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Spirits of the World

For many of us, especially in the first few years of our new life in Messiah, we go through many things. Many of us have not come to full understanding of what kind of spirits are operating in us — that we still listen to — are still subject to. We haven't been able to judge ourselves — to judge these spirits that work in us. All of our lives we were subject to other spirits (Eph 2:1-3). And here is where all the fallen spirits dwell. You don't realize it because you don't see these spirits. However, you can see the results of these spirits in the world. Eph 2 talks about the way we used to walk: according to the spiritual forces of evil in the air (Eph 6:12). They are here in the atmosphere — it's ear level. We don't understand these spiritual forces, but we were subject to them all our lives. We listened to these spirits and they persuaded us in a certain way, into a certain lifestyle, they formed us into a certain demeanor and personality, a certain way we express ourselves, and the way we react. They trained us to react as if we were in a gun fight: someone does something and so we react to it. But in the new social order, we don't react. Instead, we respond in love, if we are under the control of the Holy Spirit. We have come into another environment in our communion with our Master YAHSHUA. That is why it is so important to keep our communion with our Master in the process of being readied for Him. But many times we fall into our old ways of reacting. It comes out around the people we are most familiar with — our husband or wife, for we sometimes put on a facade with our other brothers and sisters. But these reactions have to be broken down; we cannot be that way. That is the way we were in the world. Eph 6:12 — If you were to open your eyes, you would see these spirits (Eph 2:2) "in which we one time walked habitually. You were following the course and fashion of this world, were under the sway of the tendency of this present age, following the prince of the power of the air."

It is not the enemy's intention to make everybody into an obvious maniac. He prefers, instead, to keep his influence hidden behind a facade of having nice parties and keeping people entertained. He puts on a facade, a pretense, as if everything is good, encouraging people to get

educated and develop their philosophies — developing their human nature. He deceives you more and more until the day it dawns on you that your life is required of you. Even today, there are those like the rich fool in Luke 12 who said, "What should I do? My barn is not big enough to hold all of my crops. My closet is not big enough to hold all of my clothes. I'll build bigger barns. I'll build another closet." The day when his life is required and he must pay for his actions — that is when the evil one laughs.

Eph 2:2 It is possible that we may have sons of disobedience here in the community because some people might still be following the prince and power of the air. You can see in v.3 what it had caused in some of us. Let's try to judge ourselves right and put an end to these workings that are in us. We have the great opportunity and potential to be able to judge ourselves right because we have the Spirit who knows all things and can judge all things. But we have to be in communion with our spirit and our spirit has to be in communion with Messiah in order for this to be possible.

In Lk 12 you can see how this man was led along by those spiritual forces according to his disposition. He had a great ability to make money and earn but God says, 'You fool! This very night the messengers of God will demand your soul of you; and all the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' That is just one example of how every man is led by these spirits. And we can be led by them also. We must cut off our relationship with these other spirits. Our Master said, "Peter, you don't know what kind of thing you are saying." Peter thought he was saying a good thing, but actually he didn't know what spirit was leading him.

We are never to let an unwholesome word come out of our mouth but respond to each other in love. Our heart is filled with His love, so we are to respond in love, not according to the spirits that controlled us before. When we are not in communion with our Master, we bring the same old responses into the Body and we are exposed as to what kind of spirit is controlling us. You can see in Eph 2:2-3, how the evil one controls and lead astray every person in the world with all of his angelic forces; he deceives everyone — he makes doctors out of some, bankers, professors, lawyers — so he can have his world and incarnate into all human beings. He doesn't

want human beings to be disciples; he doesn't want there to be a people on earth who he won't have any sway over. Paul describes that sway as actual spiritual powers of the air waves. And we do not have to be subject to these spirits anymore. We can judge ourselves if we are in communion with Him. The effect they have always had on us can be hindered. But if we are not in communion with the Son of God, we are in communion with the same old spirits and we bring havoc in the Body of Messiah. Our Master came to undo the work of the evil one (1 Jn 3:8). But it is possible for us to undo the work of our Master YAHSHUA in someone's life just by a word, just by our reaction to him or her. That means Satan has incarnated himself into us to undo YAHSHUA's work.

