

To Be Kept in Perfect Peace

If we offer up a perfect sacrifice in the morning and pray that our Father will keep us in perfect peace all day, keeping our minds stayed on Him, then He will keep us in perfect peace all day. He can't do it unless we use our wills and ask Him. Then our sacrifice will burn all day and He will protect us. Therefore we don't necessarily have to pray every time we get into a car to drive during the day, if our minchah is perfect in the morning. We won't lose our peace if we are abiding in Him. It carries over to the next minchah. If we continue to abide in Him during the day, we won't sin. We pray for Him to keep us in perfect peace and to deliver us from evil. If our sacrifice is burning all day, we don't necessarily have to call our brothers to prayer at work. We prayed together in Island Pond and then started our day of working in the restaurant. We even did this in the delis in Chattanooga. That's what our Father was leading us to do at the time.

Last night at the café a person felt unrest, so he called people to come together and pray. Another person said, "We just prayed at the minchah." Do we really need to pray when we start working? (Maybe some people don't pray at the minchah.) This person at the café called people to pray right in the middle of someone else talking to someone, and that person couldn't respond right away.

It's good to give our attention to someone immediately, so we don't provoke to anger, but sometimes we can't respond because we are in the middle of doing something. Sometimes I call ha-emeq and she doesn't respond immediately because she is doing something. We have to learn to forbear with one another before we can rule in the next age.

We will be tested on *everything*. We're not going to porno movies and ball games like people in the world do. We have separated ourselves from those things. But we will be tested on how we react to one another. These are the big things in our lives. We are in a protective environment here. We aren't tempted to go to ball games and movies — these things don't even enter our minds. But the sins of the Edah that will keep us out of the kingdom are our reactions to one another. If we aren't lovers of the Word, then the love of the Father isn't in us. How we

love one another is how we see our Master in one another. Do we treat our brother as an extension of Messiah?

So last night when someone called everyone together to pray, another brother thought they didn't need to pray, and someone else was talking and couldn't drop everything and respond immediately. Maybe people were wondering why a brother was calling them to prayer when an older brother working there hadn't done it. Maybe the first brother should have gone to the elder and asked him first what he should do before he acted. All of our reactions count. We have to be led by the spirit. I'm not saying that person did anything wrong, but maybe he could have gotten support from his brother. Paul said we shouldn't think more highly of ourselves than we ought to. Any time there are elders on the job, we defer to the greater grace. If we can't recognize that there is greater grace then something is wrong. We don't overstep our limits, but keep within our boundaries. Is it grace or faith that causes us to respond? The respect you have depends on the glory you have. Rom 12:3 — Why should we ask our Father to increase our measure of faith? If we ask and don't receive, then it's because we had a wrong motive.

Hakam: Each one of us has been allotted a measure of faith. Paul spoke from the measure of grace given to him. Each person has been given a measure of grace to exercise their gifts, according to the grace he's been given. That's your talent.

Mt 25:14 — Each person has abilities that he's been born with. *Glory* comes from how much grace and faith you have. How much do you have? Some have 1, 2, 5, 10 talents. Most people have just one talent. The Edah usually goes wrong because people bury their talent. The Edah in the first century was destroyed by this.

Keli: That's why our Master said to pray for faith. We can only use our talent according to the grace we have.

Our Master said to forgive one another 7 x 70 if that's what it takes. The disciples' response was that they knew they hardly had the faith to forgive each other one time! It took faith to receive what our Master said. Do we have that much faith to forgive one time? If we had the faith of a mustard seed we could move a mountain. How much faith do you have?

Hakam: It was really vivid to the disciples that they had the awesome responsibility to forgive others because they grew up under the law. We grew up just the opposite — dull to forgiveness. We have a responsibility to treat each other the way our Master would.

Last night what happened at the café can be an example for us. This is not a rebuke for anyone, but a word of instruction. Sometimes just praying in the minchah might not be sufficient. Since there was an older responsible brother there, the youth who called people to pray should have sought him out first, seeking wisdom out of respect.

Sometimes younger people with greater grace could call people to prayer, but they must remember that they are still youth. This is how we are judged — in little things. If we're faithful in small things, we'll be faithful in bigger things. If we have the tongue of a disciple we'll know what to say and how to say it. We'll have wisdom and discretion.

ha-emeq: I'm thankful you said we should pray for everything at the minchah. Then that covers everything in our day.

In Manasseh at the minchah there were several pauses, so Yoneq said, “Amen! Okay, let's eat!” That day I was in a car crash. Something bad happened because we didn't pray for protection. And we didn't pray when we got in the car because Yoneq said that what we prayed at the minchah covered everything.

This is a special time dedicated to covering everything that happens during the day. This time is set apart for a special purpose — to cover our whole day. That day we were without protection. We didn't pray to be delivered from evil.

When trouble comes (like the situation last night at the café) the responsible brother there needs to stop what he is doing and take dominion over the situation.

So we can understand what our Father is calling us to each day. Let's get together as one man whose sins are forgiven, without any guilt — righteous as our Master is righteous. If we are not this way, we don't value the blood. We need to see our Master's blood as precious and what makes us perfect in the sight of our Father.

We are learning to have wisdom. What is one reason why many aspire, but few attain? Because they never learned to take correction. We need to learn to take correction and go through it. We have to go through it like our Master did.

Let's all raise our hands as one man and pray to be protected and delivered today. We want to stay in perfect peace all day.