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If anyone does not speak according to these words
It is because they have no light in them.
Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 8:20; Revelation 12:17; 14:12



Torah Thought of the Month

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You Won't Forgive Who?

Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 6:14,15

The New Moon is due to be sighted from Israel tonight, Jan, 29, 2017 between 5:11 and 6:43 pm. It is now only about 6 weeks to Purim, and about 10 1/2 weeks to Pesach. We have a new President who is not ashamed to swear an oath on not just one bible, but on two; who supports Israel, believes in Yeshua, and has no fear of the enemy, whether at home, or abroad. Halleluyah!

As it is written, "Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take council together against YHVH and against His anointed, saying, "Let us break their bonds in pieces, and cast away their cords from us". But He who sits in the heavens shall laugh. YHVH shall hold them in derision. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath and distress them in His deep displeasure... therefore, be wise O kings, and be instructed you judges of the earth. Serve YHVH with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Pay homage to the Son lest He be angry and you perish in the way when His wrath is kindled but a little, for blessed are all those who put their trust in Him."; **Mizmor (Psalm) 2:1-5,10-12.**

May we all be as those who are faithful to the end; **Evreem (Hebrews) 3:14; Revelation 2:26**, as those who love not our lives unto death; **Revelation 12:11**, and be as the faithful remnant who have "the testimony of Yeshua and obey the commandments of YHVH"; **Revelation 12:17, 14:12.**

A TORAH THOUGHT

Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 18:23-35. In this parable we have a servant who was forgiven 10,000 talents of debt, who then refused to forgive his own servant for a mere 100 denarii of debt. A talent is a weight of silver or gold in the amount of approximately 100 pounds, and a denarii

about one days wages. This is a debt of several tens of millions of dollars verses a mere 100 days wages.

So when the servant who was forgiven 10,000 talents of debt then went and beat his fellow servant for not paying a mere debt of 100 denarii, Yeshua says that the first servant was then cast into prison until his original entire 100 talent debt was paid. A debt that size of course could never be paid, so that servant effectively condemned himself to prison for the rest of his life over his refusal to forgive his fellow servant.

In other words, even though that first servant had been forgiven such a great debt, because he failed to return that same mercy to a fellow servant, his original pardon was rescinded. It was as if he had never been forgiven.

This parable works hand in hand with **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 7:1-6** which says, "Condemn not that you be not condemned, for to whatever degree you have condemned others, so shall you be condemned, and with whatever standard of measurement you have used, that same standard will be applied back to you.

This brings me to a second compelling thought. If a forgiven person can have their forgiveness rescinded for failing to extend that forgiveness to others, then what happens to believers who fail to acknowledge a life that Yeshua has changed?

For example, maybe you have a former drug addict, or alcoholic, prostitute, homosexual, or thief, etc... who meets Yeshua and is then totally and utterly delivered from their sin, but other believers refuse to believe or acknowledge the change.

In other words, sometimes not a year later, not 5 years later, sometimes not even 10 or 20 years later does this type of professing believer ever see anything in these former sinners other than the sinful person these other believers used to be. What happens then to the testimony of Yeshua in the lives of these accusatory believers who are looking at their fellow brothers and sisters only through the eyes of their long repented of past?

Considering the above parable and **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 7** quoted above, will Yeshua accept the testimony of deliverance that He gave us in our lives if we attack and/or seek to discredit His testimony in the life of a fellow brother or sister in Yeshua?

It seems like a scary place to be. I believe we should be very careful about how we view the past of fellow brothers and sisters. If they are not doing those activities anymore, then we must be careful not to condemn them as if they are still doing those things.

The Scriptures state that in Yeshua we are a new creation; **2 Corinthians 5:17**, and that in the Holy Spirit, we are being continually formed into His image; **Romans 8:29, 2 Corinthians 3:18, Galatians 4:19**. Yeshua Himself said that He did not come to save the righteous, but to call sinners to repentance, for it is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick; **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 9:12,13**. He came not for those who never left home, but came for the prodigal sons and daughters who went astray; **Luke 15:11-32**.

And neither did He come to make us physically wealthy, successful in business, or popular among men, but came to destroy the works of the devil; **I Yehochanan (1 John) 3:4-8**, and to raise up seven assemblies of people who have overcome their sin - a remnant who believes Yeshua's testimony and "obeys the commandments of YHVH"; **Revelation 12:17, 14:12**. He also came to raise up 144,000 who have never defiled themselves sexually and who speak only truth; **Revelation 14:1-5**, as well as to clothe in white robes a multitude without number who endured the great tribulation and suffering for His names sake; **Revelation 7:9-14** without bowing to the idol, or accepting the number of the beast; **Revelation 14:11-13, 20:4-6**. He came to make us into vessels that shine His glorious light in a world of darkness.

This is what Yeshua came to do. To deliver souls from hell, then to transform those lives into something new and spiritually powerful, and then to utterly crush the power and authority of the Wicked One in this earth.

Money does not save us or make us right before the Eternal One. Prosperity, success, and an honorable reputation and stature in the community do not save us or make us right before the Eternal One. Material possessions, comfortable living, nice homes and cars, finely educated children and family members. Not only do none of these things save us or make us right before the Eternal One, they are not even evidence of being saved or blessed, for unbelievers obtain and possess all of these very same things. If anything, the Scriptures state that it is when we have obtained these things that we begin to turn our backs on Him and forget His ways; **D'varim (Deuteronomy) 31:16-21**.

So no, the only thing that saves us and makes us right before the Eternal One is the blood of Yeshua through His death and resurrection. And the only evidence that proves we are saved is a life that continually grows less and less sinful and more and more set-apart (holy) over time; **I Yehochanan (1 John) 3:9,10**.

It is a life that has overcome the fleshly nature, and defeated the works of the devil, in their lives. A life full of the testimony of Yeshua, and of how He has delivered them from sin. Any wicked person can potentially have wealth, good lives, obedient children, fine education, etc... but only the saved utterly overcome their sins. It is this overcoming of sin that provides the evidence of a person's right standing before the Eternal One, for it is the only thing that cannot be counterfeited by an unsaved person.

So may we all be very careful how we judge those whose sins are clearly behind them, and be careful to pray and speak blessing into those who are just learning how to be victorious over their sin. For you see your calling brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called. But the Eternal One has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and the Eternal One has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty. It is the insignificant/valueless things of the world, and the things that are despised that the Eternal One has chosen, and the things which are nothing, in order to bring to nothing the things that are; so that no flesh should glory in His presence; **I Corinthians 1:26-29**.

The Scriptures state that the angels in heaven rejoice over just one sinner who repents; **Luke 15:1-7**, so how much more should we? Glory, Glory, Glory, be to our Father in haShamayim (Heaven), and to Yeshua His Son who has brought us such a great hope and salvation!

Blessings and Shalom, may all of you be victorious in Yeshua, King of kings - and Savior of all who call upon His blessed and set-apart (holy) name.

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