

Our Father Humbled Himself

If I don't fulfill this Oath (Covenant)

What does Mt 24:51 say?

“He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

So, what did our Master say that for? What did the incarnate Word say those words for? He was the Word of God, the eternal Word of God who was embodied in this man, saying those words. What was He talking about? Why did He say “cut in pieces”? It sounds kind of bad, doesn't it? Who is cut in pieces? The wicked slave is. We are servants, aren't we, or slaves? It is talking about those who have made a covenant and don't carry it out. They are the ones who are split in two. It goes back to Abraham and Genesis 15, when the animals were split in two and the *shekinah*, the presence of our Father, walked through those split, bleeding halves.

Therefore, our Father said, “If I don't carry out this oath I am making to you, Abraham, may I be split in two.” There are several places in the Old Testament where it talks about these things, especially in Jer 34:18. Those who make a covenant and don't carry it out will be split in two like the animal that died for you. Why should the animal die for you when you don't carry out the covenant?

Mt 24:51 applies to those who make a marriage covenant, a person's baptism, or bar mitzvah — what we call the son of the commandment, to serve your parents until you are given away, honoring your mother and your father who brought you into this life. They did you a marvelous, marvelous favor by bringing you into this life. But it would have been better if you had never been conceived if you don't carry out the purpose for your existence. Especially if you don't carry out the oath you made to your parents.

It would have been better if you had never been born. Like for Judas, it would have been better if he had been aborted (Mt 26:24), not that that excuses those who abort. For 99.99% of those aborted, especially in these days, it was probably better that they were. Not better for those who aborted them, but better for those who were aborted. It is the same thing in the marriage covenant or any covenant a person makes.

Jer 34:18 – To make or cut a covenant is an oath that calls down curses on the one who fails to keep the covenant. It is like Jer 11:3 – “Cursed is the one who doesn’t obey the Law.” There are so many thousands of verses I won’t be able to go over all of them. In Gen 15:10,17 it talks about our Father’s initiative to have those animals cut in half. Our Father brought this over to Abraham, even though it may have been done in the nations, to let him know what a covenant was.

The Nature of the Covenant in Genesis 15

Our Father here humbled himself to be the party making the covenant. Instead of Abraham walking through the pieces, it was the *shekinah*, the glory, passing through the split pieces. He promised to give his offspring the land for an everlasting possession — provided, of course, that they were faithful. He was by no means going to give it to a murderous, rebellious people, as Num 35:33-34 speaks about shedding innocent blood. No one but rebels would live in a dry and parched land (Ps 68:5-6). I guess we are here in southern California for the rebels.

Our Father in Genesis 15 accepted the inferior role in making the covenant. Usually it is the people making the covenant to the king to carry out his will. Here, He humbled Himself, making Himself the inferior party. Normally, the inferior party would walk between the bleeding pieces of split animals to make an oath to his superior. He would say, “May the king do so to me, and more also, if I do not do according to the terms of this covenant.”

Here, our Father made Himself lower, in that sense, than Abraham, to make this covenant. He wanted to communicate to Abraham that He was going to carry it out. He was going to be the administrator of this covenant, to make sure it was carried out. Abraham did, personally, carry out the covenant, but his offspring, when they went into the land, didn't, becoming worse than the nations they were supposed to be a light to.

He can't give the land to a rebellious people, especially those who shed innocent blood. Gen 18:19 is what Abraham would attain to, if he and his offspring would do it. They would receive what our Father promised to give him, which is the land. It never was done in Israel's days, so our Master had to tell Israel, "I am going to take it away from you and give it to a people who will do it for you" (Mt 21:43).

Our Father considered from before the foundation of the world how to bring about the promise. Who would do it? His team of special agents would. We are just put on the stage for this brief period to carry it out. In Acts 26:6-7, Paul spoke of those who, by serving night and day, would fulfill for Abraham what the natural seed did not. We are the special agents who carry out that covenant that our Father made with Abraham when He walked through the split halves of the animals. But, it hasn't happened yet.

