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The Sacrifices and YHWH's Eternal Purpose

I want to make sure you understand about the foundation that is being laid here. It is Yahshua. It is His Word. It has to be laid on His word as He reveals it to us, as we understand it. There can be no other foundation. (1 Corinthians 3:11) We must lay the foundation as a master builder, as the apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 3:10. Those who have been sent to lay the foundation are God's fellow-workers and we are the building. But when the foundation is laid, it must be laid rightly, correctly, with the wisdom of Paul, as a WISE master builder. No matter how beautiful and well-built the building, should there be a flaw in the foundation, it will fall. Even if the foundation is solidly built, we must take care how we build upon that foundation (1 Corinthians 3:10), or the building may not last. The foundation still remains, but the house is no longer there. The community in Corinth no longer exists. Those who built on Paul's foundation were unwise. We must not be so unwise.

We must remain within the limits of His covenant, His kindness (chesed). Romans 12:1-2, in its practical application, tells us how we can remain in His covenant kindness. It is obvious that the community in Rome didn't carry out what is written in these verses. If they had, they would have remained, they would have carried out and fulfilled God's eternal purpose.

Malachi 1:11 must be fulfilled. It is part of Yahweh's eternal purpose that His name be great among the nations. Incense is going to be offered to His name in every place, from the rising of the sun to the setting of the sun. This is what the priesthood does, a priesthood that has been purified according to Malachi 3:1-4. The priests must be purified and refined like gold and silver so that they may present offerings that are pure (Malachi 1:11) and presented in righteousness. Who can endure this purification? Who can stand through it all? The standard is high, so high that some of us won't be able to stand unless we are determined. We must be determined to stay within the confines of His kindness, totally dependent on His grace.

So Romans 12:1-2 is what we do to stay within the limits of His kindness. These verses are written about Body life and the sacrifice. We offer all our bodies together as one sacrifice.

This is a burnt offering. Every part is important. If one part is bad, the whole sacrifice is bad. This is the anti-type of the type. There must be no defective limb or part of the animal being sacrificed or the whole offering will be rejected. We need to see to it, make it our priority to make sure that no one, no part, is missing the grace of God. (Hebrews 12:15; James 4:6)

Should there be a defective part, we must see to it. If your brother sins (against you), we are commanded to see to it. Matthew 18:15 gives us the command in God's new order, his new justice. We are part of this new justice that will be a standard and a light for the nations. In Revelations 21:24 the new nations will walk in the light of this new justice. Even now, we are setting the standard for the nations, how they should be.

The command is to go to our brother when he sins. We are seeking to win our brother, restore him to the one fellowship (John 15:5; Revelations 3:20). In order that the sacrifice can be whole and undefective, he must be restored. He must be receiving grace. He must be an undefective part of that sacrifice that burns all day and all night. According to Matthew 5:23 & 24, we must leave our offering at the altar, if we can and do judge that we have sinned against our brother, and be reconciled. Then our offering can be acceptable. If, as according to Matthew 18:17, we go to our brother and even bring it before the household, the elder's meeting, or the whole community, and he doesn't humble himself and repent, he must be cut off, so that the sacrifice may be pure. Either he repents or we excommunicate him, treat him as if he were an outsider who needed salvation. Malachi 1:11 could not be fulfilled that day if this was not clearly dealt with according to our Master's justice. We could go on in pretense. We could tolerate some disorder and some sin. But that would be disastrous. We must present an holy and acceptable sacrifice according to Romans 12:1-2. someone who is a defective member might fake it (1 John 1:6). They might pretend to be in the light, but this would be of no advantage to him and would only keep our sacrifice from being acceptable to our God.

Matthew 5:22 says that if you are angry with your brother, you will have to have a meeting. The sun can't go down on your anger. You can't come to the evening sacrifice at sundown with that anger unsettled. You must be judged. If you call your brother an idiot, you are

guilty enough to go into death or hell. This is a sin unto death. It is not something spontaneous. You couldn't have been in communion one minute and then suddenly call him a fool. It had to be festering for some time. From the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks.

So the sacrifice must be pure and without defect, either by reconciling the defective member or by excommunicating the defective member. Every part is important and must be perfect. Every person is an essential part of the household, the households are essential in composing the clan, the clans make up the tribe in any certain geographical region. Twelve tribes make up Israel. It can be no other way.

Let us, therefore, make sure that everyone is receiving grace. (Hebrews 12:15) One husband who doesn't treat his wife right can hinder the whole sacrifice. (1 Peter 3:7) If you are a husband and you mistreat your wife, your prayers are hindered. Consequently, you will hinder the sacrifice of the whole household, and the household hinders the clan, the clan the tribe, the tribe the nation. It depends on the least defect. Remember Achan. We can make no such mistakes during the race. That is, no one can come defective to the sacrifices. So if your brother isn't doing well, you're responsible. There is no individualistic acceptance in this race. The sacrifices are acceptable only in the perfected unity that is prayed for in John 17:23.

In fulfilling Malachi 1:11, the incense and the sacrifices must be lifted up to cause our Master's name to be great on the earth, but they will end up being the light to the nations. When we are lifting up our sacrifices in perfection, we will bring about the end of this age. (Matthew 24:14; Hebrews 10:13)

You can see that in the ages to come (without end), Israel will be a light to the rest of the universe. (Revelations 21:9-12; 24-26) The twelve tribes are the wife of Messiah. If the nation does not have twelve distinct tribes in different geographic regions, it can't be the light of the world, the Body of Messiah. Israel is the name of the twelve tribes collectively and in unity. They are one as the Father and the Son are one, down to the least member. the twelve tribes must be raised up to give forth light to the ends of the earth. That's what we're all about, why we've been chosen. (Isaiah 49:5-6) We are that people who are to fulfill Malachi 1:11 and Ephesians

3:10. His manifold wisdom will be made known through us to the rulers and authorities in heavenly places.

We have been given everything we need to reach the fullness of Messiah, that we might reach the unity of the faith. If we will speak the truth to one another in love, we grow up into the Head, who is Messiah. In His anointing is everlasting life and unity. (Ephesians 4:11-16) The conclusion is that each and every part will be working together to build up the Body in love.

We have to use all our talents. If we have ten, we must use ten. If two, two. We all have the capacity to be totally obedient. We are all important. Don't ever even entertain a worthless thought about yourself. He created within you a pure spirit that is compatible with His. He can dwell in your spirit now. If we fix our minds on our new regenerated human spirit, we will produce the fruit of that spirit. (Galatians 5:21-22) the fruit of the flesh is obvious. If it's obvious, let's help our brother be reconnected. When we see the obvious fruit of the flesh, we need to speak the truth in love.

Isn't it wonderful we have the word of the New Covenant so we won't die? He's chosen a people with great deficits in the flesh. We've received every possible spirit in the world. We were raised crazy in the world. So we know that it won't be in the flesh that we'll overcome. He's chosen us and He's waiting for us to put all His enemies under His feet, all the enemies that we have in us. He chose us perfectly, so we could have unity, a most unlikely unity. Yet it was in His counsel that we were chosen. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit counseled together and chose us. He called us by name, names that we have to come into. He didn't make any mistake.

OUR UNITY IS OF SUPREME IMPORTANCE. IT MUST START BETWEEN BROTHER AND BROTHER, THEN ALL THE BROTHERS, THEN THE WHOLE NATION.