Paul talked about this battle in Eph 6. Who is going to win? We see the victory already recorded, but who is He going to bring it about through? Heb 10:13 — if we will be obedient to His spirit. It is according to how we react and respond — how we love. He is waiting and we are waiting — just like a husband and wife are eagerly waiting for each other. We are eagerly waiting (Heb 9:28). But one thing has to happen first: all of His enemies in us have to be made a foot stool for His feet. As long as His enemies are still working in us, He will still be waiting. We read in Rev 20:1,2 that He is finally bound by the interlocked chain of unity. I'm going to do it, by my will submitting to His will. I'm not going to break my unity with my brother or sister or wife or husband. And that's the chain. We form a chain. That chain binds Satan. He is not able to destroy God's people anymore because we love YAHSHUA we don't allow those evil spirits to come in and steal this life in us. Jn 10:10 — He promises an abundant life and Satan always steals, kills and destroys — that's all he's done since he took dominion over the air and he will be working in the sons of disobedience until he is bound by our chain of unity and through our submitting ourselves to our Master YAHSHUA instead of to the evil one. Through our communion with the Son of God, the evil one will be bound by our chain and thrown into an abyss and sealed (Rev 20:1-3). And Satan will not be able to get out until God lets him out, when all the billions of people on the earth have to be tested. And he is let out in v.7-10. The chain the angel has in v.1 — that's the chain that binds Satan so that he should "no longer deceive the

nations." V.7 — When 1000 years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison. What will he do? He'll go out and seduce the world again. And those who can be seduced, will be. And those who can't, won't. That is exactly how it is with us — we cannot be seduced by the evil one if we are in communion with the Son of God. 1 Jn 3:6 If we are in communion, we will not be led astray by the evil one (Mt 24:24). Let's be in communion and let Him be our only love. Jn 3:24 is talking about the greatest commandment — the new commandment. All who keep His commandments, who follow His order and His plans, they live and continue to live and abide in Him and He in them. They let Messiah feel at home in their life. We have to let Messiah be at home in us, and we have to be at home in Him. We have the Holy Spirit in us. If you have the Holy Spirit, you know you have the Holy Spirit because His Spirit bears witness with your spirit.

Nahaliel — It is not necessary to live by these old emotions and spirits from our old life. When your joy is robbed, you are being taken away by a spirit. We have to detect these spirits that always deceive us and we can cast them out in the name of YAHSHUA, not letting those old spirits come back to us — those old reactions, that old melancholy feeling, those old desires. He's our liberator. He freed us from these things.

Kepha — asked if these spirits are in us or outside of us.

He who is within us is more powerful than he who is out of us. But those spirits can effect us, they influence us, they can deceive us.

Ha-emeq — When Yoneq was reading about the angel in Rev 20 who has this great chain in his hand, I thought about how happy he is to finally have a chain. Because like when you're doing a job and you need a tool and you look for the tool and you can't do anything until you have it, so all you can do is look for it and wait until you have it and then when you finally have it in your hands, you can finally do what you wanted to do. And you know that's what he wanted because he takes it and he goes and gets the dragon and binds him up with it. That's what our Father is seeking everywhere for — that chain. And it's so hard because we give ourselves to these other spirits. But He's waiting that we would be secured, one to another. Because there are many things that want to divide us. But if we put these things under His feet, then He will have

something — it is going to be these people. Somehow we are going to do it — overcome those old spirits that want to pull us down, and do what our Father wants.

We have to have vision otherwise we just go into our old feelings and not care that the angel has a chain: "I just feel bad today; I just feel like giving up." When I was a child there was a game called Red Rover. Everyone formed a chain and held on really tight and someone had to come and break the chain. And they would always come by me to break it because they knew I was scared and would give up really easy. I was a really weak link. But Yoneq, he probably was one of the ones who was a really strong link, because he's just that way. But our Father chose all of us — we are all different kinds of people — to make us into His chain on the earth so that His glory can be seen. Even the trembling ones. It gave me encouragement to hang on so He can do what He wants on the earth.

1 Jn 4:4 — The violent take the kingdom by force. Your will has to be tied to our Father's will, to our Master's will. He wants to find out how much our will is tied to His will. If it is, there is nothing we cannot overcome. We will win the victory if our own volition is tied to His.