

WORDS OF WISDOM.

Chapter Seven.

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There are so many voices crying out for our “spiritual business” it can be very difficult to make choices let alone informed choices. However for those of us who belong to the House of Israel the choice and choices should have been made. Our problems come with the many voices that are vying for attention at the “dinner table”. To make informed choices in this environment we require a good grasp and understanding of Torah. If a voice is speaking against biblical Torah then that voice should be discarded. The voice of HaShem is the only voice we should be adhering too. The challenge we have is drafting out the voices that claim to be speaking on behalf of HaShem and HaMoshiach Yeshua, but are actually voices of another.

My son, pay attention to my wisdom;

incline your ear to my understanding;

² so that you will preserve discretion

and your lips keep watch over knowledge.

³ For the lips of a woman who is a stranger drop honey,

her mouth is smoother than oil;

⁴ but in the end she is as bitter as wormwood,

sharp as a double-edged sword.

⁵ Her feet go down to death,

her steps lead straight to Sh’ol;

⁶ she doesn’t walk the level path of life —

her course wanders all over, but she doesn’t know it.

Please note that any voice other than the voice of HaShem is like the honey that comes from the lips of a strange woman. The enticing words of other faiths and belief systems can seem wonderful, but they are in fact bitter as wormwood. One must be on guard against such approaches as they are as smooth as oil. They can quietly and slowly ooze into our lives. I

am persuaded that as the coming of HaMoshiach approaches we are going to face more and more deception and the need to be aware vital.

It is heartbreaking to engage with people who seem to have a genuine love for the Holy One of Israel but refuse to contemplate the Torah. These people have been deceived into relationships with “strange women”. We are told this strange woman doesn’t walk the path of life, but instead her steps lead to Sh’ol. Many have walked and are walking what appears to be a path paved with genuine Gold, but sadly is a path paved with fool’s gold, leading down to Sh’ol. How fortunate we are that it is HaShem Who has the final say on all these matters. He and He alone knows all facts associated with these matters. The best we can hope to do is lead people to His “Healing Waters” and encourage them to drink there from. These “Healing Waters” are none other than HaMoshiach and Torah. Trying to have One without the other is like trying to drink from a mirage in the desert. It may look the real deal, but on closer inspection you find that it is not.

It is worth noting that the writer of Proverbs says that her lips are, “*as sharp as a two edged sword*”. There are of course other references to a “two edged sword”, that we are well aware of.

¹² See, the Word of God is alive! It is at work and is sharper than any double-edged sword — it cuts right through to where soul meets spirit and joints meet marrow, and it is quick to judge the inner reflections and attitudes of the heart. ¹³ Before God, nothing created is hidden, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great cohen gadol who has passed through to the highest heaven, Yeshua, the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we acknowledge as true. ¹⁵ For we do not have a cohen gadol unable to empathize with our weaknesses; since in every respect he was tempted just as we are, the only difference being that he did not sin. ¹⁶ Therefore, let us confidently approach the throne from which God gives grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace in our time of need. Hebrews 4:12-16 [CJB]

*“I turned round to see who was speaking to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, in the middle of them, one **like a Son of man**, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a **belt of gold**. **His head and his hair were white with the whiteness of wool, like snow, his eyes like a burning flame, his feet like burnished bronze** when it has been refined in a furnace, and **his voice like the sound of the ocean**. In his right hand he was holding seven stars, out of his mouth came a sharp*

sword, double-edged, and his face was like the sun shining with all its force.” Revelation 1:12-16 [NJB]

If a sharp two edged sword is used on someone, then we can expect a change to the original. All the above scripture quotes are trying to make a very strong point by using the terms, “sharp, sword, two edged, cut, joints, marrow,” etc. The writer of Proverbs is trying to show us how dangerous it is to become entangled with “strange women”. Yes he is talking about a physical woman, but it also alludes to “spiritual falsehood”.