If you want to know the greatest thing you could ever know, this is it. This is the history you need to know. They are fighting over in Israel, executing others not as bad as they are. They are fighting in the flesh, but we have to fight in the spirit.

This was a promise, or even more than that, it was a self-cursing oath that He would do this thing for Abraham and his descendents or He would be cut in two Himself. I know you have heard it, but I don't know how many times you have to hear it before you know what you are here for. You are establishing something that will put Satan in his place. Our Master Yahshua needs a special agency that will let Him rule over them. By this, they will bring an end to Satan's rule over the world (1 Jn 5:19). If He is not able to get that, then our Father will be cursed Himself.

Gen 18:19 – For I have known him...

Our Father foreknew Abraham. He said, “I have chosen him on the basis of knowing him.” He has known us in advance. He knew that we would give ourselves and so be busy doing the works prepared for us in advance. We have certain ways to worship Him, for *serving* and *worshipping* are the same words. I told Yedidiah one time when he was up late mudding, that “You don’t know this, but you are worshipping our Father.”

Worshipping and serving are the same thing (Acts 26:7).

The promise is still in abeyance and the everlasting possession of the enemy-free land has not been given. The land promised is contingent or depends upon on what someone does. Christians will say, “Abraham didn’t have to do nothin’.” They say it was a promise made to Abraham not contingent upon anything. But common sense will tell you it was. It has been four thousand years and He hasn’t given him the land. Right now people are dying over it, killing one another, and there is a violent struggle going back and forth. The Palestinians are never going to quit until they get back their land. They have them in prison camps. The Israelis are not carrying out their agreements with the Palestinians going back to 1967. They are liars.

The issue for the Palestinians is crystal clear. Every time anyone talks to Arafat he says, “Occupation, occupation...” because the Israelis are occupying the land that was theirs. The Arabs are not going to quit because they are donkeys. They are so stubborn that the antichrist can’t even come until they are destroyed.

Our Father didn’t promise the land to those rebellious Jews, though, especially with our Master’s blood still on their hands (Mt 27:25). So, that is it. But there is a lot more to this, as we will be learning soon, as we start putting it into the training. We are going to know these things for the sake of the Jews and winning them. So, our Father can’t give the land to people who take other people’s lives, thinking they are still under the mandate from thousands of years ago to root out the Canaanites from the land. He

can't give the land to murderers. Gen 12:3 is no longer applied to the natural seed. We need an understanding of why our Father chose us.

Keli – You can see why our Father's eye goes to and fro on the earth for those who are willing to do His will (2 Chr 16:9). He has to find those who are willing, since the curse goes upon Him if He cannot.

That's right. He needs those special agents who will carry out His will. Those who belong to Messiah are the seed of Abraham (Gal 3:29). So, we see in Mt 19:28 that our Master said to His apostles, "You will be rulers over Israel and the land will be given to you as an everlasting possession for that age."

The one-third will be from all of the tribes of Israel

Obviously the land is going to be given back to the one-third of the Jews who survive the last holocaust when our Master returns. They will survive because they will flee when they see the abomination of desolation spoken of in Matthew 24. They already know about Him because they have heard somehow. They are probably not just from Yehudah, but also from their respective tribes, which they don't know, really (Zec 13:8-9). He separates the one-third from the tribes and places them in the land of Israel in the next age, over whom the apostles will rule, whatever that means. The apostles will be helping them establish the nation again. The southern borders will reach to Saudi Arabia. It will be a great land mass. That is the immediate thing we are working towards.

What does *attain* mean in Acts 26:7? Attain is to strive to fulfill the hope for them by doing what natural Israel did not do. Attain is to reach Gen 18:19 in a nation of faithful people for them, to take the necessary steps they did not do. That is what Paul thought and I am sure he was right because our Master educated him as to why he was chosen.

