

July 3, 1994, Evening Sacrifice      Boston

Our Father Wants a Willing Heart

*(Qinah shared about how ten years from now we might be somewhere else, but we will look back on this time and remember how our hearts were knit together through all that we went through in working together to bring about the cafe.)*

Eternal relationships are what our Father is building that will last — when everything else crumbles some day. Our Father is knitting our hearts together. All that matters is what He is doing in our hearts.

Our Father just wants a willing heart and a willing spirit. Ex 35:5, 21, 22 — talks about a willing heart — David had a willing heart.

Willing heart — something that you desire, 1 Chr 28:9. Whoever has a will to do His will, will know the teaching — if it is from our Father or not. David had a willing heart, Acts 13:22. I want a willing heart. You can tell if a person has a willing heart — you can tell them to do something and they are glad to do it. But if someone is unwilling, it's a chore to get them to do it. Our Father looks at us this way. He chooses those who are willing to do His will. He chose David because he had a willing spirit. He certainly wasn't a perfect man, but he was a man who could repent. From the very beginning when Samuel went to choose David (he was just 11 years old — a shepherd boy), he already had a willing spirit to do our Father's will.

Our Father will have His permanent home someday — He's building His dwelling place for ever and ever. Who are the ones He is choosing? Those who have a willing heart. He is preparing an eternal place of damnation for those who are not willing to do His will. Isn't it wonderful that our Father will not allow that in the universe — those who have an obstinate and stubborn heart. Even people who are out in the world who never hear of Messiah before they die will not have to be separated from Him forever because their heart was willing to do what was right, and not be rebellious and obstinate.

We are not “jerks” — undesirable, worthless persons — we're not that way. David did a lot of bad things, but he had a heart to repent. That's the way I want to be. I have a will to do His will. Obviously it's been in my heart since I was born.

We're sons of the covenant. He chose us to be in the covenant so our sons could be in the covenant. All it takes is a person who is willing to do His will. It's easy to tell a person who is willing to do His will — these are the ones He searches out.

What did David do? Acts 13:22 — He did God's will. Isa 53:10 — That's us — He puts His will into our hands. 1 Chr 28:9 — If we search for Him, He lets us find Him, if we have a willing heart. Let's be thankful — even in the past (in the first Edah) someone got down on their knees and prayed for you. They prayed, “Father, don't let my seed perish.” He heard that prayer and preserved that seed. Even though it was 2,000 years later — our Father remembered. There was someone down the line in the first Edah who prayed for you on their knees Isa 53:10, 11; Rom 9:29.

Let's give our thanksgiving.