

## **Pumpkin Seeds, Faithfulness, and the Sacrifice of Fools**

### **Concerning Pinworms**

People have been complaining of pinworms. People don't wash their hands after they use the bathroom. People don't even enter the nations if they don't wash their hands after using the bathroom. This is just respect for your fellow man. Don't think you have eternal life if you don't do that. Our Father told us many years ago to eat pumpkin seeds. There is something in the pumpkin seeds that deals with those pinworms. If you get the medicine in the drugstore it is made from pumpkin seeds. People say the pinworms are very irritating. They come out at night. Washing your hands is certainly the first step to deal with them. Raw vegetables also deal with this problem. Cookies and things like that provide a climate for the pinworms to live. Everywhere in the seven tribes we have pumpkin seeds, drink vinnie, and water. Lecithin helps you to not die from restricted arteries and other things that people in the world die from.

Isa 53:10; Mt 24:34; 1 Ths 4:17 — These speak of a prolonged life. If we try to eat as good as we can and chew our food we will live a prolonged life, but if we are stubborn just like we said about Saul yesterday, we cannot expect that. We all will eat pumpkin seeds. We won't go to the drugstore and get medicine. But we all have to do this. This is how the Body works. We all have to do it. If one person doesn't eat his pumpkin seeds we all might as well not do it because it is to no avail. That person is stubborn. He doesn't deserve to live in Israel because he doesn't love his brothers.

What if a person won't be faithful to do his chore in the bathroom? Whenever it is his turn he is just not faithful. Should you do it for him? Then that person never learns. Well, you have to go to him and tell him his fault. If he listens, you have won your brother. Otherwise you get two or three others. If those aren't received, the *qahal*. If the *qahal* is not received, he is to be excommunicated.

The Body depends on each person's faithfulness, even to wash our hands or eat our pumpkin seeds.

Do you think a person will enter the nations if he spits on the sidewalk or eats blood? You will see all kinds of other inconsistencies in his life. Murder is the highest form of disrespect against your fellow man. Spitting on the sidewalk is a form of disrespect.

Let's be a household that washes their hands and eats their pumpkin seeds. We, every last person in the community who can chew, will eat pumpkin seeds religiously for one week every morning and evening. If you don't want to do it you don't have to, but you cannot be here in the Body. If a person doesn't reject the spirit of rebellion, that person has to go.

We are trying to eliminate pinworms for the sake of our children. The peril of community is that we subject ourselves to many things. It is a good saying that cleanliness is next to godliness.

I don't want to be mean to people not eating their pumpkin seeds, but there are so many things that could come in and destroy community like in the first century.

### **True Worship and the Sacrifice of Fools**

Yesterday we read about Saul (1 Sam 15:23; 12:22,23,19,24,25; 13:1-4; 10:8; 13:8-14). What did Saul do here? He reasoned. He left the pier right before the ship came in over the horizon. If only he had waited just a little bit longer. Obviously he waited seven days (1 Sam 10:8). Should he just wait seven days or until Samuel would come to him and show him what to do? Anxiety, reasoning. The reason why Saul is where he is today — in death — is because he reasoned this way. Anxiety overtook him. He feared the people. 1 Sam 13:8-14 — Saul wasn't supposed to offer these sacrifices.

It is amazing that the kingdom was taken away from Saul because of such things.

1 Sam 15:1-3,8,9-19

To hearken is the greatest incense. Obeying is better than singing, praising, worshipping. Obeying our Father is the highest form of worship we can render. Acts 3:23 — The same

command is to us. We are in Saul's place. We have to obey where he didn't obey and not reason where he reasoned. We have to learn from Saul's mistake. Obedience is absolutely honoring YHWH.

We have to pray now. We know we will be utterly destroyed if we are not praying — we will be discouraged. We have to pray to know where we are not obeying. Saul thought he obeyed.

Ecc 5:1 speaks of the sacrifice of fools. He wants the sacrifice of wise men. We have to be wise, not like Saul, but true worshippers who worship in spirit and truth (Jn 4:23).

Jn 4:24 — God is a spiritual being.

Jn 4:25 — Somehow they knew by the scriptures that Messiah was coming. He is the Anointed One. He is the chief, main Anointed of YHWH. There are many anointed ones, but they are secondary to Him.

What is true worship? It is obedience. Jn 14:21 — How am I obedient? How is the kingdom going to be torn from us? We have to be better than Saul. We have to judge ourselves right. If we did what Saul did, destroy all the Amalekites except the king and the best of the animals, praise would come to us and we would go on and miss the kingdom. Nobody would detect it. Saul was a man-pleaser. He looked for the praises of people. Samuel knew YHWH, Saul didn't. Paul said we have to know Him. We can stand here and give a sacrifice of fools — lifting up our hands and not really meaning it (Ecc 5:1). They don't know they do wrong. That is the sacrifice of fools. Ecc 5:1-7 — We cannot just make a vow and then say we didn't mean it. It would be better to not make a vow. It is better we would never know the way of righteousness... We are not dogs or pigs (2 Pet 2:21-22). We are sheep. My sheep hear My voice and they follow Me.

*[See also, Morning Minchah, Reuben: "Obedience Is Better than Sacrifice" (941127A).]*