

FAMILY BREAKDOWN – THE REMEDY – WEEK EIGHTEEN.

In family disputes there are often lies, wild accusations and truths exaggerated from all sides. Our family dispute is no different. The accusations and lies levelled at and against Yeshua continue to this very day. Those of us who trust, follow and love Yeshua are warned that we will be hated by the “world” and unfortunately some of our brothers and sisters.

“if the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before you.....I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.” John 15:18-19 [NASB]

“He who hates Me, hates My Father also.” John 15:23 [NASB]

“But you will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death, and you will be hated by all on My account.” Luke 21:16-17 [NASB]

“Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracise you, and cast insults at you, and spurn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man. Luke 6:22 [NASB]

This hatred of Yeshua can twist and turn men into accepting lies and liars over and above the truthful facts regarding Yeshua. The perfect example of this comes from the historical account recorded in the following text.

“Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the multitude any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they were holding at that time a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. When therefore they were gathered together, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you? Barabbas, or Yeshua who is called Moshiach?” For he knew because of envy they had delivered Him up. And while he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent to him, saying, “Have nothing to do with that righteous Man; for last night I suffered greatly in a dream because of Him.” But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the multitudes to ask for Barabbas, and to put Yeshua to death. But the governor answered and said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” And they said, “Barabbas”. Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Yeshua who is called Moshiach?” They all said, “Let Him be crucified!” When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting took water and washed his hands in front of the multitude, saying, “I am innocent of this Man’s blood; see to that yourselves.” And all the people answered and said, “His blood be on us and our children!” Then he released Barabbas for them; but after having Yeshua

scourged, he delivered Him to be crucified.” Matthew 27:15-26
[NASB]

Here we witness what lies and liars are able to accomplish if listened too. Before you start yelling “Christ killers” please be aware of the whole scene and circumstances. First and foremost nothing happened here that wasn’t ordained by HaShem. Yes there were Jews involved in the death of Yeshua, led by the established elite, who had more political interests than biblical interests. However there were also Jews who supported and followed Yeshua both before and after His death and resurrection. It was Jews that wrote the Apostolic Scriptures/New Testament that gave witness to Yeshua as HaMoshiach and encouraged all believers to embrace and follow Torah. The lesson we learn from this is the danger from self interest parties that have a cause to hate Yeshua because of their prestige and position within religious hierarchy and the world. Yeshua challenges man made establishments that profess to be servants of HaShem but are corrupt and full of dead mens bones. The actions and teachings of Yeshua bring the mirror of self reflection front and centre before us. This forces us to look at our faith and faithfulness to HaShem. Many cannot cope with looking at the face of Yeshua, just as the Israelites could not look upon the radiance of Moshe’s face when he came down from the mountain after speaking with HaShem. In fact the comments written in the Art Scroll Stone edition of the Tanach commenting on Exodus 34:27-35 says the following: **“.....A further result of the nation’s fall from its earlier spiritual plateau was that they could not tolerate the holy glow that shone from Moses’ face as a result of his new exposure to God’s glory.”** I suggest we Children of Israel have fallen so far away from HaShem’s ideal, that we cannot stand to look at the glory and radiance that shines forth from Yeshua HaMoshiach. In general one House cannot stand to look at the beauty of the Torah as taught by Yeshua and “given” by Moshe and the other House refuses to look at the redemption offered through Yeshua HaMoshiach. So the family feud continues, as it has done for thousands of years and will most likely continue until Yeshua comes as Moshiach Ben Dovid. Only HaShem can soften our hearts, removing the stone of stubbornness. It would appear that He will have to use some heavy disciplinary actions, just as He has had to do in times past. How much longer will He give us to get our act together is the question? Reading the bible one must conclude this time frame has a limit and He will take total control of the situation. How sad and unnecessary it is that we must suffer once again as a people because of our hard hearts and rebellious actions. Make no mistake judgement will begin at the household of God.

“But if anyone suffers for being Messianic, let him not be ashamed; but let him bring glory to God by the way he bears this name. For the time has come for the judgement to begin. It begins with the household of God; and if it starts with us, what will the outcome be for those who are disobeying God’s Good News/ - “If the righteous is barely delivered, where will the ungodly and sinful end up?” So let those who

are suffering according to God's will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator by continuing to do what is good." 1Peter 4:16-19 [CJB]

Peter is speaking as a Jew who believes and trusts in Yeshua as Moshiach. He goes on to ask, what will the outcome be for those who disobey the Good News of HaShem? It is extremely important to understand this question. What is the "Good News" of HaShem? It is the opinion of this author, that when taken in context, it is speaking about the redemption/salvation offered through the death and resurrection of Yeshua and believing that He is HaMoshiach/The Messiah of all Israel. So what of those who reject and disobey this Good News? I am thankful that HaShem is in complete charge of every situation and it is He who will make the necessary arrangements regarding these matters.

We have the responsibility to continually examine our own lives in the Light of Yeshua and the Torah. We must try and put our own house in order before we start counselling and telling others how to put theirs in order. There is a big job ahead needing the wisdom and compassion of HaShem. There is no need to compromise in matters of faith, but there is scope for both Houses to be understanding and respectful of the other. We need to keep our emotions and personal ambitions in check, as these can be mistaken for the leading of the Ruach HaQodesh/The Holy Spirit thus we then misrepresent HaShem the Holy One of Israel. It is very important we inspect our actions and the positions we take against the Torah and the patterns we find throughout the bible. Our faith should be focused on our faithfulness to HaShem and HaMoshiach Yeshua, all else pales into insignificance. We show our faithfulness by adhering to the instructions of the Holy One of Israel and following in the footsteps of our Moshiach/Messiah and His Talmidim. HaMoshiach Yeshua is the answer to our problems and family disputes. It is He who brings us back to the Father, opening up the door for us to return to the Father's House. Staying faithful to HaShem through trusting and believing in Yeshua is no easy task, and it is very possible it will become more challenging as the "end times" approach. However we do have a responsibility to teach and speak of the Good News message to those in the nations. We must help those from the nations to understand the Torah and the "family history" of HaMoshiach Yeshua. This work was carried out by the Talmidim of Yeshua and we find evidence of this in the book of Acts.

"When, they arrived, they gathered the Messianic community together and reported what God had done through them, that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. And they stayed for some time there with the talmidim." Acts 14:27-28 [CJB]

It is vital that those of us who believe and trust in Yeshua as HaMoshiach and the Torah of Moshe, do not lose sight of the necessity of presenting a balanced biblical "world view". The teachings of man and traditions must not override and replace the wonderful counsel of Yeshua and the Torah.

In closing allow me to say; as for me and our household we will endeavour to serve HaShem through our trust and belief in Yeshua as HaMoshiach and embracing His Torah.

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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