

Singing with All Our Hearts

(We sang, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is...)

What if everyone sang with all their heart (with zeal)? It would be a wonderful community. How much is our Master worth to us? As much effort and spiritual power as we give Him. We reap what we sow. Should we go around the room and evaluate every person?

(Yoneq asked different people what was the measure of faith and love they show.)

We must judge ourselves. How much do you love your Master? What's the measure of love you show? Is it according to how you feel? How much we love our Master is expressed by how much zeal we show. Does zeal for His house overpower (overwhelm) us? Is He worthy of our praise all the time? What about you? And you? Do you have overpowering zeal when you sing? The zeal we sing with is in proportion to how we love our Master.

Miriam Racham: Our King is someone we love and we surrender to Him, not because we have to, but because we want to. And we'll have zeal if we love our King. There's a difference between willingly surrendering and just doing it because you have to. If our King is worth everything to us, we'll wholeheartedly surrender to him.

The fruit of the Spirit is love. And love never fails. Do you fall short all the time? Does everyone say, "My love fails"? But love never fails. You fail. It's you. You fail to love. We love with the love we have. If we don't have love, we won't love. Is the revelation we have in proportion to how much He loves us or how much we love Him? Which is it? Jn 14:21 — We can really evaluate ourselves by how much we love Him, how much we obey Him. It's good to evaluate ourselves by how we sing, isn't it?

Racham: The phrase in that song that stands out to me is "*commands a blessing.*" Evangelism is *commanding* people out of the world. It comes forth from our faith, to communicate faith to others. We are commandable because we submit to the coming King. He died for our sins so we live for Him. You can't command someone unless you're commandable.

Commanding our souls to sing at the minchah sets the course for the whole day. And if we don't sing with all our heart, it sets our day, too. The way we are here is the way we'll be for the whole day. And once our day is set it's very hard to turn it around.

Yehudah: When you start something you start perpetuating a way. The violent take the kingdom by force. So if we're set to be violent at the minchah we'll be violent against our enemies for the rest of the day.

Racham: We can have a doctrine of thinking our Community is the light of Judah, or we can be known by how we are loving our brothers and sisters. Christianity expresses words of life far greater than we do, but the words don't reflect the reality that's in their lives.

What kind of community would we have if everyone sang like you? As the sapling is bent, so goes the tree. Are you doing your part? What if the whole Community sang like you?

We each have to do our part. As each part of the Body does its part it causes the growth of the Body. Eph 4:16 — Look up what *causes* means.

It was a beautiful song we sang, wasn't it? But who made it beautiful? The overcomers. Only the overcomers will be worthy of our Master. We are always having to overcome something — the flesh, intimidation, worthlessness, pride. Rev 2 and 3 mention overcomers seven times. Only the overcomers will rule with our Master, so we have to overcome. Do you have to overcome to sing? I have to crucify the flesh to sing in the Spirit. What made that song we sang beautiful was the overcomers — certainly not the people who weren't overcoming, but singing indifferently, not even having their minds on what they were singing.

Ha-Qinai: I was thinking about what is that zeal that would consume us? It's not singing loud and jumping around, but that whatever is in our hearts would pour out and it would set our course for the whole day. What our Master poured out in our hearts would come out.

The dew on Mt. Hermon goes down to the mountains of Zion. That overflow (the dew) goes from the big mountain to the little mountain. We're that little mountain, aren't we?

Ha-Emeq: The strong ones can help the weak ones, too. I have a weak voice, but if I stand next to someone who has a really nice voice it helps me to sing. When I stand next to them, I don't know why, but I can sing! I can use their strength to overcome. Their strength jumps off onto me. Overcomers help me because they use their will and it helps me to use my will, too.

Hosah: Our Master is enthroned on the praises of Israel. So He's only enthroned to the extent that we praise Him.

Rev 14:3 — No one can sing the song except the 144,000. They will sing in one accord because they are in unity.