Then came one of the angels with the seven bowls; and he said to me, “Come, I will show you the judgment of the great whore who is sitting by many waters. ² The kings of the earth went whoring with her, and the people living on earth have become drunk from the wine of her whoring.” ³ He carried me off in the Spirit to a desert, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast filled with blasphemous names and having seven heads and ten horns. ⁴ The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet and glittered with gold, precious stones and pearls. In her hand was a gold cup filled with the obscene and filthy things produced by her whoring. ⁵ On her forehead was written a name with a hidden meaning,

BAVEL THE GREAT

*MOTHER OF WHORES AND OF
THE EARTH’S OBSCENITIES*

⁶ I saw the woman drunk from the blood of God’s people, that is, from the blood of the people who testify about Yeshua.

On seeing her, I was altogether astounded. ⁷ Then the angel said to me, “Why are you astounded? I will tell you the hidden meaning of the woman and of the beast with seven heads and ten horns that was carrying her. Revelation 17:1-7 [CJB]

It is without doubt that all Children of biblical Israel are to shun the deceiving and lying lips of strange women.

The Word of Yeshua is sharper than any two edged sword! What is the Word of Yeshua HaMoshiach? The Word of HaMoshiach is none other than the Torah of HaShem as given to Moshe, thus called the Torah of Moshe. Allow me to make a statement that many may find offensive but none the less true. Any one that tells you that the Torah is no longer valid for believers in HaMoshiach is relaying the words spoken by a “strange woman”. Please consider the following quote taken from the comments

found in the New Jerusalem Bible referring to the above passage taken from Revelation 1:16.

“In his power [his ‘right hand’] he holds the seven churches [the ‘stars’, see v, 20]; he is prepared to sentence faithless Christians to death [the ‘double-edged sword’]....”

When we consider this, we must ask the question what is a “faithless” Christian? I anticipate most Christians would answer along the lines, “that a faithless Christian is one who does not follow Jesus”. So then we need to ask, “What does following Jesus entail”? Well we know it is NOT adhering to the deceptive lies of a “strange woman”. It is adhering to the Holy Torah, the very instructions HaShem has set down for all of His Children to follow and embrace.

The words the writer of Proverbs writes are the instructive words of The Father. The very words Yeshua Himself followed and commanded His Talmidim to follow. We will be judged by the Word, thus we await either a positive judgement or a negative judgement. Remember the nation of Israel has always been judged according to our obedience to Torah. This will never change, so if you believe you belong to the nation of Israel, should you not be embracing the Torah? For a child of Israel to embrace teachings outside of Torah is faithlessness. Again I have to ask the question. Do you embrace the Sabbath or Sunday? Do you embrace Christmas or Yom Teruah? Do you embrace Easter or Pesach? Do you embrace the appointed times of our Father or the appointed times of “men”? These are very important questions, because it reflects on whether you are embracing the words from a strange woman or the Word of HaShem, the Holy One of Israel.

We must not underestimate the alluring invitation of a “strange woman”. Millions if not billions of Christians say they are walking in the footsteps of Jesus, yet refuse to embrace Torah. What these folk are doing is walking in the footsteps of a mirage, as Yeshua [the biblical Moshich] is the living Torah and His footsteps are the imprint of Torah.

Let us remind ourselves of the plea from our Father.

“My son, pay attention to my wisdom; incline your ear to my understanding; so that you will preserve discretion and your lips keep watch over knowledge”.

As Children of Israel we must receive our wisdom from HaShem. There is no other valid choice, as all other choices and voices will lead you down to Sh'ol. These are not my thoughts or expressions; it is the Word of HaShem.

May the words of Joshua ring in our ears; "Choose today whom you are going to serve". This statement rings just as true today as it did in Joshua's time. I can only pray that you shun the enticing lips of strange women and choose to follow in the wise counsel of HaShem, embracing His Holy Torah and Moshiach Yeshua.

May the grace, love and wisdom of HaShem and Yeshua HaMoshiach be with you!