

## Undisturbed Dwelling Places

Rom 6:14 — We are not under the law but under grace (2 Cor 3:17). We are free according to what we want to be free from and we are enslaved according to what we want to be enslaved to. It is according to how we see our Master — whether we see him as a hard taskmaster or as a good master.

Rom 6:18 — “Set free” means you have been a slave. Who doesn't want to be a slave of righteousness? (verses 15-23).

Rom 7:5 — When you were controlled by your flesh or sinful nature... Verse 6 — What kind of law? It seems there was a mixture in Rome. A lot of Jews must have been saved (Rom 7:1).

Rom 6:14-15 — This goes beyond the milk into the meat a little bit. It is hard to understand. We are bondslaves. We are willing slaves of our Master — friends. We are set free. We willingly give our life to our Master (1 Jn 3:16). He saved our life. You can read it many times, like for example in *Uncle Tom's Cabin*,<sup>1</sup> that when the slaves were set free many of them wanted to stay with their master. They became bondslaves.

Jn 14:21 — His commandments are life. It is according to how you see it.

Pr 1:33; Isa 32:18 — We will live in undisturbed dwelling places. We live out of harm's way because we made Him our dwelling place. We live in a place of undisturbed peace and rest.

You also can see in Pr 1 and Isa 32 what happens to those who do not obey Him. He removes His light, the lampstand. There will no longer be any prophetic utterance. Rev 2:4 — If we don't love Him He cannot keep His promises of undisturbed dwelling places. If we become idolaters, have high places of some sort in the community, He removes the prophetic light. People speak, but there is no prophetic vision, no light.

1 Pet 1:8,22 — The word *believe* is a trick. Satan has turned it around completely. To *believe* actually means to lean on entirely. Verse 22 is the result of verse 8. It is the result for all

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<sup>1</sup> Harriet Beecher Stowe's antislavery novel, published in 1852, part of the trend that led to the Civil War.

believers. Apart from that we are just Christians. This is the love that waned in the first church. That is why the lampstand was removed. Something sapped the strength out of the Body. They were told to love as at first. The prophetic utterance ceased. The light was removed out of its place.

Isa 32:18 — Undisturbed places (1 Pet 4:8). The hail will destroy the cities and everything else, but we will live in undisturbed dwelling places.

We have to judge ourselves right, or we walk into the covenant meal every week and we walk into the process of dying, first spiritually then physically. Things will happen in our body. The Holy Spirit is in our heart, therefore we can judge ourselves. You cannot judge yourself and confess your sin unless you know it. 1 Cor 11:27-33 — If we cannot judge ourselves rightly, others might have to judge us. The wages of sin is death. If we cannot judge ourselves right we are sinning. It causes discord. It brings others down. We will be speaking against the leaders. Pr 6:16-19 — There are six things which God hates, the seventh is an abomination. The person that spreads discord, strife in the Body, the person that speaks something that causes you to not think so highly of another person, that person is an abomination to God. Not just the sin that this person commits is an abomination, but the person himself. Gal 5:21 — A pervert is someone who cannot judge himself.

Pr 3:22-26 — Our Father wants places of undisturbed peace. If we are obedient to Him, to the Holy Spirit in our heart, we have peace.

We are disciples. We committed ourselves to be disciples. What is a disciple?

What did Paul say prophecy is for? Did you know that you are supposed to *earnestly* desire spiritual gifts. You are to pursue love, go after it (1 Cor 14:1,3).

Consolation — undisturbed places of rest. A prophet brings peace because he exposes the problems and he builds up. But if we have idolatry in our midst, God will not speak for consolation or encouragement or edification.

If you speak as a prophet, let it be for edification, consolation, or encouragement.

If we serve, let it be by grace (Heb 4:16). That is why we are not slaves. Are we under the law? Try to serve without grace. See how tired you get, how you have no vision, how boring it is. Without vision the people *perish*. They go unrestrained first. Happy is he who keeps the law. All the words of the scriptures are organically related.

He adds to our number because we also are being saved (Acts 2:47). He can only add to those who are being saved also. Rev 2:4 — When the light went out, people were coming in but they weren't being saved. Those who had the Holy Spirit died after a few years. 2 Tim 3:5 — All that was left was a form of godliness, but they denied its power. The Holy Spirit cannot be released unless some people are releasing Him. We have to breathe on one another. Faith is the Spirit. Faith comes by hearing the Holy Spirit.

*[See also December, 1994, Letter from ha-emeq, Sus, France: "The Sports Spirit" (9412L02); January, 1995, summary, Sus, France: "The Dangers of Sports" (9501T01); December 20, 1994, Embellishment to Morning Minchah of December 20, 1994, "High Places and Prophetic Utterance" (941220T1); December 26, 1994, Morning Minchah, Reuben: "High Places" (941226A).]*