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Submission 2

What was the essence of what we said the other day about submission? Ephesians 5:21? What did we learn? Let's continue.

Remember when you first started coming around the Body?, when you first started hearing the truth — the Good News, and you started to be drawn to the One we were talking about? the One who is the force of the Good News, the One who has forgiven you of your guilt and sin, the One who gives you eternal life and grants you the Holy Spirit to live in your heart? Remember how John 6:44 happened in your life — how you actually experienced it? How you were drawn. Once you start being drawn, it is not long before He has your heart. You are buried, you plant a seed, and then a new life comes out of that seed and it is eternal life. John 10:14,27 speaks about how His chosen ones hear His voice and are drawn to Him. He knows His own and His own know Him. If you are His, when you meet Him, you want to say, "Where have You been all my life?" You meet together and you come home. "My sheep hear My voice and I know them and they follow Me and I give them eternal life..." John 6:44 says, "and you will be raised up in the last day — if we die before that, we will be raised up on the last day of this age — raised up to life. Do you remember it, when that happened in your life that you were drawn to Messiah? If you say "yes", then v.45 is about you — it talks about being taught.

A disciple is taught by God. He is taught by YHWH, the Creator; His Spirit begins to teach you. If this is true, then why would we not be taught by Him to submit to one another like in Ephesians 5:21? Are we taught to submit our will to the will of our brothers who have Messiah living in them? The word says we are to submit to one another out of fear of Messiah. Why would some of us not have that fear of Messiah — why would we not submit to one another? Why don't we fear Him if we are disciples? What does it say in John 6:45? How many who have received His Holy Spirit are taught? ALL. They will all be taught by God. So are we sure we have heard and learned from the Father? All those who have heard and learned from the Father, come to Messiah; they are baptized. (Romans 7:23,24; Romans 6:6) Serge [our guest] has heard, but has he learned? Is he taught? Not yet. A disciple is taught, comes to understanding, acquires knowledge — he is taught. What was your experience when you were drawn by the Father to Messiah?

As we have taught [see Submission 1], according to Ephesians 5:21, you cannot submit to your brothers if you have no fear. We know that unbelievers who have never been drawn to Messiah have no fear of Messiah (obviously), therefore they don't submit to one another (of course, since you cannot trust people in the world — you can't submit to them because they will take advantage of you). But here in the Body, with people who have received Messiah, you can trust your life to them. What does submit mean? To submit your will to the will of another. We do that out of fear, reverence, respect for our King, Messiah, YAHSHUA, who lives in every person, making us a unit, a Body, corporate. So if you cannot submit to your brothers out of fear of Messiah, you have no fear or reverence or respect for Messiah. (Galatians 3:29; 5:24; Romans 8:7-9)

"Submit to one another out of fear of Messiah." If you have no fear of Him, you can rest assured that you are not a child of God. It is wonderful we can know if we are or not so we will know what we have to do. If we do have fear, the body is going to be formed on the earth because we have reverence and respect for our King, our Master, YAHSHUA. We can rest assured that we do not belong to Him if we do not submit our lives to our brothers — we can rest assured He is not our Savior (Matthew 1:21) and we did not receive the promised Holy Spirit; we can rest

assured we are not a son of God, but instead, a son of disobedience. (Ephesians 2:1-3) If we cannot submit our lives to our brothers in the Body, we are not in the Body. Since we have no fear of Messiah, we are still under the power of the prince of the air, the one who controls this world that crucified Messiah. He is a spiritual, evil prince who controls society. All the fighting, bitterness, wars, selfishness, greed, the breakdown of basic human relationships is his influence. How are these things to be reversed in the integration (not dis-integration)? By our fear of Messiah; by being baptized into Him; He becomes our King; we ascend to His throne (He gives us power to overcome these things.) A son of disobedience cannot submit because he is still under the power of the prince of the air. Ephesians 2:4-5 — By grace we have been saved — given eternal life, the Holy Spirit, salvation, are taught by God, and even (v.6) we are seated with Him in the heavenly places. So here we are, in the heavenly places, and we cannot even submit to one another out of respect for our King!

Do you see how important it is to obey every word that proceeds out of the mouth of our God? John 8:51 is a great promise. Only those who have a fear of death can be saved in the first place. They can sense their guilt that comes from how they hurt people, been unfaithful, committed adultery, fornication, thievery, robbery, homosexuality, and secret sins that no one knows anything about except God — He knows. (Ecc 12:14) Hebrews 2:15 says if you do not have a fear of death, you cannot be saved. He has come to save only those who were held in slavery under the fear of death because they know the wages of their sin is death. We have been liberated from the fear of eternal death.

