

The Spirit Upon our Children

Being Filled with the Spirit

One of the first things we have heard, one of the things which needs to characterize us, is that we are a people, especially leaders, who are filled with the Spirit. We have to *ask* to be filled with the Spirit. How else will we obey? A brother who really needed help with his children, who was even moved to another community to receive that help, was told, “*You need to turn and face your children. You need to turn your body physically and look at your child. That is part of what turning your heart to your child means. (But you can’t just look at your child all day long, it is a matter of the heart.)*” But he wouldn’t do it, he wouldn’t stop building all his projects and turn his heart to his children. He is regretting his way now, and his son has hurt him very deeply.

The *Conscience* teaching is so wonderful. It teaches our children that they have a friend in their conscience. This friend justifies our Father when He condemns the unjust and the filthy.

We have to see that the children in Sus in the first *Bar Mitzvah* there were just like ours — they were not good speakers.

Bar Mitzvah

In Sus we had the most marvelous play about Rehoboam and Jeroboam, about the turning of the heart of the father to his son. We should do it here; it would help so much. Solomon heard and said thousands of proverbs to his son, but he didn’t have his heart, didn’t have his respect, and it didn’t make any difference for him. Jeroboam, on the other hand, was as hard worker as Rehoboam was lazy, but he didn’t have a foundation. He was basically without a father, with no one to teach him wisdom. So when the testing came, he functioned on his own understanding, and led the people astray with the golden calves.

This story had the effect of making our children thankful to be taught Proverbs in training.

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When we dedicate our child, the Spirit is upon us, *and upon our child*, to subsequently receive the Holy Spirit in baptism. We can certainly hold them up, it is true, in a ritual. But if we do it in sincerity, then the Holy Spirit comes upon our children.

When these boys and girl became *B'nai Mitzvah* (sons and daughters of the commandment), they understood certain things:

1. They had to take on a certain understanding of the gospel.
2. They had to take on their abba's heart.
3. They had to confess their faith before the Body.
4. They had to cry out at the waters before everyone.
5. They had to receive the hands of the Body (the handling of the Body) to receive the Holy Spirit.

And this was just a beginning, which should and which has continued to this day. They have been sharing and giving thanks at the minchah. These children have become the envy of the other children, which they always should have been, rather than the boys who go off to Boston to work or who come live with others because their hearts and their fathers didn't turn to each other.

We have to see that the Holy Spirit is upon our babies in the womb. They are set apart from the womb, just like the John the Baptist. We should be so careful about what we expose our children to, and we would if we realized the Holy Spirit was upon them, and that we are raising children who are just like John the Baptist.

Bar Mitzvah — Diligence

We reap what we sow. It is not a matter of luck if our children receive the Holy Spirit. It is *diligence*. We were chosen to command our children after us (Gen 18:19). If we do not command our children, what we were chosen for? Let us begin to teach from the *Bar Mitzvah* teachings we have had for five years now. We should have taken this to heart five years ago. It

really affected the children to know they were being prepared and set aside for the Bar Mitzvah. The training bore fruit and it broke down the potential in Yohannan to be a worthless guy. The parents should be looking forward to what they will put down in their children's *Bar Mitzvah* book.

We had an incident in Sus with a youth of 16, whom other youth and children knew about. They heard at the minchah that there is no rebellion in the Edah, that you can't even be here and not tell on others who are doing evil. It brought forth repentance and prophecy from our children. Even people who were silent spoke up. It was marvelous. The Holy Spirit was upon them and will come into them at baptism. Nehemiah (the 16-year-old) went and thanked the boy for telling on him. We have to see there is really a big flood coming, which our children are going to have stand against.

Bar Mitzvah — Seed of Abraham

It hurts if the parents aren't commanding their children. That is not normal if we are the seed of Abraham. We have to command our household and our children to heed the prophets, or else there is no reason to be in the Edah. Maybe more people that we thought will be eliminated before the race. The Edah is not the place for the rebellious. Rebellion is in Satan's camp.

