

3-11-2016 Waiting for a Teacher

**Barb:** PC: Dear Father in Heaven. Thank you for the Sabbath blessing and what you have in store for us during this meeting. We request your inspiration and revelation for spiritual renewal. Thank you for hearing our prayers always and answering us according to our best. In Yahshua's Holy name, Amen

**Barb:** Barb: Amen

**Zahakiel:** Amen.

**Lucan:** Amen

**Barb:** Daphna: Amen

**Gloria-Nattie:** Amen.

**Naraiel:** Amen

**Victoria:** Amen

**Zahakiel:** Happy Sabbath to everyone. Tonight's study, a relatively brief one, is called "Waiting for a Teacher."

This week, we have just come out of a meeting reviewing our past and ongoing evangelism efforts, and we are now engaging in discussion about potential new avenues of outreach. I hope that this will be a vibrant discussion, and one that does not just involve one or two people – those who are usually the initiators of our Church projects – suggesting activities to which others may simply agree.

Evangelism is the work of the Church collectively. It is the responsibility of each individual member to recognize needs and opportunities regarding those within his or her sphere of contact, and with divine wisdom to formulate a plan to facilitate the discussion and acceptance of the Good News about our Heavenly Father.

It is natural that some will be more involved in the planning of these activities than others, but as a Church we are not directed by a president or a conference. Yah dwells in each of His people, and His Spirit is motivation in us to turn the hearts of the earthly children toward that of the Divine Father.

I have referenced this verse before, in which it is written, "And Moses said unto him, 'Enviest thou for my sake? Would Elohim that all Yahweh's people were prophets, and that Yahweh would put His Spirit upon them!'" (Num. 11:29)

In fact, this verse was the focal point of a previous study, All Prophets, in which I examined how this verse is literally fulfilled in the last generation. It is true that there were "some prophets" (Eph. 4:11) in the apostolic Church, and we have certainly had special messengers from that time to this. It is also the case that Joel's book predicts a day when the servants, handmaidens and old men will see visions and have significant dreams. Joel, like Moses, ties the phenomenon of prophecy within the Church to the presence of the Holy Spirit, prefacing his prediction by quoting the Creator, "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh." (Joel 2:28)

I would like to point out an interesting contrast found in that particular verse. The first passage in which that phrase "all flesh" appears is here: "And Elohim looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth." (Gen 6:12)

The first reference to the condition of the Creation in this way takes place at the very beginning, in which we see that it has been corrupted by the entrance of sin, and thus taken on an unholy, rebellious spirit.

In Joel's vision of the very last days, we see this reversed; Yahweh's Holy Spirit is poured out, and in those who receive it, the unholy is purged out, so that an entirely new manner of creation is produced. When the creation is restored to its proper position in the divine order, prophetic events become the norm.

Moses, in desiring all Yah's people to become prophets, indicates that he means they should simply be converted. Everyone that is born again is born of, and filled with, the Spirit. That Holy Spirit IS the Spirit of Prophecy, as non-Trinitarians in particular understand, therefore it cannot be otherwise, than that each individual who receives the Gospel message in its true form, and thus becomes a Christian – and in this age, I must specify a Creation Seventh Day Adventist, for this is where that Gospel is found – is considered a prophet.

Now, all may not have the "role" of a prophet as outlined in the Scripture. The time is not yet, it seems, when we all have significant dreams and visions. Nevertheless, we are given the responsibility of being prophets according to the true importance of that term:

We are the messengers, the mouthpieces, and the means by which Yahweh communicates with mankind to turn them away from sin and toward everlasting life. But how often do we think of ourselves in terms of this great privilege, and this great responsibility?

As it is written, to whom much is given, much is expected, (see Luke 12:48) and we have been given the love of the Father, the life of the Son, and the indwelling power of Their Holy Spirit. In other words, as Peter stated it, "His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue." (2Pet 1:3)

All things have been given to us, and freely we have received them. All things must be given to Them BY us, and they must be freely given. The Father and Son need nothing from us, not temples, or sacrifices, or money...but They have called us to give to Them by giving to others, the least of Their brethren, by taking up our crosses and walking, by helping the ignorant and poor to be knowledgeable and rich in the things of eternity.

This is why all have been called to be priests, and kings, and prophets. We have a song that calls Yahshua "Prophet and Priest and King." We are called to be just like Him, in character, yes...but also in relationship to the people of earth, to be prophets that reveal Yah's will to them, to be priests to intercede for them before the Father until such a time as they put away all sin and cause for intercession, and to be "kings" in the sense that those with more experience should be servants and ministers of those who are approaching and new to the sanctified life.

I sense, however, that some of the natural tendencies of the flesh have not been forgotten, left in the grave as it were, among those who claim the Cross of Christ. Many, who are called to be prophets, are waiting still for an earthly teacher. Many, still, are not confident in Yahshua's Spirit in them to lead them in the right paths.

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Now, none of this is intended in any way to undermine the order that Yah has placed in His Church...there are teachers, and apostles, and various others that our members fill; however, it must be clear that the Bible says these are placed IN the Church for the perfecting of the saints.

