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The Whole Must Be Restored

Racham — 1 Thess 3 — Our Father is working in our lives (the scaffolding) to restore us. And we can have peace because He is going to fulfill His word. He rested one time for a moment based on the fact that He was going to give man His authority. He's laboring now to bring about what He can rest in again — the fact that He will be able to entrust His authority in man.

Nehemiah & Dardah are the perfect standard of love, so everywhere they go they can pass on that standard. I want that to be said of me in everything I do. Nehemiah and Dardah are so trusted in the Body, and this gives me hope that we will all be that way together.

Keli — Jn 13:34 — The standard of love we received can't be distorted because it is based on what Yahshua did when He gave up His life for us. It can't be maligned — only obeyed or disobeyed. It wasn't a thought or idea, but it was the reality of what He did for us. That standard has to be obeyed and followed or not followed. We can only give up our lives as He did or didn't do. That's the standard of love. That standard is real, and we can live our life according to that standard. Nehemiah and Dardah do this. That standard will prove that we're disciples if we keep it — every one of us.

Rose — I learned this week that our Master is conforming us to His image and it takes suffering to do this. Often, I try to change the circumstances I run into to conform them to my image. But I want to let Him conform me to His image. I want Him to have the glory. I know that the circumstances are made so that we'll be made fit to rule with Him. He made us to be like Him so that we'll accomplish His will on the earth and not our will.

Talilah — Sometimes I want to be like a bird without a care and fly away when problems come. But we can't leave our post, because the birds are fallen and we are the hope of all of creation being restored.

Each person has a responsibility to bring about restoration and we have to take that responsibility. It can't just be one person, but the whole must be restored. That's what Heb 12:15 means — It's our responsibility to see to it that no one misses grace to bring about that restoration. Those who will be the bride and rule with Him in the next age are those who take responsibility and keep others from missing grace.

You see things that aren't right in the Body — people that don't have a right relationship with our Master. When breaking of bread comes they can't just go in when things aren't right. We're our brother's keeper. If we love them, we'll make sure they are connected. It's a real concern 1 Cor 11:27. Many people don't take the responsibility of being restored and connected. We need to make sure everyone is truly right, fully connected to the Vine and Source and that sin is confessed and renounced. Every person has a responsibility to make sure they are fully connected themselves. If you know something about someone you should make sure that your brother or sister does not enter in to the breaking of bread in an unworthy manner.

1 Cor 11:31 — Paul talked about sicknesses and diseases. Many people were cut off and dead because they didn't take the responsibility to speak encouragement to one another and make sure they were in communion.

When we put the "closed" sign up at the cafe, it means the source is cut off — no more food is coming from the kitchen. The people who are eating will finish what they've got, but they can't get anymore because the source is cut off. All they can do is pretend to eat food. That is how it was in the first church. The "closed" sign wasn't up, but the people in the back weren't preparing any more food. When the people who were eating finished and died there was no more food — the source was cut off. But somehow the others were deceived and someone out front was saying, "Come on in! There's food in here!" But really the "closed" sign was up.

If we could only recognize who we are and discern the Body, we would speak words of encouragement — not tearing down our brothers, but building them up. Satan plants seeds of doubt in our minds. "Do you really think that's true? God said that? Do you really think there's going to be 12 tribes? That there's going to be the male child? You're just Christians!" That's what happens when he plants a seed of doubt in someone's mind. We really have to have mercy on some who doubt. Those who plant seeds of doubt are actually working for the evil one himself and go around supplanting. Supplant — to supercede another by trickery or as if by force or treachery, to take someone's place — to tear up by the roots and plant something else in its place.

It was really wonderful what Talilah said. When she speaks it's deep. Her accent is hard to understand so you have to really listen intently to understand. She has outward, observable faults, but she doesn't try to hide them. Some people have faults and they conceal them — they put on a plastic smile. But it's wonderful the way she is.

We have to search out His commandments and find them. We are the people who take that responsibility to really search them out. We're the ones who have His commandments. Solomon (David's son) had them, but he had to seek them out and search for them. We have them here recorded in the Bible. We just happen to have the Bible because man invented the printing press.

