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Repentance

First and Second Death

There is still a lot of confusion in people's minds about the first and second death. Prophets who know this are supposed to speak these things so people can understand. It has got to go to the edge of the robe. If it doesn't, this is not the place where God has commanded a blessing--life everlasting (Psalm 133:1,3).

Alms Giving

Titus 3:14 — We won't be fruitful unless we meet the pressing need. The community continues to exist by alms giving. You do not have the love of God if you see your brother in need and you don't help him. Alms giving is a great expression of love. It distinguishes between the genuine and those who aren't. Not giving alms is a sin unto death; you can't attain to the first resurrection. 1 John 3:17 — If you have more than you need and you see someone in need, you should give what you have. Possessions expose us. Our bad feelings may come from not giving alms.

Repentance

Why did Carrie leave? Was she brought to repentance? If someone is not brought to repentance and we baptize them, what happens? Nothing. The veil is not rent. Someone thought that Carrie had been brought to repentance. When the test came she showed that God wasn't there. She still thinks she has God. She came with God and left with God. Maybe we're responsible, maybe we need to make restitution. We should write a letter telling her we're sorry for not making it clear enough. That we are sorry we didn't make a covenant with her. She didn't enter the blood covenant; she doesn't have a covenant partner for life.

Repentance is a mysterious word. No one really knows what it means. A person must be brought to repentance. Certainly it is a state of mind the Holy Spirit leads one to before He takes residence. He simply won't dwell in someone who has not been brought to repentance by the

spoken word. The Holy Spirit's work is to lead people to repentance. There are many ways you can tell that someone has come to repentance.

We must be sure we lead people to repentance; they must count the cost. Some call on Yahshua but are disappointed because they didn't repent. James was sorry to be working on the Freepaper all night long. He'd been disappointed.

A confession must be made from deep in the heart that Yahshua is sovereign. People proclaim their switch in sovereignties. They make that transition from one kingdom to another by calling on His name, "Yahshua, you are my Sovereign. I accept the terms of peace" — if the Holy Spirit allows them to say that. We can't say that without conviction, if our flesh is sovereign and not Him, if there are things we want more than Him.

Before the Holy Spirit takes up residence, for He is not going to permanently dwell in anyone He can't lead to repentance, they make their confession (look up the word). You confess what you know. They see their sin, the sacrifice, etc., and all else is rubbish so that they may gain Messiah. They want and desire to be saved with all their heart. They've repented. They are not wondering about what they have to give up. They don't weigh their possessions against Messiah. Even the act of weighing it is not belief, it is not right. Such a person does not see who Messiah is.

When you have the gift of faith it casts out doubt. The Holy Spirit doesn't choose to permanently dwell in someone He can not lead to repentance. In order for a person to be forgiven they must first repent. It is like Pentecost. We must explain everything in Acts 2:38. We don't go to the epistles to establish what repentance is. Acts 2 records what the apostles did--it established the Edah.

A person who doesn't repent for their past sins can't be saved. A person must see that their sin is leading them to death. They must see they are sinners and that their violations of the first and second covenants are leading them to death. If they are ignoring the second covenant but doing good deeds, we need to expose them. We can't preach the Gospel truly until we know the second covenant.

The person has got to come to the point where he hates his own life and all that he has and gives it up to follow Messiah and make that covenant of blood with Him. They must understand that they are baptized to embark on a narrow road to life. Not life in the 8th day, but to live or death in the next age, according to how they walk on that narrow road as our Master walked. (Everything we hear in the teachings we are required to obey.) Man is to walk as Adam walked when he hadn't eaten the forbidden fruit.

If we died with Him we'll live with Him. We must obey every word He speaks to us or we'll be cut off (Acts 3:23). If the word of God prunes us back, we'll bear much fruit. We've got to be able to prune and gently rebuke our brother in the right spirit. We must rebuke, correct and instruct. This is the road (of being corrected, etc.) a disciple is expected to travel on.

If you care about the word of God you will read your Bible. If not you might rend the veil to see if you care or not. At baptism we went to death with Messiah, 2 Thessalonians 2:11. We walk in a new way of life. We have embarked on a narrow road of obeying every word--applying it, putting it into practice--getting to know Messiah better every day. Are we willing to do this? Do we want to pass out of death into life and come to know Him? The man who is repenting does so with all his heart.

We repent from the things we once walked in, things we did before that would have led to our eternal condemnation (Romans 8:1). We have passed out of that death. We don't need to worry about it. The Holy Spirit has sealed us. But there will be condemnation, we will die a death like Adam if we fail to obey every word.

