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Vayyetzei

(and departed)

B'reshit [Genesis] 28:10-32:3

In English Bibles – Genesis 28:10-32:2

הַבְּרִית הַחֲדָשָׁה

HaB'rit HaChadashah

(the new covenant)

Yielding to YHWH

Acts 7:51

“You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Set-apart Spirit; you are doing just as your fathers did.”

The Scriptures are full of examples written for our instruction on how we have been stiff-necked and hard-hearted towards YHWH our Elohim, not listening to nor obeying His Voice. This is where we need to learn to live, being tender-hearted towards YHWH our Elohim so that when He speaks to us we not only hear what He is saying to us, but then we also obey His word to us.

This is why when Yeshua left, He sent to us another One to help us, and to teach us, and guide us, so that we would know how to walk in this world in a manner that is pleasing to our heavenly Father.

Yochanan (John) 16:8

“And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment.”

Are you convicted concerning your own sin, His righteousness and the judgment that every man will face? Yeshua taught us that His Spirit will convict all men of these truths. However, only those who yield to Him will acknowledge these truths and repent of their evil ways and submit to His sovereign will

in their lives. Those who do not submit will ultimately be cast out of His kingdom and be shut out with the dogs.

Romans 10:14

How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

Once a person has yielded to His will and His Spirit he then is to go and tell others about his King. Do you realize that there are some people in this world to whom you are the only person that will ever tell about Yeshua? But do you also realize that in some cases those you are telling cannot hear your words for your life speaks so much louder? The most effective witness that a person can have is his life. It is only when a person is fully yielded to YHWH our Elohim and His manifest Spirit in us that one can truly live a set-apart life for Him.

Ivrim (Hebrews) 3:7-8

7 Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says,

“Today if you hear His Voice,

8 Do not harden your hearts as when they provoked Me, as in the day of trial in the wilderness,”

YHWH is speaking to you today through His Spirit. Do not do those things that make it hard for you to hear His Voice. If you do not know what it is that makes it hard for you individually to hear Him, then don't you think that it is time that you found out? Once you have discovered what it is that makes it hard for you to hear Him, then you can stop doing that which is a hindrance to your relationship with Him.

Please note that in the above passage we learn that those who hardened their hearts towards YHWH, provoked Him to wrath. I would think that it would not be a wise thing to provoke the Creator of all things, since He has the power and the authority to do something about it and no one can say to Him that He should stay His hand.

We should be careful to diligently listen for His Voice and then obey Him.

Ivrim (Hebrews) 3:12-15

12 Take care, brethren, lest there should be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart, in falling away from El Chay.

13 But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called “Today,” lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

14 For we have become partakers of Mashiach, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end;

15 while it is said,

“Today if you hear His Voice, do not harden your hearts, as when they provoked me.”

When was the last time that you actually got quiet before YHWH and just listened; you didn't say anything, you just waited upon Him? Is He not the Master? Why do we think that we can always be telling Him what to do and how to do it? As a good servant waits upon his master to speak with directions, should we not also wait upon YHWH our Elohim for His instructions and then move to obey those instructions once He has given them?

Ivrim (Hebrews) 4:11

Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall through following the same example of disobedience.

Sin is deceitful beyond anything we could ever imagine. Sin seeks to justify its actions and methods into something that seems righteous and pious. Sin will take a person down a road that ultimately ends in one's destruction.

However, when we enter into His rest, then we can live a life now as well as in the world to come of wholeness and completeness. We can dwell in the shalom of YHWH every day and every moment of every day. What does it take to dwell in such a place?

To enter into His rest simply takes hearing and obeying His Voice in all things great and small. When a person does this, then He is in complete shalom with YHWH. There is no better place to live than to live right there!

Qorintyah Bet (2nd Corinthians) 6:1-2

1 And working together with Him, we also urge you not to receive the grace of Elohim in vain –

2 for He says, "At the acceptable time I listened to you, and on the day of salvation I helped you."

Behold, now is "the acceptable time," behold, now is "the day of salvation"

Furthermore, there is never a more appropriate time to begin entering into His rest than right now today! If a person thinks that there is something that he has to do before he enters into His rest, then the deceitfulness of sin has already deceived him and his heart is already in the process of being hardened. Which means that he is already provoking YHWH. That is not a good place to be, brethren. If that is the case, then the only remedy is true and complete repentance right now. Don't wait for anything or anyone. For waiting only allows sin to further harden one's heart and once a heart is hardened past a certain point there is no repentance as Pharaoh discovered the hard way. Don't be like Pharaoh and refuse to listen to the Voice of YHWH our Elohim; listen and submit to His Voice and begin obeying His Voice right now today!

Ivrim (Hebrews) 10:15-16

15 And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says YHWH; I will put My Torah upon their heart, and upon their mind I will write them."

The good news is that when we truly submit to Him, then He will come to us via the Set-apart Spirit and He will give us a new heart and then He will write His Torah upon our new heart. Then one's obedience is from a heart filled with His love and Torah. What a wonderful blessing that is!

Yochanan (John) 16:13

“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.”

It is His Spirit in us that teaches us all truth. We do not need to have another person teach us, for He is our teacher and we are all brothers in Mashiach Yeshua. Let us look to Him for His truth and stop depending upon other men and elevating them beyond what we should!

Yochanan Aleph (1st John) 2:27

And as for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.

The only obligation here is that we are anointed or filled with His Spirit. Before His Spirit can abide in us we have to invite Him to fill us with His Spirit. The problem is that so many people have come to Mashiach in repentance of their sin, but then they have never been filled with His Spirit. We absolutely need to be filled with His Spirit if we are going to live a Spirit-filled life. Why not yield to Him today and ask Him to fill you with His Spirit?

Yochanan (John) 14:26

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.”

His Spirit will only come in the name of Yeshua. If we do not seek to be filled with His Spirit through Yeshua our Mashiach, then we have not sought to be filled with His Spirit.

Galatians 5:16

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

Once we are filled with His Spirit, then we need to live our everyday lives in such a way that this is confirmed in everything that we do and everything that we say.

Colossians 3:2

Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

We need to stop walking according to the ways of this world and walk according to His Spirit. We need to set our minds upon His will. We do not want to walk according to our own will, setting our minds on the things of this earth.

Sh'muel Aleph (1st Samuel) 15:22

And Sh'muel said, "Has YHWH as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the Voice of YHWH? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams."

Once we are filled with His Spirit, then we need to remember that obedience to His Voice is more important than sacrifice. Basically what this means is that we need to be so intimate with Him that when we do hear His Voice, regardless of what He tells us to do, we do it in the same way that Avraham went to offer up Yitzchak as a burnt offering. YHWH was well pleased with Avraham's obedience and did not require this of his hand and sent His messenger to stay his hand from doing any harm to his son.

But the thing that we need to understand in this is that even after Avraham had received the command from YHWH, He did not stop listening for His Voice. Even throughout all that which he did in obedience to His command to him, he never stopped listening for His Voice. And the moment that YHWH said to stop, Avraham simply stopped and then obeyed the new commandment.

Do we listen this well in all things?

Yochanan (John) 5:19

Yeshua therefore answered and was saying to them, "Amein, amein, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner."

This is our goal that has been set before us. We are to become like our Master Yeshua in that He only did what He saw His Father doing. Likewise, this is what we are to desire and work towards in our own lives, to do only that which is pleasing to our heavenly Father.

ABBA YHWH, please complete the image of Your Son Yeshua in us that we may be like Him in all things; in the name of Yeshua our Mashiach we ask. Amein.

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