

FAMILY BREAKDOWN - THE REMEDY - WEEK EIGHT

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Israel should be a nation full of biblical love. The opposite to love is hate, and this is an emotion that can destroy the people of Israel, when applied within the family household. We have without doubt our fair share of hate within the “family home”, a hate that has become the stumbling block in reconciliation. Faults lay within both Houses. In writing this chapter, I could not shake the following words spoken by Yeshua.

“If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A slave is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father as well. But they have done this in order that the word may be fulfilled that is written in their Torah, ‘They Hated Me, without cause.’ When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness of Me, and you will bear witness also, because you have been with Me from the beginning.” John 15:18-27 [NASB]

“These things I have spoken to you, that you may be kept from stumbling. They will make you outcasts from the synagogue, but an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering service to God. And these things they will do, because they have not known the Father, or Me. But these things I have spoken to you, that when their hour comes, you may remember that I told you of them. And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.” John 16:1-4 [NASB]

When HaMoshiach Yeshua came as the suffering servant, He certainly “threw a cat amongst the pigeons.” The religious elite were challenged by Yeshua, as He had no fear of them. He was engaged in and concentrated on the work the HaShem had sent Him to do. This work would cost Him dearly. In fact we know it cost Him His life [as we know it] and also made Him an outcast amongst many of “His own people”. I find the quote in the above scripture “They hated Me without cause”, a very telling one at this time. Why do so many from the tribe of Judah hate Yeshua in this day and age? Is it because, as then, He challenges the “status quo”? I can understand my brothers and sisters from Judah hating the Christian Church, due to the many atrocities done under the “Christian banner”, but the same level of hatred cannot be justified against Yeshua. It is time Judah took another look at Yeshua through the lens of Judaism and Torah instead of the lens of Christianity. If one truly takes the time to view Yeshua through the biblical lens of Torah and witness the works that He did not only in the days He walked the earth, but in the works He continues to do as Moshiach Ben Yoseph in bringing Ephraim/Israel back home to HaShem and Torah. We then ask how could any who claim to love HaShem and the Torah justify their hatred for Him. Yeshua as Moshiach Ben Yoseph is fundamental to the reconciliation of the “Two Houses”. He truly has come as the suffering servant, paving the way back home for the Children of Israel.

If one reads media items that come out from the many outlets in Israel, then one cannot but notice the concentration on the coming of Moshiach Ben David. Many streams of Orthodox Judaism are writing about the coming of Moshiach Ben David. If this is the case, then Moshiach Ben Yosef must have already come! As he must precede Moshiach Ben David. There is no one else that fits the obligations of Moshiach Ben Yoseph better than the historical biblical Yeshua. In His local community He would have been known as Yeshua Ben Yoseph/ Yeshua the son of Yoseph, as demonstrated with the question, “...Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph?” [NASB] or as the CJB renders it, “...Isn’t this Yeshua Ben-Yosef?” Perhaps there is more than just a hint as to the identity of Yeshua in such passages!

What really challenges many today is the difference between the biblical and historical account of Yeshua compared to that which is taught by the Christian church. The biblical and historical accounts show Yeshua being brought up in an Orthodox Jewish family, attending synagogue on Shabbat, keeping the Moedim, keeping and guarding Torah and teaching His Talmidim to do the same. Yeshua was indeed a Tzaddik and as such should be embraced by all the Children of Israel.

“Whoever receives you is receiving me, and whoever receives me is receiving the One who sent me. Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive the reward a prophet gets, and anyone who receives a tzaddik because he is a tzaddik will receive the reward a tzaddik gets. Indeed, if someone gives just a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my talmid – yes – I tell you, he will certainly not lose his reward.” Matthew 10:40-42 [CJB]

There is no doubt Yeshua was a Tzaddik, One who wants all the chosen Children of Israel [whoever and wherever they are] to do teshuvah and return to the Father’s House. I would encourage any to view the actions of Yeshua through the lens of a biblical and historical world view with an open, inquiring, and methodical mind. If one does this then it is not a difficult task to see Him as [at the very least] Moshiach Ben Yoseph. If He is [and I believe He is HaMoshiach] then those who hate Him, are indeed hating Him without “biblical” cause. You are free to hate Him, just as you are free to hate anyone else, but you have to employ “monkey tricks” to use the bible as the foundation for your hatred. You can use the teachings of the Christian Church to reject Him as Moshiach Ben Yoseph, but these teachings are not based on the Torah or the teachings of Yeshua Himself.

Both Houses of Israel have badly misrepresented Yeshua, allowing “man” to dominate the issue instead of the Word of HaShem. There have been vested interests for both Houses to do this, and HaShem has used these vested interests to bring about His purposes, as only He can do. None the less change is on the horizon whether we like it or not. HaShem will bring about all His purposes, one of which is reconciliation between Judah and Ephraim. Fighting this reconciliation is fighting the purposes of HaShem. Yeshua is a “Major component” of this process, thereby He was able to say, “He who hates Me, hates my Father also”. These words are sobering words indeed! Yeshua is stating here, hating Him equates with hating HaShem. Please understand that embracing Yeshua, does not mean you embrace or agree with Christianity, as the Christian faith, whilst used by HaShem, does not correctly portray Yeshua. Yeshua loved/loves all the Children of Israel, He was a tzaddik and He indeed came as Moshiach Ben Yoseph. I am not sure about you, but I do not want to be found guilty of “hating” HaShem, I would be much happier being guilty of loving HaShem through loving the “things” He loves. HaShem “loves” Torah, HaShem “loves” Moshiach. It is approaching the time of Moshiach Ben David to arrive, this means Moshiach Ben Yoseph has arrived – Was it

Yeshua? This is more than a “million dollar” question; it is a question of life itself! Please give it the due consideration it deserves.

I would hope that by now we are beginning to see the importance of having a life dominated by the love of HaShem, the Holy One of Israel – Blessed be He. We are to love all that HaShem loves and eschew all that He eschews. As Children of the Most High we have no choice. We must be overflowing with the Father’s love if we are to become echad as a nation. This love must be extended to the other “members” of our family. In saying this we are reminded that the Father’s love is deeply ingrained in HaMoshiach Yeshua and the Torah. It must be said that both Houses will be greatly enriched by having both in their lives. Our love will be sadly lacking if we only have the Torah and not HaMoshiach Yeshua, and it will also be lacking if we only have HaMoshiach Yeshua and not the Torah. Please ask yourself the question, can I have one without the other, and claim to have the love of the Father, flowing through me? No doubt some will answer yes, some will answer no and others will not be sure either way. The answer to this question is becoming more pressing by the hour and you are responsible for your answer. Remember this is not an “us verses” them question, it is a legitimate biblical question we are faced with and must answer.

Truly there is no God like our God, the God of Israel and no nation like the Nation whom He elected.

Blessings to all citizens of biblical Israel,

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