Acts 13:45-46 — He turned to the nations when the Jews blasphemed. They, the first Edah, didn't attain to it, even though that was Paul's goal. But he achieved something great. If it weren't for Paul and all the mistakes of the first Edah, we would be in

darkness. We wouldn't know how they failed to attain. What Paul said in Acts 13:47 was a direct reference to Isa 49:6 (and Mt 24:14).

In Acts 1:7, our Master said, "It is not for you to know the times and the seasons. All I want for you to do is to be filled with the Spirit and preach the good news to the ends of the earth."

Here we are in this age, and it is for us to carry out what our Master wanted. The reason He said it was not for them to know the times and seasons was because Daniel was a sealed book, not to be opened until the end of days. And here you are (pointing to different youth members of the Body here), chosen to bring about His will.

Dan 2:44 says what? That it won't be left to another people. Let it be us. Let it not be us who are cut in half, ending our life full of regret over this thing and that thing. If we could only see, just for a moment, what we are up against and who we are... Here's a quote that puts it vividly:

If only we could see – a thick mist and heavy vapors which diverts the rays of light, turning them out of their direct course... We see through a thick mist or fog. We have lost our way. We have closed our fat hearts. Our mouths speak proudly and have set our eyes crouching down to the earth.

That brings to mind Acts 13:11, where Paul made the man blind, and also Ps 17:10-11. When you don't see right you are in tune with the other spirits that lead astray. Satan's job is to lead us astray from the covenant that we have made. He and one-third of the angels are going to try and lead us astray. If that happens, we deserve to be cut in two and to weep and gnash our teeth. The people who go to the second death deserve it.

If we could only realize what Eph 6:10 is saying. The evil one is still practicing all the deceits he used to bring down the first church, which fell completely in the second century. Our Master said that the love of many would grow cold (Mt 24:12). Do you know anyone whose love has grown cold? What is your job? Maybe it is to warm them up.

Verse 12 is saying that because of lawlessness, which is “independent action, lawless deeds,” the love of many will grow cold. This is like Titus 2:14, which says He came to redeem us from lawless deeds, from independent actions, which is doing things on your own. It is making up things to do on your own. It sounds good, but it does not bring about the Kingdom of God. It is speaking of independent action in the Body not connected to the head.

Chets Barur – It is sobering to think about how the love of the early church grew cold, but also how the love the Jews grew cold time and time again. You would think seeing Jerusalem destroyed would have torn them up. We have verses like, “How I longed for Jerusalem,” and “If I forget you, O Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its skill” (Ps 137:5).

When Ezra and Nehemiah returned to Israel, some returned, but most stayed with their successful businesses. No matter how busy we are, or whatever we are doing, we can't forget why we are doing it and what we are building. I just want to see the promises fulfilled that are in the Bible, in our Father's heart. They can only be fulfilled through a people whose love isn't growing cold but is growing hot. If we all encouraged one another and reached out to one another, the temperature of the Body would go up. And our temperature would go up too.

Action makes you warm. It can make you hot.

Havah – It spoke to me about our Master's enemies being a footstool for His feet. It is so easy for each one of us to feel squished. We can feel so easily, in the battle against our enemy, that our Father or our brother is against us. But it is the evil one who is succeeding when we take it that way. Our enemies are our enemies. When we take our brother's help that way, it keeps us going in circles. We don't have any shortage of enemies. When you go anywhere, you see all these weeds. It just makes me not want to be touchy or take things personally or feel like our Father is not pleased with me because my brother is trying to help me.

One of the first things we ever said in the Vine House is that, “The self life has a touchy disposition.”

Havah – In school at Hayeh's age I was learning what alienation is. It means you are not even attached to your own life. You are distanced (inside yourself) from who you are and what you do. Most people are so

alienated. They look at the world and see it is bad, but they don't see their own life in the world is bad. They try to make their own life, on the broad way to destruction, nice. This enables them to be deceived that their own life is not bad, but it is as bad as everyone else's.

