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Restoring the Mirth to Israel

We are in the days of the restoration of all things. There are two things that can take away our joy: sin and accusation. Unconfessed sin and the accusing voice of the enemy. Nothing else can take your joy away. We know what sin is because we have the word to tell us what sin is. If we did not have the word, the enemy would mercilessly accuse us, telling us we had sinned when we have not sinned. We have to judge based on 1 John 3:1. We are not *going to be* children of God — we *are* children of God.

Grateful is not going to be grateful, she *is* grateful. Chassidah is not going to be lovingkindness, she *is* lovingkindness. And she waxes in that name, more and more. Tahar Takif is aggressive and he waxes in that.

Therefore, the world does not know us because they did not receive Him. Beloved, now we are the children of God and once you are a child He is not going to disown you, because you have been adopted. Only the one who has that hope will purify himself.

Sin is lawlessness. Sin is breaking the law of God. You have not broken the law against a brother or sister, because love does no harm to a brother or sister. Because He came to destroy the works of the evil one, to take away sin.

In Israel long ago, God did something. He called the mirth in Israel to cease — to stop. Mirth is rejoicing celebration, joy, and happiness. He caused it to cease. Hosea 2:11 — "I will cause her mirth, rejoicing, celebration to cease." It goes on to say all the sins that Israel did. Before this it talked about all the sins Israel did. Those who have joy have had all their sins forgiven — they have no guilt on them — their sins are confessed. The only thing to keep you from having joy is if you do not know the forgiveness of God.

We know the Law. Everything is in the law so that we know if we do it, we need a sacrifice. The most marvelous law that was ever conceived in the mind of a man, and of course, it came from God through Moses.

He is going to restore the mirth to Israel. YAHSHUA came to restore the law and fulfill it and fulfill everything the prophets had spoken. Israel is not rejoicing now. When you go to some of their celebrations, they do not really rejoice. We used to go every week to MIT in Boston and dance with the Jews — they have no mirth. They try to manufacture it, but it is not there. Just like Christianity — there is no mirth in Christianity. "I will cause her mirth to cease. I will cause her feast days to stop. I will cause her new moon celebrations to stop. I will cause her Sabbath to stop and all of her appointed feasts. And if they have them, there will not be any rejoicing in it. All the rejoicing is out of it. They come near Me with their lips, but not with their hearts. That is the picture of Christianity.

So you know that when you see these things restored — *with mirth* — you will know it is the restoration of all things, because it will be celebrated by those who keep His word. John 8:51. Paul said that the reason we could not keep the law was because of the flesh (Rom 8:3), our unredeemed human nature. Col 2:14. Since He has taken the old antiquated system of the Law, *as weak as it was*, out of the way, having nailed it to the cross, He disarmed the principalities and powers that rob our joy. He disarmed the powers that work in us to keep us from having joy. Flesh was nailed to the cross, so the way you look at the Law was nailed to the cross. When we come here, we prove that we have victory over the principalities and power that rob our joy. He restored the mirth to us. There is no sin against us. John 8:51.

YAHSHUA triumphed over the enemy, the accusing voice of the enemy, the fiery darts of the enemy. We came here tonight to proclaim that he has taken away our sins, therefore do not let

anyone judge you on a festival or new moon or a Sabbath day. The very things which were taken away in Hosea 2:11 are now restored under a new covenant.

So He has restored them. You are going to see a celebrating people. Israel is going to celebrate like nothing you have ever seen or imagined. It is going to amaze the nations to see it. It is going to astound the whole world. It is going to startle the nations.

We know we are forgiven and no one is going to accuse us because we know what sin is and we know when we have broken the law — something we know is wrong because the law condemns it and we go ahead and do it. That is what keeps us from drinking the victory cup. It is not our faults which keep us from drinking the cup of victory — unless we deliberately persist in them and do not even care about doing anything about it.

Col 2:16-18 — These things are a shadow of what is to come. We are to continue in it until it comes. It is not *merely* or *was* or *only* a shadow — they are a shadow. If your Bible says *merely*, *was* or *only* a shadow, whoever made your Bible is going to the second death for changing it like that. It is still standing, that we need to celebrate these feasts. Do not let anyone condemn you on it.

Does Matt 5:17 say that He came to restore the feasts to Israel? YES. That is what He came for. The mirth was taken away from Israel and He is going to restore the mirth to Israel. Tonight we have a feast.

1 John 3:4 — Here it is: "Whoever practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness." Sin is the breaking of the law. And you know He was manifested to take away our sins. In Him there is no sin.

