

### **On Course**

Who are like the sons of God? What is the commitment that we made at baptism when we confessed that YAHSHUA is our Sovereign? We gave up our life, our selfish desires. We are not here to have a nice little life. We could go into the mountains to have that. Did you ever read the constitution for the sons of God? Do you know what is required of them? If you aspire to serve God, you are in for an ordeal. There are continually problems in the community. That is how it is going to be for the rest of our lives. Remember the circumstance teaching? The cross comes to us through the circumstances. Just when you get a nice little community together, the wind comes and blows all your people away. Ecclesiasticus 2:1 - 5

James 1:12 The testing has to go on. Everyone has to be fully tested. Just the minute you get it together, the wind comes and changes your plan. That's why you have to give your plans up at a moment's notice. That's why it says that man makes his plans but YHWH directs his footsteps. We never will have a nice little comfortable nest. John 3:8 When you get people living together, that is where the circumstances are. Like this morning, someone was inadvertent - borrowed the adapter for the tape recorder so we couldn't do aerobics. That person needs to change. And we need to be forbearing. (When you point the finger, three fingers point back at you.)

We never grumble or complain in the new covenant. Old Israel grumbled after they left Egypt. They could not enter the land. Our Father allowed the circumstances to come upon them so that they could see what was in their heart and repent, otherwise they would pollute the land. Our Father had to wait 4,000 years to bring about the promise to Abraham. We have to suffer more than anybody ever suffered. We have to make up for the sufferings of Messiah. We have to suffer equal to His suffering -- our Father spoke that to us here in Reuben. That is our foundation.

We are being tested to see if we have all things in common. If we think of our brothers more than ourselves. Otherwise we are just an elite group of Christianity.

There are many circumstances going on right now. We could blow up and just head to the mountains, or work in a bank making money for a living and have our nice little house and our four. Or we can go into the west and let the world pass by. Or we can do what it says in 1 Pet. 4:12.

Col. 1:23,24,28 That is our charter. If we see that happening we are right on course. Like when we go to Paris and we see the road sign - only a few for kilometers to Paris, we are happy because we see that we are right on course.

Acts 14:22 When they heard this they rejoiced because they knew they were right on course.

Have you read the article "Right on Course"? What does it mean to be right on course? If you are not going through suffering, you are not on the road to the kingdom. We are being perfected through those hardships. When you confessed YAHSHUA as your Sovereign, you were in for suffering. 1 Tim. 3:12 Are we in it together? When you are in a boat and everybody rows in a different direction, you don't go anywhere. It doesn't do any good.

Phil. 1:29 grant - give the grace. He gives us the grace to believe. I cannot believe on my own - He needs to give me faith. Somehow I am willing. Faith comes to us because we are willing. John 7:17 He also gives us the grace to suffer.

[One time Yoneq was driving in Florida and he thought he was going north, but then he saw a sign and found out that he had gone south 100 miles.] Sometimes we could go in a wrong direction and you don't even know about it, then the sign comes and puts you right back on course. When we suffer and go through circumstances, it doesn't mean that we are off course. It is a sign that we are on course.

## **Death and Annihilation**

Death doesn't mean annihilation. We are eternal creatures. There is no way to get out of that. You exist eternally either in life or in death.

**Seeking first the Kingdom**

We are going to Paris today and our first priority is to seek first the kingdom - find the lost sheep. And our second priority is making a living. To seek the lost is our Father's first priority, that is why He sent His Son. He redeemed us from lawless deeds, from living for ourselves seeking our own food and clothing. We are seeking the kingdom first.