

FAMILY BREAKDOWN – THE REMEDY – WEEK THIRTY TWO.

People are always looking for guarantees, and we Children of Israel are no different. As I type these words our world is struggling to come to terms with its own destruction. Evil [From a biblical world view] is on the increase and people are searching for answers and guarantees to stop this evil. Yet they refuse to look to the only Counsellor that has the answers and can give iron clad guarantees. When considering “children of the world” I can understand their decision in rejecting the Torah as taught by Yeshua. However I struggle to understand why any supposed citizen of biblical Israel would take and make a conscious decision to reject the Torah of Moshe as taught and lived by Yeshua. The Torah is the manual from HaShem on how to not only love Him and Yeshua HaMoshiach, but our fellow brothers and sisters of Israel. We would be well advised to take it on board and give it the attention it so deserves.

“One of the leaders asked him, ‘Good rabbi, what should I do to obtain eternal life?’ Yeshua said to him, ‘Why are you calling me good? No one is good but God! You know the mitzvot – Don’t commit adultery, don’t murder, don’t steal, don’t give false testimony, honour you father and mother,....’ He replied, ‘I have kept all these since I was a boy.’ On hearing this Yeshua said to him, ‘There is one thing you still lack. Sell whatever you have, distribute the proceeds to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven. Then come, follow me!’ But when the man heard this, he became very sad, because he was very rich. Yeshua looked at him and said, ‘How hard it is for people with wealth to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through a needle’s eye than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God!’ Those who heard this asked, ‘Then who can be saved?’ He said, ‘What is impossible humanly is possible with God.’ Kefa said, ‘Look, we have left our homes and followed you.’ Yeshua answered them, ‘Yes! I tell you that everyone who has left house, wife, brothers, parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, will receive many times as much in the olam hazeh, and in the olam haba eternal life.’” Luke 18:18-30 [CJB]

When we read the above account, we can often find ourselves pointing the finger at others whom we see as acting like the leader who spoke with Yeshua. When it comes to those who have more than what we have, we can be very guilty of looking for ways to pull them down to our level. Never would we admit such motives for our “righteous behaviour” of pointing out the sin in others. None the less there are numerous lessons we can learn from this recorded conversation the Master had with this leader.

We often find that the more we have the harder it is to give some of it away. We certainly like to horde up our treasures here on earth. We find safety and security through putting our treasures in the “bank”. It is a very difficult “habit” to break, and there is a balance to getting it correct. It is all about faith, faithfulness and focus. Just before we look at what I mean by that statement let us view another recorded conversation Yeshua had.

“But you must not set your hearts on things to eat and things to drink; nor must you worry. It is the gentiles of this world who set their hearts on all these things. Your Father well knows you need them. No; set your heart on His kingdom, and these other things will be given to you as well. There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to those in need. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For wherever your treasure is, that is where your heart will be too.” Luke 12:29-34 [NJB]

The above is part of a conversation Yeshua was having with His Talmidim. Earlier in His conversation He was saying to them, do not just focus on earthly treasures and what you are to eat and drink, life is much more than these things. HaShem takes care of these things for the animals and plants, so will He not do the same for His people. He says to them, that their focus on “earthly treasures” is in actual fact, a lack of faith, and therefore results in a reduction of faithfulness. Our faith and faithfulness is influenced by where our focus is concentrated. Focus on “earthly treasures” and you will receive earthly rewards. Focus on “heavenly treasures” and you will receive heavenly rewards.

Our rich leader was focused on his earthly treasures, and it was these he found impossible to give up. I wonder if he ever looked at those who indulged in adultery, theft and other sinful acts and scolded them for their behaviour. It is very easy, to ridicule others in areas of sinful behaviour if it in an area that we have no trouble in avoiding. Yet all who are reading this will have had to battle some form of behaviour that is sinful in the eyes of HaShem. These behaviours are our “earthly treasures”. Let us not deceive ourselves, these earthly treasures have a hold on us, and to give them up is almost impossible. When we look at our subject of reconciliation between the Two Houses of Israel, we find the same challenges and sinful behaviours. Each House has “earthly treasures” that they find impossible to part with. Over the course of these articles we have listed many of those earthly treasures and to this day we witness a stubborn reluctance to part with them. It is ironic that many who would claim to be Children of Israel, mock the “secular” world and those who worship other gods, and rightfully point out that if you do not adhere to the God of Israel, then death and darkness is the result. Why ironic? Well most of these same people refuse to follow in the footsteps of HaMoshiach, reject the Torah of Moshe, preferring to put their faith,

faithfulness and focus on religious earthly treasures. It is very clear that “earthly treasures” will not occupy any space in heaven, or be allowed to enter the Promised Land. This is guaranteed. In the end, the Children of Israel will occupy the Promised Land, a Land flowing with milk and honey. We will have to leave behind our own “riches” and bring the riches of HaShem, those heavenly riches that only He can supply. We, the Children of Israel, will need to be a people who are united, walking echad, before we can expect to be settled in biblical Israel partaking of heavenly treasures. This seems to be impossible, and yes it would seem a camel would have more hope of walking through an eye of a needle than we have of achieving this. BUT, what is impossible for man is possible for HaShem.

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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