We hate it when we are outside of the law. There is no one more miserable than a child of God who is not abiding in YAHSHUA. He has no peace, no rest. If you have not broken the law, you have peace don't you? If you are not a lawbreaker.

Whoever *abides* in Him does not sin. They do not break the law. Whoever sins has neither seen him nor knows Him. We are not that kind, are we? We *have* seen Him. We know Him. Verse 7-8 — "Little children, let no one deceive you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous ... the one who practices sin is of the devil. Because *he* sinned from the beginning." We *were* of the devil, but we are no more. Whoever has been born of God and does not sin — it is impossible for you to sin and not feel so awful. That means you cannot sin. You cannot live in that sin and go your own way. We cannot sin without repenting very quickly. If you can, it means you are still a child of the devil.

John 8:51 — Did you know that it is possible we will never die, that we will never see death or taste death? It is *possible* also that we will see death or taste it. It is possible that we can go to the first or second death [of course not the first or second death for unbelievers — what has that got to do with us?]. But what does it take to never see or taste death? (Death is separation.) This is something we must do because we want to do it. Is there something you have to do or can you just believe.

[Someone answered: confess our sins]

That is a good Christian answer. "But I want you to keep My word. MOST ASSUREDLY, if anyone keeps my word he shall never see death." So what do we have to know? How are you going to keep His Word if you do not know it? He wants us to be those people who know His word and keep His word (Jn 14:21-24). Who share it, love it, teach it, tell others about it. Then mirth is going to be restored to Israel. When we have these feasts we are going to have mirth. We are going to rejoice tonight because we have kept His words, and if you have *fallen short* — you

have fallen short of His glory until you repent and are forgiven. But if we persist in deliberate sin we can be cut off forever, until the 8th day. Heb 10:26.

There is no concept in Christianity at all that they must keep His word. But we are to obey every word that come from his mouth. Every word the prophet speaks to you. If you heed every word the prophet speaks to you, you will never taste death (Acts 3:23). If we do not, we will be cut off. We do not want to be cut off. We are not slaves, we are sons. The flesh is nailed to the cross, therefore we look at everything in a different way.

[Uriah spoke expressing that he felt cut off but he did not remember disobeying His Word or breaking any Law of God. ]

You know what I believe? I believe you have not broken the law.

[Yoneq continued on telling Uriah what a wonderful servant he was and that it was obvious that he had been chosen and brought here so that our Father could save him and that his life was such a wonderful blessing to us and that he didn't know a more wonderful person than him.]

That is what our Father says. You have an adversary, and he says the opposite.

Yoceph — I am thankful we are finding out what is pleasing to our Father. Israel missed it when God gave them the law. They did not see that it was to show them how to please Him. They took it as a heavy burden. But YAHSHUA came to do away with the flesh.

1 Tim 1:17 — We have to learn to lift our soul up. Restoring this mirth in celebration, we have got to lift up our emotions, too. Nothing is going to hold us from giving him worship with our emotions. Our soul is not just our intellect. It belongs to his children that we would lift our whole soul to Him. This has got to be restored (Ps 25:1; Hos 2:11).

The spirit controls the soul and the soul controls the brain and the brain controls the body. This is what our worship has to include. That is when the enemy has no more foothold in our life, no more influence in us — he is cast out. YAHSHUA said, "He has nothing in Me." We are ruling over him instead of him ruling over us. Because we come here to celebrate that we are no longer under the power of the evil one. We come to celebrate deliverance. The world is under the power of Satan. They cannot rejoice. But we can. Our Father wants that from us. The word *mirth* is *sus* in Hebrew.

[The name M'susah was received by Ushi, our one-week-old German sister at whose baptism it was prayed that she would retain the joy she had that night. M'susah was thankful for this name and said, "I know that the feasts are going to increase and one day the whole world is going to be a feast."

Yathed — She spoke as a prophet. I am so thankful that the enemy has been thrown down. He has no power over us. The throne of our hearts is our soul and our spirit is seated on that throne — our soul. The enemy accuses us before the throne. He wants to keep us from putting Him there. Our Master is meant to be seated on the throne of our heart. I am thankful that the enemy is thrown down so YAHSHUA can have his rightful place in our hearts.

I know that our Master's words are effective. He said God is spirit and whoever worships Him must worship in spirit and truth. That is meaningful if his word is truth — "My word is the truth." Tonight we can worship Him. We are in the Spirit and we have the truth. The truth dispels the lies of the enemy.