In I Thessalonians 4:9 it says that we are taught by God. (Our Master got this from the Old Testament; He read the Old Testament scriptures and He drew it out of the old testament and brought it into the New Covenant.) What does it say in I Thessalonians 4:9? We are taught by God to love one another. IF we have received the Holy Spirit, we are taught to love. By this the world will know who His disciples are and who are not. By this there will be a distinction between who does His will and who does not, who serves Him and who does not. Our Master got John 13:35 from Malachi 3:18 — they will distinguish who My people are and who are not by how we are being taught by God who lives in our hearts, whom we received because we died in Baptism and received Him as our King.

So you can see how I Thessalonians 4:9 and John 6:45 go together. Taught means: to impart knowledge — truth — to be learned. We learn from God. We have the greatest teacher imaginable. He teaches us — speaking to us daily through His word. Our Master brought that out of Isaiah 54:13. They will all be taught by God. And we are taught to love (I Thessalonians 4:9). We know we have not passed out of eternal death if we do not love as Messiah loved us. That is the truth. If we think we are walking in newness of life, we are only fooling ourselves, not God — it is obvious to Him, because we cannot love, cannot submit, cannot love and have peace, joy, patience, goodness, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness and self control. We are not disciples if we are not taught.

We have to hear His voice and submit to Him. Ephesians 5:21 is the barometer that allows us to see if we have obeyed James 4:6-7. It is the gauge. Submit*(define) yourself to God, resist*(def) the prince and power of the air and then he will flee from you. Then it talks about humbling yourself. God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble, 1,000 times out of a 1,000. Not one time will He not give grace to those who humble themselves in submitting one to another. Hebrews 4:16 How do you maintain unity (Ephesians 4:2) in the Body? By completely humbling yourselves in order to forebear with one another. And therefore grace is given continually from His throne to His disciples to carry out His will, His word, so we will not die any type of death

— so that we will live. He gives us grace. He is always there to make intercession for us before the Father.

In John 13:34 Our Master talks about loving. This is one of the last things He told His disciples before He died and spent three days and three nights in the center of the earth paying for our sins, after which He ascended into heaven and poured out His Holy Spirit on His disciples. So John 13:34 means that if we could, we would go into the center of the earth for three days and three nights. If John 13:34 means anything, it means that. Would you die for your brother? Well, certainly not if you won't even submit to him. But that is what our Master said, isn't it? He was beat to a pulp (Isaiah 52:14) and then crucified and then, after all that, his soul went into the lake of fire to pay for our sins. And all we have to do is trust and say, 'yes, I want You to be my Savior; You are my King.' and then you are transferred out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of God. (Colossians 1:13; I Peter 2:9) That is good news. And His disciples, who are taught, will love one another "as I have loved you.". What did He do for you that you are to do now for your brothers? He died for us — we are to live in the same way. Maybe we will never get the opportunity to die a physical death, but at least we can lay down our lives for one another. That is discipleship. In I John 13:34 love is defined as laying down our life for His brothers (John 13:34) and this is how we know we have passed out of death into life. (I John 3:14) In baptism, a disciple (Romans 10:9) makes the covenant with the King and Head of the Body, that 'I will die for you as YAHSHUA died for me: I will submit to you; I will submit my will to your will as we function on a daily basis in the community.' If we do not do that, we cannot get along. (John 17:20,21) Nonetheless, it is expected of us to do that, so that the world may know that God loved them as much as He loves His own Son. Do you believe that God loved the world as much as He loved His own, only begotten Son? How do you know He did? Because He gave Him over to death in order to save us. John 17:23 — the world is going to know that by us doing what I am talking about here today. It will stun the world. (Isaiah 52:15) It will astonish the whole world. It will be the greatest miracle that ever happened on the face of the earth, that regardless of whatever comes against us, we are going to stick together in a bond of peace and submit to one another because of our reverence for YAHSHUA, as Ephesians 5:21 says.

In Ephesians 5 (after verse 21 introduces this new subject) is talking about how Messiah loved the Edah and how the Edah submits and respects the Son, as a husband and wife loves and respects. A natural man, one who is not a disciple, who is outside the Body, has a certain amount of respect for others in the world, but it is not possible for him to love and respect as a disciple because disciples have the power of the Holy Spirit in their heart. (Romans 5:5; Ephesians 3:16,17) Even though the natural man has the knowledge of good and evil, he does not have the love of Romans 5:5 nor the power of Ephesians 3:16,17, to carry it out. This is why it says that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23; John 17:22). Now we have received the very glory of God. God gave YAHSHUA glory and YAHSHUA gave us glory in order to love one another and submit to one another and be humble and respectful of one another. We can do it if we really have the Holy Spirit — if we really died in baptism. So if someone tells us something, we will gladly submit; if someone corrects us, we will gladly take the correction. Why? Because we are disciples, we have a good fear of Him, so we are taught to submit to one another. (Ephesians 3:16-20; John 7:45; I Thessalonians 4:8,9)