The way that is in us as fathers, if we have disrespect to authority and the anointing, will come out of our children. What is the *anointing*? It is the mind, the understanding we receive from the Holy Spirit, and the direction he is leading us in. If people tear down authority, does that mean they don't mean to, or are they tearing down what our God has established? In Lk 11:23, to be *with* our Master means to be *in love with Him*. To not be *with* our Master means we are not *in love with our Master*.

We will have to define the word *with* so people can understand what it means.

If we are not judging ourselves we cannot rule over our children.

The Spirit Upon Our Children (continued)

We have to live in such a way that the Spirit can stay upon our children. It is giving us confidence to know this. Some of us have hardly had the confidence that if we gave our children our hearts that they would respond. How do we turn our hearts to our children. The only way we can do so is to see that there is nothing more important than this in our lives. Whatever we give weight to in our life is what we do. If we don't give weight to what our God does, we'd better find out why.

Our children are waiting to hear what we have to say, and they have the Holy Spirit upon them to hear. But we can't do anything unless we know God is for us. There has to be something in us to communicate our Father's heart to our children. They have to receive something from us to hold them. A lot of the reason our older children are here is because of the help and intervention of the Body.

The way we know the *spirit of Eliyah is in our midst* is because the hearts of the fathers are turning to their children, not that our children are being saved by others in the Body. We have to turn our whole body, our whole heart. We are experiencing the greatest difficulty with turning our heart to our children, and if we cannot do it we are disqualified, even right here in this room. We have to turn ourselves and our children. We don't realize how much our boys are trying to get our attention. The man we first heard about today had a good son, and he was a good man, *but he didn't obey what he was told about raising his son.*

The most opposed thing is the most important thing — turning our hearts to our children. The evil one comes to fathers to communicate to them they don't have what their sons need. He does this at those key times when they need to hear from us. We cannot neglect the first half of Gen 18:19; we cannot fail to give it the proper weight, and expect the second half of the verse, bringing upon Abraham all He has promised, to ever happen.

We have not had *Bar Mitzvah* in Judah because we have not been dedicated to bringing it about. Our children have suffered because they don't know who they are. It is possible for them to turn 13 and cry out with all their hearts, "Yahshua, I love you. You are my Sovereign."

Daniel: My abba took a chance at losing me, but I owe my life to him. I was a rebellious teenager. I have eternal life because of the faith he had to follow our Master. I never knew the story about his imma until a few months ago. My abba couldn't even talk to me when I was growing up because the iniquities in him were so great, *but I knew his heart*. My abba is worthy of the kingdom. Yonah's boy Noah is a good boy, he just needs to hear who he is, and he needs to hear it from Yonah.

If we'll seek our Master, He will give us what it takes to raise our sons. The way His name is going to be glorified is by a people who are obeying His commands. If we don't know how to raise our children, we can ask. Then we can ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit so we can obey what we hear.

Another brother shared that our Father was getting his attention just in time. He saw how he had been caught up in so many *important things*, but neglecting the *most important thing* my Father has given me, my sons. It has taken all these years for our Father to reach my heart and say to me, "Turn." When I first started reaching out to his youth son, he said he was kind of disappointed with the response. Now there is something in him to turn his heart to his child, and it is producing a good response. He said he believes he can win his children.

One brother shared that the greatest hindrance he knows in his own soul is that he does not know how our Father, when he cries out to Him, turns and hears him. There is great mercy upon us because we are the *stem*. Someone noted that we are the Jeroboams — without a father).

The evil one's tactics are always to destroy our children.

His Dwelling Place

Revelation 21:3-4 — What is His dwelling place among men? Us (Eph 2:22). Who are the men His dwelling place will be among? Whose tears will He wipe away? In reality, all of humanity ("the nations of them that are saved," Rev 21:24, NKJV) will be His people. He was

after all eternity, all the nations forever and ever, and to get that He had to sacrifice His Son to get us to get them.

Rev 1:6 — Whatever a king is, that is what we are, and will be. A king rules over his flesh, he rules over his children, he rules over his brothers (if he is a shepherd). He will see to it that their needs are met. When we go out, we, and our children, need to know we are kings. It will be obvious. If we know who we are, it will take away all worthlessness and we will not be ashamed of the gospel, and be able to relate to people, both in and out of the community, with peace. If you are not a king, then your sons are not princes.