

15 November 1992, First Day Evening Londrina, Brazil

Spirit/Flesh; Persecution; See to It

Is there a war going on in you? Between the flesh and the spirit? Your spirit is willing, it is what drew you to our Master, but your flesh didn't want to die (Gal 5:24). But if there is still a war going on in you, then the flesh is going to win (Lk 9:23). Do you know why? If there is a war, if our flesh is waging war against the spirit, if we allowed our flesh to wage war, then it will win. But our spirit has power over the flesh to crucify it. You don't have to fight with something that is dead. If you crucify it, it's not going to war. The only time war goes on is when we don't have a will to crucify the flesh.

[Guests, friends of Kepha's Christian girlfriend, had come and said bad things about us. Yael was thankful. Kepha was disgusted.]

What are you supposed to do when you are persecuted? Mt 11:12 — If you were persecuted and all manner of evil was said against you falsely, and you did not leap for joy, you are disobedient. When you are persecuted for righteousness sake, for YAHSHUA's sake, it gives you joy — knowing that you are worthy to be persecuted for YAHSHUA's sake (Mt 5:11-12). That is His word, isn't it? (Jn 8:51; Acts 5:40-42)

[After a bit more prodding, Kepha finally overcame and jumped for joy.]

Sameach — spoke about how his brothers came to him and helped him today. [Brothers were sent to him because he said he had a war going on in him.]

If we could really take this to heart, where it says, "See to it that no one misses the grace." Hameq thought that maybe Sameach was missing grace, so we sent someone to him. But if we were *all* like that, imagine how we would increase! If we ignore one another it is like *betraying* one another. Mt 24:10-12 says that the love of the many will wane, grow cold. It talks about us betraying one another, not loving, not seeing to it that someone is not missing the grace — that is what hate is. It says love will wane, grow cold over a period of time. That means we ignore one another; we see a brother is missing grace and we don't see to it. That is showing hatred to someone. It is actually betraying them. We claim to be spirit filled but we don't see to it that they don't miss grace.

Encouraging them means starting a conversation with them, encouraging them, noticing how they seem to be, loving them, make sure they are receiving grace (Heb 12:15). That's what love is. If we don't do that, that's what hate is. That is our love growing cold, growing to a penetrating chill that goes right to your bones. When you see a person who ignores you, it chills you. We must be really warm and overflowing. 1 Jn 3:17,18.

Kepha, we're really thankful you were obedient tonight. We want to be persecuted because we are righteous and love our Master. It is the enemy that persecutes us and hates it that we are righteous. It is not the people, but it's because Satan inspired them to do it. Their father is the devil. They didn't just do it in ignorance, they were inspired by the evil one that's why you should rejoice. Rom 12:19-21. He says vengeance is His. Let Him do it. He is righteous; He can be indignant. We can't.

Let's just love our enemies (Mt 5:38,39,43,44), then we will be the sons of God. That is His word (Jn 8:51). Pray for your enemies, love those who hate you. Pay back love for hate. That'll prove you are sons of God because everyone else will pay back evil for evil. But we'll pay back with love. But it's by His grace only that we can do it. So when you couldn't rejoice a while ago, Kepha, I saw to it that you weren't missing the grace of God, because you were missing grace.