

New Morning Magical – for 7-15-20

What did Yeshua leave us before He died?

We ended yesterday in Paul's description of what or whom He chooses so that no flesh at all should be boasting. Here's what Paul writes to the ecclesia in Corinth about his own appearance to them on his first visit:

1 Corinthians 2

1 And I, coming to you, brethren, came not with superiority of word or of wisdom, announcing to you the testimony of God,

Isn't that a great term: "The testimony of God"!

2 for I decide not to perceive anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

3 And I came to be with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling,

4 and my word and my heralding were not with the persuasive words of human wisdom, but with demonstration of spirit and of power,

5 that your faith may not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Neither Barbara nor I come to God's word, much less share it with you, with any shred of pride. We don't KNOW more than you; we've just maybe lived in it more than you. The best we can do is lean on Yeshua's words to His disciples in John 17:17: *"I will hallow you by My truth. My word is truth."*

When I looked up that verse to get it right, I went all through chapter 17, which took me back up into 16, which took me into chapter 15 and eventually all the way into chapter 14, and I realized that all of this is what Yeshua spoke to the 11 of His disciples, who had remained faithful. It contains His last words to them and His prayer to the Father on their behalf before He was taken from the garden of Gethsemane by the Jews and then to His death.

So we're going to read this together today and look into what Yeshua imparted to them and for them, and by extension, to and for us. These chapters, John 14, 15, 16, and 17, contain the heart of Yeshua toward His disciples, and by extension, His heart toward we who are believing today.

Yeshua knows what is about to happen, and He can see that His disciples are understandably troubled.

John 14

1 "Let not your heart be disturbed. Believe in God, and believe in Me.

2 In My Father's house are many abodes; yet if not I would have told you, for I am going to make ready a place for you.

3 And if I should be going and making ready a place for you, I am coming again and I will be taking you along to Myself, that where I am, you also may be."

Yeshua here is saying in different words what Paul told the Thessalonians in **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**:

16 for the Lord Himself will be descending from heaven with a shout of command, with the voice of the Chief Messenger, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ shall be rising first.

17 Thereupon we, the living who are surviving, shall at the same time be snatched away together with them in clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. And thus shall we always be together with the Lord.

Yeshua continues in **John 14**:

4 "And where I am going you are aware, and of the way you are aware."

5 Thomas is saying to Him, "Lord, we are not aware whither Thou art going, and how can we be aware of the way?"

6 Jesus is saying to him, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one is coming to the Father except through Me."

It's worth noting here that Yeshua is the only person ever to utter those precise words. Not Confucius, Not Buddha, Not even Mohammed! Let's not be deluded into the notion that, "There are many ways to heaven." That is as much a lie as the first lie in the Garden of Eden when the serpent said to Eve, "You shall not surely die." This is the great deception that has been carried throughout this eon and given birth to all manner of mysticism and false belief that death isn't really death. The Old Testament Jews knew that death was final until a day of resurrection. The rest of the world, however, was, and continues to be completely blind to Yeshua's simple words: *"I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one is coming to the Father except through Me."* There are NOT many ways to the Father; there is one, and it's through Yeshua. PERIOD.

He goes on now in verse 7

7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also. And henceforth you know Him and have seen Him."

8 Philip is saying to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficing us."

9 Jesus is saying to him, "So much time I am with you, and you do not know Me, Philip! He who has seen Me has seen the Father, and how are you saying, 'Show us the Father'?"

10 Are you not believing that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The declarations which I am speaking to you I am not speaking from Myself. Now the Father, remaining in Me, He is doing His works.

11 "Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me; yet if not, believe Me because of the works themselves."