We are saved by grace (Ephesians 2:5-10) for those works He prepared for us to spend our lives doing and here we are as it says in verse 6. Where are we? We are seated with Him in the heavenly places. He is our King. (Ephesians 1:21) In this age, He is in heaven and in the next age He is on earth. And who completes this Messiah? (You would think He was complete, being at

the right hand of God on the throne, but He is not.) He needs His bride (Ephesians 1:23). We, His bride, complete Him. But how can we if some of us cannot even submit to our brothers. Are we part of that bride, part of that woman (Ephesians 5:22-33; Revelation 12:1)? Only those who can submit have the fear of the King! (Revelation 21:2,3,9-13)

You can see that obedience takes everything we have — there is nothing left. As I Samuel 15:22-23 says, 'obedience is better than anything.' You can sacrifice and burn up all the animals you want, lift up your hands in hypocrisy, burn at the stake, give all your possessions to the poor, but obedience is better than all that. Because He said that if you love Me you will obey Me. So if we love Him, let's offer Him our bodies as a living sacrifice. Romans 12:1 is reasonable, it is the least we can do, and also, it is the most we can do.

Even if we fail to submit perfectly, we are learning to submit perfectly. And in our imperfection, we have an advocate in heaven who intercedes for us.

Philippians 2:3-5 Selfish ambition, vain conceit, are mortal enemies of unity and harmony in the Edah. Galatians 5:20

Can we do it? Yes, if we have the power to do it. Otherwise it is too great a burden to do it.

Romans 8:7-9 — If we are in the flesh, we cannot do it. (II Peter 1:3; II Timothy 1:7; I Thessalonians 1:5)

Romans 12:10

One last thing in summary: If we do not submit to one another — we have no fear of Messiah. And if we have no fear of Messiah, we do not belong to Him. Can you imagine a person in a kingdom who has no fear of the King? (Matthew 12:25-30) So SHEPHERDS, take notice! (Daniel 12:10)

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Ephesians 5:21 says that if a brother has a hard time submitting himself to his brothers, then he has a lack of fear of Messiah. to the degree that you are reluctant to submit to your brothers is the degree that you have a deficit in your fear of your King. Is that what it says? So if we do not submit to our brother, we don't fear Messiah. And if we don't fear Messiah, we don't belong to Him. Can you imagine anyone belonging to Him who does not fear Him? He is the King, we are the domain; we are His kingdom. Can you imagine a kingdom not in submission to the King? It would not be a kingdom. When you say 'king' it means that everyone is in absolute perfect submission to the king. Get your mind off of the earthly kings who have people in their 'rule' who grumble about them in their bedrooms (Ecc 12:14). There is no such thing as that in a real kingdom. We are all in submission to our King. We have a fear of Him. The fear of YHWH is clean, making wise the simple; the judgments of YHWH are perfect, enlightening the eyes; it is more to be desired than gold. (Psalm 19:7-10) The fear of YHWH is clean. It is a clean fear, a beautiful fear, a wonderful fear. We can sense it in our hearts — that beautiful fear of wanting to please Him in every way, fearing that we would not please Him — because we love Him so much. We want to live for Him. That is how it is with our brothers: we submit to our brothers because of our fear for our king. And what if we don't have a fear? We don't submit to our brothers and we don't belong to Him since everyone who belongs to Him has a clean fear and submits to their brother. So just remember, whoever does not submit to their brothers doesn't have a fear of Messiah. Do you think that is what Ephesians 5:21 is saying? How does it read? so this way we know who belongs to our Master and who doesn't. A kingdom that is divided (Matthew 12:25) will not stand. So if a kingdom has people in it who do not submit, one to another, because they do not fear the king, it will fall just like the first church fell and divided miserably.

Do you think that is the truth? It is something that you can see. The shepherds, especially, can see people who will not submit to one another and know that there is no fear of Messiah in them. ("I wonder if he knows Him? I wonder if he belongs to Him?") If you know Him, you have fear. The shepherds can see this by how you submit.

What is fear? What does fear mean to you? [Someone answered: Knowing that someone is watching you.] Our true character is revealed in what we do when no one else is around. He is always with us.

Submission is absolute — just as absolute as our fear of Messiah.

Psalm 19:7-10 Where is the law? In your heart. It is sweeter than honey. We concur with the law — it is in our heart. We love the law — it's a love affair. When the Spirit enters into you, do you know what He brings into you? He brings the law in — into your heart. If we are led by the Spirit, we will fulfill the righteous requirements of the law. If we are led by the Spirit, that is the New Covenant.

****Matthew 18:15-17 — If a brother does not submit to you, take another brother and go to him. If he does not submit to you then, take him before the wholeedah. If he does not submit to you then, he obviously does not belong to Messiah since he does not fear and is not able to revere Messiah in one member of the Body, or in two or three, and neither is he able to fear Him in the whole Edah — he doesn't belong to Him.