

New Morning Magical 8-15-20

How good is your vision really?

Let's begin today in 1 Corinthians chapter 13, where Paul explains what love is. He's using the Greek word, agape, here, which you'll recall has some special meanings, including its operation for the sake of accomplishing the Father's purpose. Let's begin now with verse 4:

4 Love is patient, is kind. Love is not jealous. Love is not bragging, is not puffed up,
5 is not indecent, is not self-seeking, is not incensed, is not taking account of evil,
6 is not rejoicing in injustice, yet is rejoicing together with the truth,
7 is forgoing all, is believing all, is expecting all, is enduring all.
8 Love is never lapsing: yet, whether prophecies, they will be discarded, or languages,
they will cease, or knowledge, it will be discarded.

That's quite a list of what love is and is not.

9 For out of an installment are we knowing, and out of an installment are we prophesying.
10 Now whenever maturity may be coming, that which is out of an installment shall be discarded.
11 When I was a minor, I spoke as a minor, I was disposed as a minor, I took account of things as a minor. Yet when I have become a man, I have discarded that which is a minor's.

Verses 8, 10 and 11 have been used by some as a convenient excuse for rejecting the baptism of the Holy Spirit as evidenced by speaking in tongues. They have no experience of the Holy Spirit, of course, much less speaking in languages. People who lack what the Apostle Paul calls THE manifestation of the Holy Spirit, tend to discount its importance, not realizing its potential power in their own lives. Such a shame, particularly since the Holy Spirit is one of the most important benefits that Yeshua won for us, after our salvation.

12 For at present we are observing by means of a mirror, in an enigma, yet then, face to face. At present I know out of an installment, yet then I shall recognize according as I am recognized also.

No matter how clear our physical eyesight may be, our spiritual vision is impaired simply because we live in frail, human bodies that can't transcend this earthly plane, except by the

spirit; even then, we don't get it all. The same goes for the limitations of knowledge that we can acquire. As Paul says, it's only an installment; it's mostly incomplete.

The time is coming, however, when our corruptible, mortal bodies are changed into incorruptible, immortal bodies like Yeshua's upon His return. Then we will see Him face to face; then we will know as we are known. I suspect that all the questions we think we'd want to ask Yeshua when we meet Him, will dissolve along with our mortal bodies, because the minds we have today are tied inextricably to our physical existence, to the life within our blood. When all that dissolves and the new takes its form, our minds, our awareness will change in ways we cannot imagine today. Paul's words, "*yet then I shall recognize according as I am recognized also,*" indicate that our abilities to perceive, to know, and to understand, will become as limitless as Yeshua's.

We'll pick this up again tomorrow, so until then . . .

May Yahweh bless you and keep you;
May Yahweh light up His face toward you
and be gracious to you;
May Yahweh lift His face to you
and appoint peace for you.

AMEN