Yochanan — talked about soul music. It is soul *only*. No regenerated spirit. It thrills me to know that we can lift up our souls — we are going to make the truest soul music. It is going to touch people very deeply.

Not only are we going to make the Jews jealous, we are going to make Cham jealous too.

Story about Shemiyah

ha-Emeq told a story about Shemiyah, which means hear and obey YHWH. He lived in the days of the wisest King, Solomon, who built a great temple and great big palaces. With all that building going on, there was so much to do. So much work. It was not such an easy time in Israel. There was so much being built at one time. Who could do all the work? Do you want to? You? You are going to do it? For your King? You would be working hard and late. The men of Israel wanted to work too. But there was so much work to do and it was so hard. And the men of Israel thought it was too hard.

Shemiyah wanted to see the things built because he *heard*. He thought that if the king was saying build, then it was YHWH who was saying build. But some of the men of Israel were lazy. Some became slaves of the king because they had to be forced to work. They had to whip them to make them work. Shemiyah wanted to work. He listened to our Father and wanted to do what He said. Then Rehoboam, Solomon's son, became king. The men of Israel said they did not want to work so hard like they had to before. We will be your willing servants if you make it easy on us. Rehoboam asked the elders. They said make it easier. Maybe it's a little too hard. But then he asked his worthless friends and they told him not to let people boss him around. "Tell them that your little finger is stronger than your father's leg and you are going to beat them worse than he did."

Rehoboam was the son of a foreign woman. He had not been raised up with discipline. He listened to his friends instead of the elders. What a worthless thing to say, that if you don't work harder than before I'm going to beat you with a whip bigger than my father had. All the people in the tribes started talking. And then they kind of split. "What part do we have in the son of Jesse? What part do we have in David?" said some of them.

Rehoboam realized that everyone in the ten tribes were over there and everyone over here was just Judah. "Israel, go to your tents; we have nothing to do with David," they said. Rehoboam had made a wrong choice. He wanted to go after the men of Israel with swords. But Shemiyah came to him and said, "This is what YHWH has to say, 'Do not go after and fight against your brothers. YHWH has caused this to happen. Do not fight.'" It was because of their disobedience. Rehoboam listened to Shemiyah. Israel went away. They never came back together. They were divided from that day on. Now there were two kings. Rehoboam said, "Let us do what my father and David did. Let us worship YHWH and try to be obedient." Everyone who was devoted to YHWH came down and stayed together with Rehoboam. All the rest left.

Solomon was building a temple and he wanted them to serve willingly, but they learned what it meant to be slaves. Now, here we are building a kingdom and it is going to be really hard. There is a lot to do. Your parents have a lot to do. But shall they work as slaves or willingly, giving themselves to do the work that has to be done? They give themselves willingly. It is because YAHSUA died to make us like this — to *want* to work.

Both sons and slaves work, but one does it because he has to and one because he wants to. YAHSUA gave His life up willingly — He was a true son. A slave does not stay in the house forever, but a son does.

Yoneq — We have to see the significance of what Jeroboam did. Instead of allowing the people to go to Jerusalem to sacrifice, he was afraid their hearts would return there and they would kill him and he got jealous. But the only place you could worship and have your sins forgiven was in Jerusalem. That is the only place God would meet His people. Not anywhere else. That was His appointed place where He caused His name to dwell. So Jeroboam made places where people could sacrifice — one in Dan and one in Bethel. But no matter how many sacrifices you made or how good those people's intentions were, it did not matter — their sins piled up as high as

heaven because the only place you could truly sacrifice was in Jerusalem. Israel divided and never reunited. All the blood is on Jeroboam's hands for setting up worship places (like every church building today is a false high place, Rev 18:2-5).

Now we can worship Him in any tribe or clan, but according to Deut 2:5,12, the only place you can meet Him and have your sins forgiven is where the High Priest is — where He dwells in His Body. Christianity is doing the same thing as Jeroboam did. They made high places and they cannot get their sins forgiven because there is no High Priest. That is what Jeroboam did, he instituted these places in Dan and Bethel. All the sacrifices were illegitimate. It is too bad that the people did not rebel against that and plead with God to forgive them (individually) because they knew better. They knew the Law. Deut 12:5,12. They were not ignorant. None of them will go to the nations — they will go to the second death.

You can see the sin of that. What a horrible sin it was. That is one of the great revelations in the Bible. It has taught us so much about Christianity and about legitimate and illegitimate worship. And that is why the appointed feasts are so important. Our Master is with us at His appointed times. In our ignorance, our Master met us even though it was not at His times, but he will not continue to do that. He meets us when we gather at His appointed times. That is why we meet together today on the first day. That is when they met in the first church. Acts 20:5.