There are Bibles galore — people even leave them out in the rain. There is a surplus of them — they are common. If we didn't have the printing press we wouldn't have the Bible to search out His commandments. How would we get them? There would be rabbi's teaching the commandments and we would have scrolls and people would have to write by hand.

Obedience makes community. Jn 14:21 — In the beginning, it thrilled my heart when our Father spoke to me through that verse — and then nothing could shake me from it. He spoke to me in Jn 15:5 and when I heard it I knew somehow what it meant. From then on I knew I couldn't do anything apart from Him that would profit anything. "*Whoever has My commandments . . .*" — I have His commandments? If I didn't have His commandments, it wouldn't even apply to me. If we have His commandments we keep them and community is the result of it because you can't keep His commandments without living together to see one another. There would be no social life in which to lay down your life daily, all having the same care for one another and bearing one another's burdens. He spoke Jn 14:21 to me. Disclose means reveal, make manifest, to reveal His Word to us. Whoever has received that, has received the spirit of truth. Once the truth has been revealed to you there is no more doubting.

Deut 29:29 — Whatever has been revealed to the parent is taken in by them and they put it into their children and their children reveal it to their children. So when we put all the commandments into practice; that brings about the end of the age — when it's so deeply in the father that he puts it into his children and his children put it into their children.

Christians don't have His commandments — you can't keep them when you don't have them. The only thing I know is what was revealed to me; what has been given to me. This has got to be given to others; passed on from one generation to another — to make disciples — baptizing them into reality. Matt 28:19 is a marvelous word. The name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is the reality of who we are. And He will come and make His home with us. And whoever has His commandments and obeys them, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are there. He lives in us. What is He making us into disciples with? We made the cafe in 4 or 5 months (the finishing touches are almost done). We got the building, we looked at it and saw the entry space and we started

creating. We saw something that didn't exist and we brought it into existence. A creation is something that is not — it's brought into being.

Go make disciples — to cause them to come into existence. To make is to form, to create, to frame or fashion, to raise up, to construct, to cause to exist. The Edah is formed by disciples who have been made to create an expression of Messiah on the earth. It takes God to do it. Dan 2:44 — He is going to do it; constitute it, establish it — through a people. It is something people can't do by themselves. Christians say He'll do it. They are waiting for Him to establish unity. The Ruach ha Kodesh has to make His home somewhere to bring something into existence — the 12 tribes. He's not going to use 11 tribes; it takes 12 tribes! Each tribe has many clans; each clan has many households, and each household has many disciples. If we give up our possessions, He'll cause it to come into being. You give up your house; you give up your farm Mk 10:29. "I'll just go out and give up my house and start bumming." That's all Christianity (a person without God) can see because they have no revelation.

We depend on one another. We're no longer seeking for our own food and clothing, but others do it for us. We're responsible for one another. I'm responsible for others; they're responsible for me. That's how the Body functions. We're not here for ourselves, but for others ("I'm happy as long as everything goes my way!"). We're to look out for other people's needs. You'd better not go into the breaking of bread unless you recognize the Body — meeting others needs, not just your own needs.

Racham — The creation in our minds would have remained undone unless people spoke it. Unless we speak to one another things will remain a dream. Some gentile king had a dream, but it's going to take a people to bring it about.

Somewhere there is a formation of 10 kingdoms on the earth. The restoration of the 4th kingdom is taking place and the Stone kingdom is coming into existence. He will establish it. Let's hold our hands up to the God of heaven who's going to bring about all these things. You are His kingdom. You are His kingdom that is coming to existence. He is exercising authority in our lives to set up His standard in us to bring it about. He chooses the weak things not the strong things to bring it about — to confound the wise. We're the weak things — we're the drift wood

that was just hanging around. We're the old barn wood that was going to be torn down — so none of us can be proud. We're what our Father picked and chose. We can hardly talk, but we're going to astound the world with wisdom — not worldly wisdom, but Godly wisdom. He saw something in us the world didn't see.