1 Cor 11:18-19 — There's got to be factions and divisions among us so we can be approved. If one is singing with all his strength and one isn't there's obviously division in our midst. 1 Cor 12:25 — If we don't have the same care it causes divisions. This will always make some people sing in the flesh. But they won't be able to endure in it. (Just like in Christianity we sang, but our spirits weren't renewed.) They won't be able to sing the song spoken of in Revelation unless they're in unity, one accord, in harmony. Do we know that song ourselves? Can we teach it to our children? In unity? It's us who'll teach it to them.

Yacob: The way we sing has an impact on people who come to visit us. I never sang songs in Christianity, but when I came to visit the Body I saw people singing with all their hearts and I couldn't forget about it.

Just think, if I'm not overcoming and singing with all my heart then I won't be a part of the witness and can actually be holding my brothers and sisters back. If we're not gathering with him, we're scattering. It's a principle that if we're all building and someone is tearing down then everything is undone because we're not working together. Our Master came to undo the works of the evil one (1 Jn 3:8). The evil one can use you and me to undo our Master's works. But our Master uses overcomers to undo the works of the evil one in the Body. So if we're not overcoming we're doing Satan's works.

Being an overcomer is not being a super disciple, but a *normal* disciple. We're disciples and we're doing what disciples do — overcoming. So let's all be a part of the building up of the Body. Either we're building up or we're tearing down — there's no neutral state. If we're neutral, we're not building. And if we're not loving, we're hating. It says in the Scriptures that we have to hate our parents to be a disciple (ignoring their plea for us to stay with them in the world). We have to love our Master more than our parents — that's what it means to hate them. But if you hate your brother, you're a murderer. To be a disciple is the greatest thing that can ever happen to a person! There is nothing greater than to be a disciple of our Master Yahshua. He's called us to eternal life, that fellowship (koinonia).

Some parents spend a lot of negative attention on their children, seeing their children as being bad all the time and always correcting, correcting, correcting. Some children are bad all the time just to get negative attention from their parents because they never get any attention. So let's give them positive attention. They can see an action from you (that you're displeased with their actions), but you should express it in love, not just scolding them, but giving them positive attention. Shepherds can do the same thing — sometimes the only time you see them is when they're correcting or rebuking you. So let's speak positively to one another, not just having negative input, but giving each other positive attention. How can we have positive attention towards our children? It's paying attention to them when they don't need to be disciplined. You win your child's heart, not just disciplining them when they do something wrong. If you happen to hear someone speaking negatively to his children all the time, go and talk to him, helping him in a loving way.

So let's all do our part so our Master can dwell on the praises of Israel. When we sing, let's sing with all our hearts. We don't necessarily have to sing loud, but from the overflow of our hearts. When we look at each other with joy we experience joy, especially when we sing a worship song.

Racham: I hope we were all considering how we would answer Yoneq's question — it rips the veil of our hearts. It reveals where our heart has been over the past years, raising our children. When our Master died, the veil in the temple was rent and every Jew saw there was nothing in there — no basis to worship someone. Our Master's glory wasn't there.

You can objectively be needy, but not be saved because you don't admit it. Our Master said He will save the children of the needy — those who acknowledge their need. It's good to be needy, not living our life as if everything is okay. We have to be careful how we build because we're either building up or tearing down.

I'm thankful we can come and stand before Him and be needy even if our emotions tell us the opposite (to just be quiet if we're needy).

The needy pray. That's why He saves the children of the needy — because they pray. Have you ever got down on your knees and prayed for your child?

Salome: I'm thankful for what was said this morning. Sometimes when the veil is ripped it's scary. For weeks I have felt like I am being stripped bare. It's overwhelming and sometimes I want to cover it up. I don't know how to begin to deal with what's there.

Our Father saved His children out of Egypt. They went through so much so they could see and judge what was in them so they could go into the Promised Land. He knew what was in them, but He didn't want them to go into the Promised Land and defile it.

He has always known what's wrong with me, but He wants me to see it! I feel like I have been going through the wilderness for 40 years. He wants me to see what's in me. I am afraid and ashamed at what I see. I know I need salvation. I need Him to save me every day. I need Him so much. I want what's in me to come out so I can be saved.

All we live for is our Master — to spend time with Him. And someday He'll come for us.

So our Master has spoken to us and we've set our course for today. If we love Him more than our own life, He can't help but save us.