This has to be restored to the Israel of God and that is when He will meet us and His Spirit will be on every person and prophet.

Israel and two tribes were separated and so were no longer His people. But they will come together in the New Covenant and be His people again, when they come together again and form one house (Heb 8:8-10), restoring everything that has been lost. Breaking down all division — the spiritual aspect of it in the New Covenant. Israel will celebrate the feasts for a whole 1000 years in the next age, but it cannot happen until we are restored spiritually *first*. We are the *servant Israel*, Isa 49:8.

They became a harlot. They became divided — division. This is how we must restore all things. You are the foundation of that restoration. The church is Israel — the Israel of God. We are led by the Spirit. He will lead us to all truth. For the last 15 years we have worshipped in Spirit and not altogether in truth. As he reveals the truth to us more and more, we worship more and more in truth — meeting at *His* times. That is when prophecy will be in His people, Acts 2:16.

God will be speaking, manifesting His presence in our midst — not an imitation of it. That is why it is so important to pray for a 700-acre plot of land where we can meet and eat together and feast — what you can read about in Lev 23. These are the appointed feasts, but they will be in the light of the New Covenant. The Word, is things written down for the generation that lives at the end of the age. Paul thought that the things that were recorded in the Old Testament were written for us, the generation at the end of the age. So we will have all the truth.

Everything the old covenant could not do, everything the first church could not do, we will do. If no one has ever done it and no one does it, that would mean He just spoke vain words. But the Spirit came to a people who in Him can fulfill the Law and the prophets.

He chose you specially because you are the foundational stones. He chose you especially for that great purpose, the foundation we are going to be built on. You can see that if we have cracks in us, the building is going to fall. You are the chosen, privileged ones, chosen from the very start. He calls you a special people, His possession.

So we need to be free to worship and know that breaking this bread — we know it is made out of bread but it represents His Body — has the same effect as His Body, the same consequences as His body. Eating it is just like eating His flesh and no one would eat His flesh to live if they were

guilty of anything, any wrong between them — if we have wronged anyone. Not just your personal sins, but not regarding our brothers as parts of our Master's Body. We would not talk to our brother any different than we talk to our Master. If we take this bread in that respect, we are going to flourish and grow in our lives to serve Him and build the Body up. We are going to discern and understand His Body. We actually are His Body.

Nahum — If we are rejoicing because we did good or bad this week then we are walking in the flesh and we are still under the law. But we do not live according to the flesh anymore but we live according to our Master. We rejoice because we know that He has taken our sin away. If our joy is in how good or bad we did then we are still walking in the flesh and in our own self righteousness.

Ephriam — It is so exciting too see what our Father is doing on the earth and that we are a part of what He is doing — how he is reaching the people in Poland through our prayers. Tonight I understood a lot more about what YAHSHUA said that He came to fulfill the law and prophets. That he cannot do everything Himself as one person, but he needs a corporate Body, us, to fulfill many things: feasts, year of Jubilee, etc. We really need to give ourselves to what our Father is speaking to us so that all these things can be restored.

Otah Ma'ate Shamesh (clothed with the sun) expressed how thankful she is. It was clear to her that this was YAHSHUA's Body in each of us and she knows it is a miracle. She spoke about how she had wanted security for her baby and direction for her children and now she has everything.

Talmidah — shared about Andreas — how last night he was serving the guests tea and coffee with a big tray going around the dining room to each one. Later, she was appreciating him for doing that and he said he was glad to be able to express his thankfulness. He said, "The guests, maybe they're thankful for a few minutes, but me, I'm always thankful. So this is how I can show them how thankful I am."

Ben Chesed — I am thankful we can know the truth. It says in the end we will know all the truth. Everything is going to be revealed to us. I never expected this. I never expected to be part of Messiah, never knew it was possible to be *part* of YAHSHUA in the Body and to know all the truth. I am thankful for our Master and for our Father.

There is no place in the world for sheep. [He spoke about a couple, Carlos and Elana, who knew Mario and came to visit us.] When we went to see them I could see that they didn't fit there. We have life enough for us and for everybody. We can go out and not fear to give life.

I learned something this week. I started to get comfortable in my room, with my things. But I saw we need to be ready to have a place for people, prepared to give a place for people to stay. We need to be ready to give everything, not only the left over, but give the best. Don't fear because maybe they will be our brothers.

Yoneq — If we don't give, what we've got is all we'll ever have.