The New Covenant to Adam and Eve

Adam and Eve didn't abide. The first covenant is in abeyance until the 8th day, the day of redemption. Then the repopulation of the world will start again. We must walk according to the Spirit, not the flesh (Romans 8:4). You will be told when you are in the flesh and when you are going to death. You can see it all over someone's face, where he is at. We must lead the person

back to life, back to the narrow road. We are our brother's keeper; this is the covenant that we made.

What Adam saw in the second covenant really encouraged him. They produced Seth and a righteous line of people. Eve hoped her first born son was going to be her seed that would crush Satan's head so they could return to the garden to fulfill Genesis 1:28 (but it was too late). She said, "I've gotten a man with God's help" when Cain was born. The second covenant was their new covenant.

Matthew 5-7 is our preamble. Genesis 3:15-19 was their preamble, they would be consistent in other areas if they were obedient to their preamble. Even if we just had Matthew 5-7 we would have enough to be perfect. Some people in the nations are good but we are expected to be better. If we learn to speak to outsiders we'll see that our life is consistent in every other way. We'll see that we're not worthless and cowardly.

If we didn't have the rest of the New Covenant but only had Matthew 5-7 our life would be consistent with all the rest of the New Covenant. Our life would be consistent in every other area with Matthew 5-7. We are to live according to every word of the New Covenant, every word out of His mouth. The New Covenant is our constitution. We have the whole New Covenant, the whole gospel. It is enough.

Earthly Things, Stories and Videos, Pressing Needs

Through the New Covenant writings we can communicate these things to others. John 20:30,31; 1 John 5:13 — The word actually rips the veil off our hearts to see if God is there. 1 John 5:13 rips the veil off so we can get a good look at what is in there--is God there? Do you love the world or the things of the world? What is our motive; where does our curiosity about Desert Storm come from?

Are we going to tell our children stories or are we going to go modern? Videos require no imagination. Videos, television, movies and even a certain amount of plays can do havoc. Are

we led by the Holy Spirit to do what we do or will it wreak havoc in our lives later on? The great thing is to tell a story, plant a picture in their mind by the Holy Spirit, not bypassing any part of their soul or mind. Anything else is not spiritual. Stories from the Holy Spirit put their imaginations to work. When our children get into problems we tell stories, allegories and parables to help them.

The people of Israel had no videos to tell their children of the crossing of the Red Sea. (I refused to watch the movie *The Ten Commandments*. I'd have the image of Moses as Charlton Heston raising his arms with his wrist watch on. It's an evil thing; it would always be in your mind. Billy Graham promoted it.) Our children will be different; they won't learn by the modern ways. They are going to learn by stories, not videos. Stories are so stimulating. You can actually see it all laid out before you. Stories are spiritually and intellectually stimulating. Your mind either develops or atrophies. The days are coming when we will study war no more. Human lives were taken in the Middle East. It was horrible. Our children can hear of the horrors of war, the bodies piled high. There's nothing to glamorize about it.

1 John 5:13; John 20:31 — I have written these things to lay your heart bare. It was written to those who believed so they can know they have eternal life (or don't have it). No murderer has eternal life abiding in him. Murder is not loving your brother or ignoring him. In Hebrew, you can't find any word between love and hate. We're murderers if we ignore people because ignoring is premeditated; it's not man-slaughter. They slighted you, you slight them--getting even. You shy away because someone is a burden to your life. You don't want to carry their burden.

He laid down His life. He told His disciples, "You're going to die like me; you're going to die on the cross" (1 John 3:17). How does the love of God abide in one who has the world's goods and closes his heart against his brother in need? Titus 3:14 — Only meeting the pressing needs bears fruit. We must repent or we are violating the covenant. It is a sin unto death.

Every act must be atoned for. We must be forgiven for hate or murder or our sins will pile up as high as heaven. The best of the flock must be taken to the altar. It is through the New

Covenant writings that we communicate these things to others. The community, our marriages, each other, we live or die by how we communicate. We speak to one another. (Malachi 3:17,18 — He won't forget you.

We speak the truth in love so the whole body can grow up into the head. If not, then the body is lopsided. The gifted must speak. The rivers of life are the Spirit that has been given to them. Speech is a marvellous gift. Our children must learn to communicate and speak with a loud voice. Our children must see us communicating loudly in meetings. We have to speak clearly. Our children must learn to speak loudly. People with a poor self-image will speak poorly because they are still in the flesh.

There is a difference between taking someone's life and murder. You are taking someone's life when you are not speaking loudly enough to be heard. We've inherited the belief that Yahshua is the Messiah. We don't really believe that He is the long-awaited Messiah--the one who spoke the words to Adam and Eve. We must communicate these words so they can come to believe Yahshua is the Messiah.

By John and 1 John those who believe will come to know they believe and vice versa. The veil is taken away. It exposes whether we are motivated by the Spirit or soul. We know that faith without works is dead. Our Master said, "My word is truth."