

Walking According to Messiah

Our Master completely died and we have to completely die to be saved. That is baptism. In the last 20 years we saw hundreds of people who didn't die. I don't know what it was, but something was missing — it didn't bring them to death.

Can you imagine how many times we will be looking at Heb 12:1-3 as we are running the race.

Rev 3:21-20; Heb 12:2 — He sat on the throne. It's amazing that He is talking about us sitting on His throne in the kingdom age, as He sat down on His Father's throne.

We see the word *race* in Heb 12:1. There are other places in the New Testament where we find that word. 1 Cor 9:24-27 — Even Paul said that he could be disqualified from sitting on our Master's throne because of his lack of endurance in the race.

Acts 1:6-7 — He held it from them, He didn't let them know. He just said it is in our Father's hands; they were just to be filled with the Spirit and preach the word. It was hidden from them, they didn't really know specifically. In so many places in the Bible it says that in the latter days you will understand completely.

Mt 21:43 — There has been a lapse of time, abeyance. For some reason in the first century it was taken away from them. They didn't produce the fruit of the kingdom that they did in the beginning. It is going to be revealed to a people who will produce the fruit.

James was written by some James, though it does not say which James. It obviously was not written to the first century believers though. By the time James was written they had fallen away.

We can see that they didn't understand too much about Dan 2:44. We barely understand, but we see that it is in the days of those ten kings that all things will be fulfilled.

It is amazing about the kingdom. They wanted to know when it would come. When will you come back? When will the promise of Abraham come about? It's all about the promise of Abraham, even in the New Testament.

Lk 22:14-16 — *Until the kingdom of God comes* — until it has its full meaning in the kingdom of God. He won't celebrate it personally with anybody until the kingdom comes. Verse 18 — That is the cup of overcoming, the fruit of the vine, the cup of the vine. We abide in the vine and produce the fruit of the kingdom. This is separate from the new covenant cup, which He calls the blood (verse 20).

Verse 19 — After the cup of the vine, He took the bread. “Remember Me,” as if people would forget Him and what He did. Then in verse 20, it is the cup of the new covenant. The New English Bible leaves verse 20 out. The translators left it out! They thought it was a mistake. They misread everything like they always did. Luke had understood from Paul who had understanding from our Master. Luke traveled with Paul. He also had understanding from the other apostles. The translators just say it's not in the other accounts (Matthew, Mark, John) so it must not be right.

1 Cor 11:23-29 — He had already taught them about the Breaking of Bread. He was just making a point here. Verse 29 — Many have eaten judgment upon themselves. They pine away after they've done that. They try to praise Him but they can't because the dead can't praise Him.

Col 1:10 — We have to walk correspondingly of Him, worthily, in a way that is fitting. We have to keep our first love. We have to judge ourselves whether or not we are walking worthily. We might judge that we have not walked this week in a manner worthy of our Master. We have to make a thorough investigation where we have not. Pr 28:13; 1 Jn 1:9 — We have to confess and renounce it. If I can see the value of the blood and judge the blood right, I can be forgiven after I confess it.

Since we have the Holy Spirit we are able to see how we have not walked worthily. Walking over to the exercises this morning I looked at the beautiful stream here and the house and I said, “Too bad that this stream doesn't run all year long, that it isn't pure.” Complaint and murmuring can come to us in many ways, many times during the day. We made a covenant to not complain and murmur. Then we have to think on the good things (Phil 4).

Our Master would never complain. You are looking for the next age, He'd say, it's not going to be perfect in this age. If you expect that, you will always complain. In the next age the stream will be eternal, running continually, and be pure.

Col 1:10,11,13,15 — Let's confess how we have not walked according to Messiah so that we won't incur guilt when we break bread. It's better to not sin, but if we do we have an Advocate. 1 Jn 2:1 is not trying to get across that we have an advocate, but that we shouldn't sin.

We have to eagerly wait for our Master. That means we have a good conscience. If we are not eagerly waiting for Him, we are afraid, we don't have a good conscience. We might be afraid to die. We won't be afraid if we walk worthily of Him, and if not we are confessing it — specifying all the ways where we are not — if we are not loving, kind, etc. We have to judge ourselves perfectly. The word is the same thing as our Master. Some people just now read the Bible, because they know it's tantamount. When was the last time you read Col 1:10? It's pretty self-explanatory.

And remember, what you hear in your inner ear, pass it on to others. That is a commandment. If you didn't hear in your inner ear, you are not obligated to pass on. But what you heard in your inner ear you are obligated *in love* to pass it on. This is how the Body continues to exist, how it gets its encouragement. If you don't pass it on, why should I continue speaking? Don't wait for the preacher, pass it on tonight at the sacrifice what you've heard. You might save someone from dying. That's love. Someone might be saved from entering into the Breaking of Bread in an unworthy manner. Talk to someone you see today.

Jms 1:21; 5:19 — Do you think there is any error? There might be people here in our midst, in the Body, who are in that state? Why would it be written down. We have the virus. You can't get it twice. It can't outsmart you twice. The first church had the virus. Maybe it won't come to us. But we have to read the word.

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