

## Demystifying Grace and Faith

### All my Springs are in You

Ps 87:4 – “This one, and that one, were born in her.” Sometimes the word is written so that we can misunderstand it.

*I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to those who know Me; Behold, O Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia: “This one was born there.”*

*And of Zion it will be said, “This one and that one were born in her; and the Most High Himself shall establish her.”*

*The Sovereign will record, when He registers the peoples: “This one was born there.”  
Selah*

*Both the singers and the players on instruments say, “All my springs [of joy] are in you.” (Ps 87:4-7)*

That psalm is talking about children born in the community.

Grace and faith are mystical words unless we can really understand them. They have to *mean* something. Grace is an endowment. We are saved by grace through faith (Eph 2:8).

Some of us happened to be at a Grateful Dead Show and it was the grace of our Father that we saw the bus there. “I cut my foot and someone told me to go over there and they will help you. Then I saw all those people talking and I wondered what was going on...” All of that is grace. Then faith comes from what we hear.

You can look at grace in different ways. Grace is an endowment – something that is given. You don’t have any money and you can’t buy anything, and someone gives you money. Grace is an endowment from our Father for a purpose, for whatever the purpose at hand is. Grace in our life begins as something by which He leads us to Messiah and then we hear the words of life to which we respond and receive that persuasion, which is faith, and we are saved.

The children born in her did not need to be led to the Community, as they were born in her. That was the endowment, the grace for them. They heard words of faith all

their life and then the time came when they surrendered and were sealed with the Holy Spirit.

In Paul's words, grace was something he received in order to tell the Romans something, "The grace I have received is to tell you not to think too highly of yourself..." (Rom 12:3). Paul was saying, "By the endowment I have from our Father, I tell you..."

### **Talents and Abilities**

Obviously, that was authority from our Father to tell the Edah what they needed to know and understand so that they could grow up and have revelation and understanding. Then Paul goes on to explain the parable of the talents and the gifts that we have in Mt 25:14-30. Peter explains it also. *Talents* mean the grace and faith we need to employ our gifts.

Grace is an endowment of faith to employ one's gifts. This is given in proportion to our abilities, as otherwise it wouldn't be a balance. You wouldn't have more faith and grace than you needed to in order to employ your gifts, to do the works that you were saved to do (Eph 2:4-10).

Everyone has misunderstood *talent*, including Webster's Dictionary. Talents are not the gifts you have, but they are what employs, or puts those gifts to work. Paul would say in 1 Cor 15:2 and 2 Cor 6:1 that there is a person who has received grace in vain. If I have received grace in vain, then I would not be doing what I was created to do. It is like burying your talent, burying your faith and grace, not employing your gifts to do what you were created to do in the Body to build it up. You have grace, but you don't use it to employ your gifts. So that grace is like money or gas for your engine, which you need to take you somewhere. You can't get gas without money and your car won't run without gas. You have to have that from your source. It won't run otherwise.

It is a supporting weight, as Mt 25:15 says. It is the right balance. Someone may be given five talents, or two, or even one, according to his abilities to put it to use in the

Body. If that person is faithful in using his one, two, or five, he will be great in the Kingdom. The first will be last and the last first in the Kingdom, according to how we used our grace to put to use our natural gifts that we were born with. In the community, we don't build the world up anymore. We use our gifts to do away with the world.

Right now we get to go through suffering to come into the right balance. He puts us in the right balance. No one has more grace than he needs to employ his gifts, for then it wouldn't be the right balance. That is the only reason we were given grace, to walk in the works we were saved to do. Eph 2:10 — They were foreordained for us to do. Doing them purifies us, making us dressed and ready to be married to our Master, according to Rev 19:7-8.

1 Pet 4:10 — Peter also teaches us about the proper use of our grace. We all have to stand before the judgment seat of Messiah to determine whether our works were done by grace or according to our own strength. 1 Pet 4:11 – They have to be done by the grace and strength, the endowment that He supplies. We have to understand this. The people in the world, in Christianity, do not understand it. They use all of the gifts that they have in vain because they do not have grace from our Father, so they just use them in their own strength.

1 Pet 4:11 says if you serve, make sure you are using your gifts by His grace, His endowment, His strength. Grace is the endowment from our Father for a purpose. You go on in Romans 12 and you see perfectly what he is saying. If you have a gift, employ it through the faith that He has given you. Grace begins with what we talked a while ago, a gift of his mercy to lead us to a sent one, at a Grateful Dead show, or a walker sent out from the Community. We are saved by grace through faith. The grace came that we were led to a sent one. “Wow,” you say, “grace came to me. I met someone who told me the truth,” just as Aharon met those two walkers.