Weeping and Gnashing of Teeth

ha-êmeq – I thought of how our Father doesn't really want us to have weeping and gnashing of teeth. I haven't been able to think of much else once you said that. He doesn't want the whole universe full of people who weep and gnash their teeth. No matter how much you tell people, "You are going to be so sorry later," they have a hard time listening.

Sure enough, they get to the end of their life and have regret after regret. Sometimes when you are talking about the land grant, I realize I don't have much in me about that piece of land over there. This morning I saw that He doesn't just want that piece of land. He wants every single human being. Our Father inaugurated covenants. He could have just said, "Abraham, I love you and I am going to do this for you."

But he went one step further and made a covenant. It is like what Chets Barur and Hayeh are going to do. They are going to make a covenant, just like our Father did. That is His will. Once a covenant is made, there is total peace. Within it, the children are going to be so secure. The wife is so secure. He is not running out on you and you are not running out on him. The children know where imma and abba are, and they know that imma and abba love one another.

That is the way our Father intended us. Covenants are a big thing to us. It is like, "Get ready, sound the drum rolls, it's time to make a covenant. 'Imma, abba, I want to vow to serve you.'"

Abba and imma don't have to worry and they are going to be right there, guiding them into marriage. They live in a covenant and will die to keep it. Bekor will be split in two if he doesn't keep his covenant to his parents. He knows these two people deserve that he would keep his covenant to them.

But it might feel sometimes like you are being torn in two as you keep your covenant. The evil one is there to hurt you in every way possible. I could see the insecurity in our guests Friday night; Randy is worried about Yohannah and worried about what her parents think. Because there is no covenant there is no security.

There is no weeping and gnashing of teeth within the covenant. Outside of the protection and commitment of covenants is where the weeping and gnashing of teeth takes place. I want that land, that our Father would have those people who keep covenants. They will pass it on to others. It will be purged from all the people. Sometimes you don't see what is going on.

Everything is for us. This is the knowledge and understanding our Father wants to give us. There are two kinds of *gnosis*. One kind of *gnosis* just puffs us up (1 Cor 8:1). We have to understand why our Father wants to fill us up with the right kind of knowledge (Pr 2:1-22).

Miriam – What really spoke to me was that we live in a whole society where we are removed from the land. You grow up here and you don't think that this is the land of the free and the home of the brave that people once had to suffer to gain. In old Israel, like in Gideon's time, they faced enemies who would take them away, take their food away, and make them slaves. I think that is why Yoneq says over and over again that we are special agents because we are in a battle, every day.

What spoke to me the most, and I never understood this before, was that when our Father made the promise to Abraham, it meant that our Father wants to give me, right here in my existence, an enemy-free land. Even if I battle, feeling torn apart every day, someday it is going to be over. That is what our weddings are about, that someday the end is going to come and the battle is going to be over. This battle just seems to go on, but I am thankful for the vision that it is going to end.

Just remember, the spiritual man understands everything. The natural man doesn't understand anything of the spirit (1 Cor 2:14). Let's be spiritual men. Many times, people have been mocked for being spiritual. That is where the enemy has come in, that we would make fun of being spiritual. Would we rather be natural or spiritual? We have to understand what being spiritual means.

The reason no one has ever understood this is that natural man cannot understand the things of the Spirit.

Huldah – It is so important for us to understand lest we be like the people who sit around the table and never do it. They talk about it but they don't do it. I look at righteous people in the world who have so much integrity.

When they say they are going to do something, they do it. It is so easy for us to say that we are going to do something and not do it. If we don't have understanding, we won't have what we need to overcome (and do what we said we were going to do). It is amazing what we heard this morning.

Amen. The husband of the couple that visited us is not willing to submit his knowledge. But they have seen something here they can't forget.