Ben Chesed — If we give, our Father is our provider and he is more generous than anybody.

Hasah ba Hagav — Someone shared about the Christian churches trying to express the joy of their salvation, but it is not real. So they go to one extreme or the other — totally stiff, or crazy, yelling, screaming, babbling. But our Father wants to restore mirth to Israel. I'm so thankful that our Father's heart is being revealed to us in His desire to restore true joy. I know that this means to me that there has been a gaining of ground — a good foundation has been laid. Like Otah expressed that as she broke the bread it was clear to her that this was YAHSHUA's body in each of us.

In the children's banquet last night [Otah and Labeshu's wedding], it was on our hearts that they would enjoy themselves. We did not want them to be lawless, clamorous and walking on the furniture, but we also didn't want them to be so stiff and quiet that they hated being there. So at first we had to set a few standards — a little foundation.

At first they wanted to go back and be with their parents. Ishah walked out the door three times and Tikvah and Hanah were quietly slipping out; so was Jonathan, but we told them that they needed to be covered and not lawless and this was the place prepared especially for them. We said that they shouldn't stand on the furniture and the older boys who were also striving to be with their abbas because they were *adults* were given vision that they were there because they were needed to serve.

After this foundation was laid with some discipline in a couple of situations, we were able to have order and care and a "good time." We had a few children come up front and sing as the others proved their love by being good listeners. Then at the end, after everyone had an opportunity to sing in a small group, we said that there would be one more special song.

"OK, you can all stand on the chairs for this one song and sing (not shout) with all your hearts."

As soon as the music started they exploded with joy! Joy is the flag flown high from the castle of your heart when the King is in residence there!! We sang it over and over. Then a couple of children grabbed their napkins and started waving them over their heads as flags. Then another few grabbed chopsticks and put their napkins on them to look more like flags. I wondered what some people thought who came in when they were standing on the chairs waving their flags. But it was clear that they had joy, not chaos.

This is our Father's heart for us. He wants the joy we had at the wedding banquet to go on the next day. He wants this joy expressed as we work, in all we do. Matthew 7:11 — If you know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more does your Father in heaven give good gifts to His children.

I really believe our Father can speak to us about restoring the festivals because we've gained enough ground that he can start speaking to us about these things now. There will never be a greater feast day than our breaking of bread when we grasp this, nor a more festive celebration than our weddings that express the feast when He drinks the cup with us — that people would come here and see the joy in our heart.

Nesu — We have a living God. He has beautiful, alive celebrations in store for us. He wants to see His people with life because He is living.

Yochanan — When we know we have not broken the law, if we continue walking that way, then we will have life and have a life-giving spirit.

Yoneq — we are going to drink the life of the light. It is the same thing as drinking His blood. No difference between drinking this and drinking His blood.

He said that whoever follows Him will never walk in darkness. Because he will have the light of life. The light of the world is His life. We are not the light of the world unless we have the life.

The twelve tribes collectively are going to produce such a great light that salvation is going to reach the end of the earth. So all those who are chosen will see by our light the life and be saved.

Meshullem — The light shines in every soul, every man, if his deeds are evil, John 3:19. I'm thankful he is a true light by which you can see and walk and everybody who sees this light and comes to it will have the same light as we have that no other spirit has. If we don't do it today, we don't do it in the next age.

The judgment is based on this: "That light has come into the world, but men loved the darkness rather than the light." John 3:19-21. [People know their deeds would be exposed if they came here. They like to hang onto their sins. They know they cant hang onto them if they come here.]

Juan — I want to give myself so we will be a powerful light.

Denis — There are thousands of people outside, but they cannot hear from our Father unless they listen to us, because we are the light. [Two days later, Denis received the name, *Shemiyah*.]

There is no use praying for colds if you are not sleeping with your window open. It is a breeding place for all kinds of viruses, etc. You deserve colds and everything else if you do not do this.

That is how you revitalize yourself, because your body gives off poisons as you rest and you need new air coming in. That's why people who live outside all the time seldom get colds. You do not have to get crazy and open it all the way up on the coldest night. But use common sense.

If your children kick their covers off, then, well, you have to use common sense.

But it is always something we are doing wrong — coughing in people's faces or something. If you can help it, suppress your cough. The more you suppress it, the better it is. 75% of the time you do not have to cough. And drink your water too. Native Vermonters expose their children to the cold weather a little bit, with common sense. We have been raised like sissies, so we get colds and sneezes. If you do not try to resist these things, they just come upon you. You cannot just receive these thing, but resist it. The brain controls the body.