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A Taste of the Loaf

This morning we gathered on our bus which is parked in view of the Eiffel Tower, 1/2 mile away from the exposition hall where our futons, bread, cookies and life will be displayed for three days. Nine of us are here: Yoneq, ha-emeq, Yochanan, Yoceph, Miriam, Haggai, Jonathan Elezar, N'su, Bakhirah – a small part of the loaf in Sus.

Yoneq spoke about the loaf. The ingredients in the loaf are the crushed grain, water, salt and oil. He asked if it was possible to make a loaf with just flour and water. Yoceph shared that it would be sticky – like some people stick together for a while. Or, once it is baked, would be too hard to do anything with – too rigid.

We need the oil. It's not possible to be the 12 tribes without the oil. We are in the process of being made into the loaf. But are we still kernels (carnal, fleshly, unspiritual)? We are living stones being built up to make spiritual sacrifices. I Peter 2:5,6 What is a spiritual sacrifice?

Haggai – A sacrifice initiated by the Spirit – not out of obligation, but you want to do it.

If we are to be a true spiritual sacrifice here and a representation of the loaf in Sus, then we must be complete. Especially to be able to talk to these people about one of the themes of this conference which is death. We want to talk to these people about death – referring to Hebrews 2:3-18. [There will be different conferences in the building – many being about transcending the fear of death.] All share in human nature. YAHSHUA also took on the same human nature (not Adam's fallen human nature, but human nature that can sin. But, since He had a heart of submission, He never did – though He could have.) so that through death He might render powerless the one who had the power of death and set at liberty those who were subject to slavery because of the fear of death (v.14-15).

He says 'through death'. It is something He went through. Death is something you have to pass through.

[Yoceph shared that all this talk about transcending death is because there is a fear of death. These people know they must pass through death and they are afraid of it.]

Hebrews 2:3 How shall we escape death if we neglect so great a salvation, letting it drift past us forever? The only way out of death for these people is YAHSHUA. For us too, the only way out of death is YAHSHUA.

We have to offer these people something. We have to offer them more than just gluten and water. We have to offer them life. We must have the oil of the Holy Spirit on us. With no separation between any of us. In leavened bread, some are together; but

some are separate. But in our loaf all must be together. We are a sample of our loaf in Sus. We shouldn't have to say, "Come to Sus and see what the loaf is like." We, the nine of us who are here, should be a sample of that loaf in Sus so that we could say, "Here, taste this." When the apostles went out, they told people that what you see in us is what it is all about. When you see us, you see the Body. Just like when you see YAHSHUA you see the

Father. (John 14:7,9) Their eyes need to be opened by seeing YAHSHUA in us. But if we forget the oil and salt and are just gluten and water then they won't be able to taste who YAHSHUA is. It will be unpalatable; without zest.

We need salt, water and oil to make whole, useful bread. The wheat has bran, endosperm (body) and the germ (life). If we are here in the flesh, making a fleshly sacrifice, they will not see the whole loaf. We need all the gifts to make a spiritual sacrifice. When we are sent out we represent the whole Body because the apostolic team has all the gifts: shepherds, teachers, evangelists, etc. Every person must be in communion and in unity for the gifts to be able to function properly. If one of us is defiled then all of us are. The power of the Holy Spirit cannot come upon that which is defiled. If one part suffers, the whole Body suffers. If one is defiled, all are defiled. A little leaven leavens the whole lump (I Corinthians 15: ).

We have to be undefiled so the Holy Spirit is able to work in us. YAHSHUA was able to say that if you'd seen Him you'd seen the Father because He was doing the Father's will. We have to be able to say that when you've seen us, you've seen the Body. We cannot be any less zestful, tasty, savory, than the Body – because we are sent out from it. We are a portion of that bread – a whole portion of that bread; like our Master was wholly divine and entirely human. He wholly represented His Father in His human nature.

There can be no division among anyone. There cannot be one person separate from the rest or standing apart from the rest even just a little bit. No schisms. The same care for each person; care for all equally. If we do not care for each person equally then we have schisms. So, people are not caring for just one or two but the same care for each person (I Corinthians 12:24-25). There has to be that same care to each grain and each part of the Body for a spiritual sacrifice.

We must really know we are spiritual people. The last thing we think about before we go to sleep at night is our Master; the first thing we think about when we wake up is our Master – being comforted by His comforting Spirit.

To the degree that we have the Holy Spirit upon us is the power

of our effectiveness. We have to maintain cleanliness in spirit, soul and body.

Miriam Dayag – shared that we are so thoroughly knit together (kneaded together) that you can break a piece off anywhere and it has the same taste. The whole loaf tastes the same. No part has more oil or is more brittle or has less salt. (Dayag means fisher – a fisher of men)

Yochannan Abraham – shared that when we break the loaf and give it to the four corners of the room representing the four corners of the earth, the ones on the other side of the world are tasting the same exact thing as the ones over here.

Yoneq – We have to see that we represent the Body right where we are. We cannot always go back to Sus to baptize people. We cannot always say, "Come and see." Philip said it to his brother when he had seen YAHSUA (John 1:46), but it is not accurately applied to us.

[Yoceph – Even Philip, just a little while later, baptized the Ethiopian eunuch, because now he had the power of YAHSUA in him and was filled with the Holy Spirit.]

Yoneq – I wish our brothers and sisters on the 'Dead Tour' in America could hear this and see that they represent the Body right where they are. We can't just say, "Come and see." We have to say, "Here we are."