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Polished Arrow, Part 2

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*Alert* — (definition dictionary) means absolutely being able to judge yourself at every moment. Luke 12:35-38 — Alert slaves, He will serve; He doesn't have to serve them because they are just so thankful for Him. But if we are alert when He comes back He will be so thankful for us that He will serve us.

We must be alert. A whole Edah could lose the Spirit and lose their lampstand. We must do everything possible, each person, the shepherds, everyone — we must do everything to strive with every fiber in us to not let this ever happen again — that any of our communities would lose their love, thus losing the Spirit.

*Polished Arrow* — We will grow in our concept of polished arrow as we see who we are as a polished arrow. We are concealed in His quiver, concealed until the end of time — no more pretentious, lofty, debates of this age — like the epitome of today's colleges, all coming out of the brain. We must destroy and smash through this and get to the heart. A polished arrow is for destruction, made not to miss. Throughout history arrows are used for judgment (Dt 32:23). This is what arrows are for. Ps 45:5 speaks of sharp arrows. Polished arrows pierce the hearts of the King's enemies. We must attack the deceitful, wicked heart with properly used arrows, right to this heart. Heb 10:13 — enemies are to be made a footstool for the King's feet.

Arrows actually destroy. This is their use. If we are a polished arrow we need to destroy every incident, every occasion that the enemy's head is exposed. Every time the King's enemies are exposed we are to use the sharp arrows, in every actual situation. We destroy with an arrow. Destruction is the only reason you would use an arrow (2 Cor 10:4-6).

We can't debate on natural ground, our own way of debate that we learned in college, with no matter of what we believe, standing on the objective word. Our arrows have divine power to destroy strongholds. We must destroy subjectivity which is only pretension based on worldly knowledge (wisdom). It is not based on the objective word. We can't argue on the trained debater's ground — the ones with superior knowledge and wisdom. We can't get into a stimulating, intellectual debate; we must use our arrows to get to the very heart of the person and the issue and penetrate this armor. Pretension is not supported by fact; it is subjectivity and has no foundation. We must destroy this. We cannot be moved; we are on the rock.

*Sophistry* (look up definition) — not supported by fact, not based on the word. Pretend or pretense is to attain to a certain condition. You cannot wound someone without a *spiritual* arrow. You can't argue on their ground. Use the obvious to show them the hypocrisy. Being alert is the only way to destroy these arguments. We must take every thought captive. Verse six must be applied prophetically (2 Cor 10:6). Our Master must be the center of our being. We are subject to

Him and His authority. This is our original confession. We made Him Sovereign — this is our daily confession. We grow in the concept of His Headship and

Lordship (2 Cor 10:8). We cannot just look on the surface of things. (They thought they belonged to Messiah, but had doubt about Paul. Paul wondered how they were betrothed to Messiah in the first place.)

Arrows that go where you want them to go must be straight. We must be straight without compromise to be able to pierce. We would never polish a crooked arrow. It takes time to polish it. You would find out that it had a defect and put it aside. The perfect, polished arrow without a defect is hidden in the quiver, not used yet. It is in Isa 49 so it is for this age, for the raising up of the 12 tribes so the light can go to the ends of the earth. He waits for the right time.

We can spend hours talking to a person about vain babble, getting intellectual stimulation ourselves, Yahshua didn't talk for hours to Nicodemus. He got right to the point, to the heart of the matter. You must be born again to enter the kingdom. John 8:31 - end spoke a polished arrow to the Pharisee. He wasn't trying to win friends and influence enemies. When we compromise we lose our position to be a spokesman. We then have shame, fear, or intimidation. We must walk as our Master walked.

An arrow in the heart can't be pulled out. It is the end of their self life, like at Pentecost when the 3,000 were pierced to the heart. But the piercing did not save them. They asked how they could be saved. You must be pierced to the heart first, then repent and be baptized. The arrow must first pierce. You cannot go in the water with lofty pretension. The arrow gets rid of the source of the pretension so the person has no false motive for belief. We must be dependent on the Holy Spirit. He can only give us that arrow on His ground. Sorcery doesn't get to the heart. The words of Peter and the apostles destroyed. We must be dependent as our Master was, "I only say the words My Father gives Me." If we could be that dependent no one would come over the wall. We can only say that Yahshua is Sovereign by the Holy Spirit. This is their initiation into Him. Declaring another King is the only way to come out of the kingdom of darkness. This is foolproof, actually confessing that Yahshua is Lord and Sovereign. You can't say it apart from the Holy Spirit. He gives you those words. You are delivered, 1 Cor 12:3, and released from the kingdom of Satan; delivered by the word of God. It might come from the vocal cords, but it is a pure confession, for you know whether He is really your Sovereign or not. We are condemned if He is not. Col 3:5 — We must destroy earthly things in our lives, putting to death the earthly things that maybe we think about or think we need. Our mind can be distracted by the little things that take up time with earthly things when we could have devoted that time to heavenly things.

We could wake up in the mornings and think about our Master, our love for Him, putting Him on, serving Him that day, or we can think about something else. We fall in love with other

things so easily; another thought comes along — an earthly thing — a thought we love other than Yahshua.

Earthly things are not necessarily worldly. Someday people will be set apart for the things they are chosen to do — alternative energy, teaching, prophets, evangelists. A prophet's main job is to prophesy. A teacher's main job is to teach, etc. When the race starts we will be ready to do this, be set apart. So you can see it is not worldly things, but earthly things — it still defiles.

We must put the skills in us (mechanics, etc.) into others without these gifts (teaching, evangelizing, prophesying, etc.) so we can do what was pre-arranged for us to spend our lives doing. We must go toward our goal, the race. A prophet is always prophesying, speaking the word like our Master spoke, always the word, that He received from His Father. Yahshua spoke *directly* to Peter. He didn't have long counseling sessions. He spoke as a polished arrow directly to the heart, "Peter, get behind me Satan." This doesn't give us the right to be mean and cruel, offending people. Yahshua was direct; we must be direct.

When someone has an arrow in them they want to know where life is; they realize they are going to die. This piercing makes them ready for the many other words.

A brother wanted to confess his reaction to something someone said yesterday because, whether that person was right or wrong, he *reacted* inside and he knew that was division, and division is the basis the enemy can use to further divide us and attack our unity. He said that when there is a walled city the enemy uses a metal pointed battering ram to make or find a crack — a mere crack — and then uses the weakest point to break the whole wall and conquer. We need to see our divisions, offenses among ourselves, in this way and confess our sins so we can maintain our unity. Otherwise we cannot be used as polished arrows.

Frustration is when you have two goals. Some actually shut down. Is being set apart in the Body idealistic or is it essential for the growth and building up of the Body? Frustration is for a teacher to do carpentry for 15 hours a day, never being in the word and studying. This does not build up the Body. The young must be trained so the older can be sent out and set apart to do the things which were pre-arranged for us to spend our lives doing.

Delegated authority is sent to act by another with the same authority as the one who sent them.