even at seven years old, can understand and express what they got out of the story.

Rev 12 speaks about US (all together) being the woman with the moon under her feet. Woman putting the moon under her feet means she's no longer subject to the friendly persuasion of the moon's effects. The Edah is the weaker vessel submitting to the stronger one. We get our strength from our Master.

The moon controls the tides at sea and affects some people's emotions. People are affected by the full moon (especially women) and the weaker you are the more you're affected —

even causing "lunacy" in some people to the point where their behavior is irrational. That's why in the Edah woman has to finally come to the point where she rules over emotional problems. Maybe the moon was the cause of woman falling in the first place. Everyone down through history knows that the moon affects emotions. 1 Pet 3:1 speaks about woman submitting to man because he's not so subject to his emotions and the effects of the moon.

In marriage the thing that usually causes problems is a lack of submission. Wives sometimes become jealous of the husband's time and what he does. In the Edah we put the moon under our feet and submit our will to the will of our Master. In doing this we become a radiant light to all the earth. So we deny our Master when we misrepresent Him. If we give in to our emotions we deny Him and represent another spirit. (The anti-christ will have to misrepresent himself in order to deceive even the elect.)

So because woman is the weaker vessel she submits to man, thus submitting to Yahshua. In the world you often see a woman leading around a pip-squeak of a man. This is upside down, the opposite of the way things should be. In the Edah everything is restored back to normal — His created order.