This is a good place to dispel the myth that the Father and the Son, Yeshua, are the SAME entity. They aren't. Yeshua never says that He is the Father or that the Father is Him! When we twist His words to make Him and the Father out to be the same person, we do such a disservice to both, because the Father and the Son are obviously different beings by their own words! And then Christians came along and added the Holy Spirit as a third PERSON to arrive at the idea of a Trinity? It just gets more and more silly and confusing, and no wonder people have trouble relating to the Father and to Yeshua! In the Methodist church we sang a hymn that contained the words, "God in three persons, Blessed Trinity." The so-called trinity does not show up in the Scriptures ANYWHERE! It's a Christian invention! God is not confused, nor is he confusing; neither is Yeshua. The Father and the Son are different beings, and the Holy Spirit, in Hebrew the Ruach Hakodesh ("The Spirit of Holiness), is simply the Father's expression that fills in for Yeshua while we're on Earth and He's in the Heavens with the Father. He'll will tell us about all this later on.

He continues now in verse 12:

12 "Verily, verily, I am saying to you, he who is believing in Me, the works which I am doing he also will be doing, and greater than these will he be doing, for I am going to the Father.

13 And whatever you should be requesting in My name, this I will be doing, that the Father should be glorified in the Son.

14 If you should ever be requesting anything of Me in My name, this I will be doing."

This phrase, "In my name," is another point of confusion in Christendom. Invariably, Christians end a prayer with, "In Jesus Name," as if they're saying the magic words that cover everything. It's not important to get into a big theological debate, because Yeshua's words convey the sense of location INSIDE Him. In fact, the original text reads "inside My Name."

When we request anything of the Father or of Yeshua, the only way to do it properly, reverently, thoughtfully, and not have it just be like a wish list, is to locate ourselves inside Christ, inside Who He is, inside His nature and inside this most intimate relationship with Him. In that space, our requests will not be frivolous or selfish. We will ask for what the Father already desires for us all along.

Let's continue now.

15 "If you should be loving Me, you will be keeping My precepts.

16 And I shall be asking the Father, and He will be giving you another consoler, that it, indeed, may be with you for the eon --

17 the spirit of truth, which the world can not get, for it is not beholding it, neither is knowing it. Yet you know it, for it is remaining with you and will be in you."

There it is, the Ruach HaKodesh, the spirit of holiness, or holy spirit. (Read 16 and 17 again.)

18 "I will not leave you bereaved; I am coming to you.

19 Still a little and the world is beholding Me no longer, yet you are beholding Me. Seeing that I am living, you also will be living.

20 In that day you shall know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you."

If you got confused on that section, hang on because He clarifies His meaning when one of the disciples asks about Yeshua's meaning. First, verse 21:

21 "He who has My precepts and is keeping them, he it is who is loving Me. Now he who is loving Me will be loved by My Father, and I shall be loving him and shall be disclosing Myself to him."

22 Judas (not Iscariot) **[this is a different Judas]** is saying to Him, "Lord, and what has occurred that Thou art about to be disclosing Thyself to us and not to the world?"

23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone should be loving Me, he will be keeping My word, and My Father will be loving him, and We shall be coming to him and making an abode with him."

Obviously, this is figurative language to communicate a spiritual reality.

24 "He who is not loving Me, is not keeping My words. And the word which you are hearing is not Mine, but the Father's Who sends Me.

25 These things have I spoken to you, remaining with you."

Yeshua did not speak from Himself, but only what the Father showed Him, and Yeshua is saying virtually the same thing here that He said in Verse 10: *“The declarations which I am speaking to you I am not speaking from Myself. Now the Father, remaining in Me, He is doing His works.”*

Let’s move on to verse 26:

26 “Now the consoler, the holy spirit, which the Father will be sending in My name, that will be teaching you all, and reminding you of all that I said to you.

27 Peace I am leaving with you. My peace I am giving to you. Not according as the world is giving to you, am I giving to you. Let not your heart be disturbed, neither let it be timid.

28 You hear that I said to you, ‘I am going, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

29 And now I have declared it to you ere it is occurring, that, whenever it may be occurring, you should be believing.

30 No longer shall I be speaking much with you, for the Chief of the world is coming, and in Me it has not anything.

31 But that the world may know that I am loving the Father, and according as the Father directs Me, thus I am doing, rouse! We may be going hence!”