Grace led him to hear the truth. Then our Father could speak to him. He could hear faith in order to receive the Holy Spirit. That was grace, to receive a sent one from

one of our communities. You receive grace in order to believe. “It is wonderful,” you marvel, “Thank you for leading me here in order that I could believe. Now I can obey.”

All of this is grace, leading us to faith, leading us to obey. After I am saved by grace, through faith, I am saved not *by* works I have done in the past, but *for* works, as Eph 2:10 says. We do the works by the same faith that impelled us to believe, to trust His persuasion. Some people don’t hear. We all became “virgins” when we came in, but then some quit listening. They started to work in the flesh. Those are the foolish virgins. He will have two kinds of servants, good and faithful ones and wicked ones.

Faith is being persuaded. Persuasion comes from our Father to see our own need for Him, for His Son and for His atonement for our sins that separated us from Him, so that we could drink the water of life. Some people didn’t know they were thirsty, but after hearing, they knew they were, so they received the water of life.

### **Born in Her**

Psalm 87 – Being born in the Community was the grace our children needed. Their grace was to be raised by caring parents, who trained them. They were trained up hearing the good news. You were raised up hearing the good news by wonderful parents and teachers. You heard stories, many stories, by which faith comes to us. Of course, you know Dt 6:6-7, how parents are to be with their children, speaking to them, talking to them as they walk together, as they eat, as they put them down to sleep at night, praying for them. That was His grace and mercy to you, His endowment to you, and through that, you heard faith.

This is the grace you received — to be born in her. It enabled you to hear faith continually. So, you are thankful for your parents and your training teachers, like Hasah. “Oh yeah, I remember her, and someone else taught me piano,” and you go back through your life. You think back on the grace our Father gave you and through all that you received faith from. In Eph 2:4-10 you can see it all.

They were born in her, never outside the Commonwealth of Israel, as Eph 2:12 says. People from the Grateful Dead were born outside. We see both people here, even in Ps 87:4, which speaks of figuratively of Christians, deadheads, etc., and they became equal to those born in her. They were saved by His grace as well, however it came to them. In the Body or outside the Body, they came in contact with the Body, which was grace, and then they heard faith, and that compelled them to believe and to do the works that were prepared for them.

### **Psalm 87**

Look at *Rahab* there in Psalm 87. There are two Rahabs in the Scriptures. This one is a symbolic name for Egypt, as Isa 30:7 says. It is in the negative connotation of Rahab for the arrogance of the Egyptians, and not the humility of Rahab of Joshua 2. In Hebrew, they are spelled differently. You can see Babylon there, meaning the proverbial seat of apostasy. Revelations speaks of Christianity being Babylon, the apostasy and confusion of all different kinds of spirits. Gen 10:10 — Babylon is the seat of apostasy.

Ps 87:4 — These are the foreigners who came from the nations, however they came. Christianity is of the world, just like the Grateful Dead, or the people who met us through walkers, etc. They came to Zion to worship the Living God. They came from Egypt, Lydia, etc. Therefore we were all immersed into the Body where we are now being raised up.

Verse 5 – “Of Zion it will be said, ‘This one and that one were born in her and the Most High Himself will establish her.’” You know that He is going to establish us. He is going to do something marvelous. It is going to be marvelous. Our Father means it when He uses that word. It is going to be a sign and a wonder, a startling effect on the nations.

Verse 6 – Even from the world, the multitudes will come and be recorded (in the Lamb’s book of life). Some were born in her, dedicated, and then raised up. Multitudes

of others will come in from the world and be put in the register, the Lamb's book of life. They are "born again" there, in her.

Verse 7 – The singers (who went to the pitch class at age 4) know how to sing in one accord. They can start songs on key. The players of instruments (not just flutes as some translations say) will say, "All my springs of joy are in you."

Verse 6 – This is a picture of our Father making a register of people from the nations. All those who believed will find their identity in Him. They were chosen from the foundation of the world. They were chosen in advance. Our Father knew us. It is not that He *made* us chose Him, but He knew us in His infinite foreknowledge. Now they offer worship, serving Him night and day, as Mal 1:11 and Acts 26:7 prophesy of us. They build up the Body, doing the works of service, having gone through the re-adjustment we all must go through sometime to be building in the best way and place that we can be. This is so we can all do our works by the grace He supplies.

The springs of joy, of course, are Jn 7:37-38. They will have the springs of the water of life flowing from them – if we are in communion with the source of the spring.

*Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Yahshua stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'"*

The Holy Spirit is the springs of water (Ps 87:7), the living water of Jn 7:38-39. That is the song we sing. We came from Babylon, Ethiopia, Egypt, wherever we were in the world. So, Aharon received the walkers. He happened to be walking down the street and that was His grace and mercy to him. The walkers didn't have to be there and he didn't have to happen to be there either. So many times people receive a paper, and that was our Father's grace to them to come to a place where they could hear the truth. Faith comes by hearing.

