

April 26, 1994, Morning Minchah Boston

Train Up a Child

When our children are circumcised their abba makes a vow to Elohim to train up his son to have a good conscience in every way (a daughter, too, to have a circumcised heart). If the parents don't keep this vow they are cursed. There are no rebellious children in Israel. In the old covenant they were stoned and in the new covenant they are sent away. We are being trained to command our families and our children so the promise our Father made to Abraham will be fulfilled. This will always be true. It might be some day that our children (boys) will raise their hands in the Minchah (like they do at the victory cup) a few years before baptism because they have a good conscience and are almost at the age of accountability — your abba and imma can trust you with the other children not to be foolish or rebellious. If your abba and imma can't trust you to be alone in the room with the other children, then you are not ready to be baptized and bring honor to them. You must first have a sensitive heart, a circumcised heart.

Discipline trains a child in the way he should go, to have a sensitive conscience (if they keep going on and sinning they will experience everlasting death). We come from either Isaac (who had a sensitive conscience) *or* Ishmael (stubborn like a donkey, going against the inner voice of our conscience and continuing to sin).

Our children are trained under the rulership of their abba and imma to hear our God's voice speaking to their heart. How your parents rule you is according to how they will rule the universe someday (how much integrity they have and how persistent they are to discipline).

James 4:17 — It is sin not to obey, not being obedient to what we know is right — the natural law of the knowledge of good and evil. After we receive Ruach ha Kodesh our conscience becomes super-sensitive — more than the natural law. The Helper sensitizes our conscience.

Speaking with a Loud Voice

There is a great responsibility upon the shoulders of the first born. Isa 58:1 — We have a responsibility to train our children to have a voice like a trumpet (not hollering or screaming, but speaking with a loud voice). [Yoneq shared how he was commended for speaking loud in the world. He was taught to do this.] Children haven't been trained by their parents to speak loud. They are to be trained when to speak loud and when to speak softly. We speak with a loud voice in the assembly. It is a spiritual thing. We have a lot that's suppressed in us from the world. We could be very expressive at a football game, but strangely inexpressive for the kingdom of God.

Our Master spoke with a loud voice. The water reflected His voice when He calmed the sea (Mt 8:26). Our children are being trained for the sake of the 144,000 who will have to be heard over the noise of the city. If not, no one will have sufficient warning. Rev 6:10, "How long, O Sovereign, will it be until You avenge our blood?" Even in heaven they lifted up their voice (in their soul).

Word of Instruction

Some people weren't trained a certain way (like putting trash into the trash can without first putting in a liner). We are being trained to have eyes to see and our knowledge is increasing. In the Edah we're learning to be super-sensitive — no one will get into the kingdom unless we judge perfectly.

Rom 8:4 — We obey the requirement of the law by the Spirit. If we never do that we're not worthy of the new world. Who is going to put us into the government of the new world someday? We are being trained now. If we're not faithful in small things no one will trust us with greater things.