**Jesse** – The wise and foolish servants are the same as the wise and foolish virgins. The good and faithful servant hears the words he needs to believe and to be able to do the works set before him. The foolish stops listening at

some point and loses faith, because faith comes by hearing. They go on in the flesh. The wise keep listening and what they do, you can see, it builds up the Body. Their garments are woven of their good deeds (Rev 19:8).

I learned this morning that doing the works prepared for us purifies us. The wise are purified doing those works because they do them by His strength. The foolish have to be in death for 1,000 years. It is so important that we don't do anything unless we get the grace and the faith to do it by His strength. It would be better not to do anything apart from that, until we repent and are reconnected again.

**Aharon** – This teaching gets to the essence of why our Father created everything, to fill all in all. There has to be that kind of marriage between God and us. Now He has made the way for us to do that, but if we are functioning in the natural, there is no way to do that because it happens through the grace He endows us with. If we are in the natural, we are not equipped to receive that grace. In the natural, all you do is make your plans and find the strength to carry it out. YHWH guides our footsteps, but you can't be guided unless you are hearing faith. This teaching inspired me to be more careful to not slip out of communion for even a moment. He might be speaking about anything at any time.

It was amazing, you said exactly what Paul said in Eph 2:6-7:

*And raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Messiah Yahshua, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Messiah Yahshua.*

It says the *heavens* there, but it means the universe. We will rule it in Him. Who is He going to show it to? He has to show it to somebody. Grace gave birth to faith, which came by hearing the good news. We were created in Him. We are His masterpiece. It says "work-man-ship" but we are His masterpiece. It is a marvelous thing, wonders beyond our imagination (1 Cor 2:9), what He has prepared for us – the Body He has created to dwell in.

He is forming a Body to dwell in forever and ever. He will never dwell in anything else. He will show Himself through His Body to the people of the universe, of the nations, who will populate the stars forever and ever. You can read all about it in Eph 3:21. That is what He is doing. He is building that Body up: Eph 4:12-16. All of those

talk about the exceeding riches of His grace towards us – you can't even put it in human words.

What does Eph 1:22-23 and 2:22 and 3:21 say?

*“And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”*

“All in all” means the universe.

*“In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.”*

That is who we are becoming, the dwelling of God in the Spirit.

*“To Him be the glory in the church and in Yahshua ha Mashiyah to all generations forever and ever. Amen.”*

“All generations forever and ever” means we (and the nations) are going to be re-generating forever and ever. Eph 4:12 – Right now we are being prepared, properly re-adjusted for the works of service to build up that Body (verse 16). This is the understanding we must all have. We need this revelation to be all that our Master needs to do His will on the earth.

**Solomon** – A spring is like a source. It is where you get your water of life. It is important that all of us who were born here get our faith from that source: from the words our parents spoke to us. We can grow up and start being foolish virgins from a young age if we don't take on what our parents tell us. I want to communicate faith to my children when I have them, not just stories. It is a formative age and you can really pass on a lot. I know my abba did that for me and I wouldn't be here if it weren't for that. I want to get all my life from here. I am thankful for it.

Amen. What you said is so marvelous. Even right now our children are foolish or wise virgins according to how they listen. It will bring your abba joy if you write it down, and when Qatan sees it in the Intertribal News, he will say, “My son Solomon!”

**ha-êmeq** – I guess man is the greatest disappointment that fills the universe at this time, when you see the great goal that our Father had for man and then see what he became. You see a father holding his little baby with such great expectations, and then he becomes a street bum or worse, a bank robber.

I know that grace come to me. I was so lost, beyond my ability to know what to do. I was just like David Bekor, only worse. I went a little bit further out there to the wilderness. I ran out there, but the only problem was that I might encounter another human. No matter how far out you go you can't get away from other human beings. And then there was the danger of me.

Grace came to me and showed that the problem is the sin among people, and in people! Then I heard of the source of life, the source that had the power to change things, even what was inside of me.

If we get grace and faith we find the source, as Solomon said, springs are a source of water: "My source of life is in You..."

It won't matter whether we are in downtown Manhattan, because we will be so happy to have a way to live in harmony with others. You can't even breathe the air in the farthest corner of the Antarctic without being affected by pollution, man's pollution. There is nowhere to run except to our Master Yahshua.

I know a lot of young ones who were born here can say that grace came to them. I know Keturah could say it changed her life. Simeon can, and others. "I was born and raised in grace, but I am so thankful to have met the Source. Now I can function with the grace and faith He supplies, like a cord plugged into a socket. But if I break the connection I start to function on some other source. In fact, it is the same source the rest of the world has.

For us to be reconnected to the same Source that Yoneq brought to me through the good news is so wonderful. That is what it means to go back to our first love. That is how we can function in this life.

Amen.