The "hierarchy," such as it is, of the Church members pertain exclusively to the relationship among those members. To the world, what does it matter if one is a deacon, or another is an elder? What does it matter to those who are yet unsaved who writes the studies, or who does the missionary work, or who balances the budget, or who supports the workers with tithes and offerings? To the world, we are either speakers of truth, or we are liars like all the others who have compromised with sin and Satan.

Those are the only two significant options.

And if this is the case, and we have been told we are appointed prophets, and priests, and kings, over the world and its people, shall we then wait for an earthly teacher to tell US what to do? Shall we not each pray for inspiration, and work the fields while it is yet day?

Clearly, some projects may be larger than others. Some may require the efforts of several members; some may require financial assistance, and others may require agreement. All should be approved by the Spirit through the members in general, for though our ministries and mission fields may be separate, they are not "independent."

The true Christian, the true evangelist, will have a "Dependent Ministry." It will depend upon the inspiration of Yah, and the cooperation of His people on the earth. It will be a ministry of the Bride, but it will also be the product of individual, sanctified minds and not always the product of the same mind or set of minds.

All are called to be prophets. All are called to be teachers, and if all are to be teachers, then for whom do the teachers wait?

We are willing to be corrected if we err, but we do not – none of us – need to be told what the Gospel is before we can share it with others. If we need to be told what the Gospel is, doesn't this mean we have not learned it before? And if we have not learned it, then we cannot be ministers to others.

But we are here, having repented from the carnal lives of the past, having accepted the sacrifice of Yahshua and the agape-love of Yahweh by faith, having been baptized into their Covenant and their Covenanted People...and this means we know what the Gospel is.

We know it, and therefore, since this "much" has been given to us, exactly this "much" is expected of us. We are to go and tell what we know, to share all that we have learned, and this requires no permission, agreement, or specific instruction. Let none stop, or slow, or hinder in any way, our ability to share the Gospel.

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Yes, larger projects may need special planning, and that is what we hope to do among ourselves in these days...but the goal is always to be the sharing of the Word in love and power, therefore let every idea reflect this goal fully.

Now, as we present ourselves to the light of judgment for healing and instruction, we must ask ourselves, if this is true, "Why have I felt the need to wait for a teacher's specific instructions to share the Gospel?" "Why do I find myself waiting on the ideas of others, rather than letting the Spirit speak to me about my own role in the Work?"

Again, for some this may not be true, or true only to a slight degree...but it is worth looking at the reasons why this may be true, so that if there IS any remaining dirt on our spiritual faces, we can look into this mirror so that it may be wiped away.

I will conclude here for tonight, but next week I would like to go into some detail about these factors, and I have six at this time, why this temptation may present itself, and how, in Yahshua's name, we overcome. For tonight, though, are there any questions or comments on the topic thus far?

**Adriel:** C

**Zahakiel:** All right, if not then I will ask Bro. Luke to close the meeting with a prayer. Oh, go ahead.

**Adriel:** I'm looking forward to the studies. Since we are so few and spread out, this is what is needed. I've been praying and asking Yah to use me however He's sees fit...I'm looking forward to the AFH series and want to step out in faith to use them in a bible study. End

**Lucan:** C

**Zahakiel:** Go ahead.

**Adriel:** and Happy to see Victoria here. 😊

**victoria:** thanks sister

**Lucan:** When I first accepted the victory message, I had no knowledge of Mrs. White's writings and wasn't certain if she was a prophet. The entirety of my knowledge of victory-themed Bible verses, at the beginning, was one. So, with one promise, I decided I needed to start telling people about this. I don't have any regrets about that. Most of the things I didn't know were filled in, in short order, by the experience. What I observed was that, at the beginning, most people would bring up an argument, or verse, or quote, etc. that I hadn't heard of or seen before. And, when I would look at the quote/verse itself, it always made sense in context very quickly; the times it didn't, I would frequently have David or Pastor "on the line" for questioning. I think "witnessing" is waiting for Yahweh to show us an opportunity to speak with someone, and "evangelism" is actively creating opportunities. I would recommend if you aren't certain how Yahweh intends to use you, start doing things / talking to people. The details of "how" tend to fall into order once the commitment is made. <End.>

**Zahakiel:** Right. Thank you for sharing that. And it underscores the point I'm making tonight.

**Elyna:** C

**Zahakiel:** It is always useful to have more experienced Church members provide guidance. That is the "internal structure" I was talking about, and of course you will have some whose gifts lead them to providing things like study series, pamphlets, books, etc. to make their efforts more effective. But these are always to be seen as supporting resources, and not the "core" of our message. Any member, at any time, has power from the Spirit to speak the truth in love, and this is what those in the world need to hear. Even those who are just learning, have useful things to say to start discussions or answer questions.

Go ahead, Sis. Guerline.

**Elyna:** If I may add one other factor into witnessing, is that by doing so, we also learn and the experience is served to settle us into the truth. So witnessing is a good thing both for us and those we are touching. 😊 End

**Lucan:** C

**Zahakiel:** Go ahead

**Lucan:** I agree with that. There's certainly no one present tonight who was a party to my early, educational attempts. 😊 There was a time I felt rather discouraged by the lack of evident results for the efforts made. Binding tares, of itself, doesn't really resonate with me as a motivation; I don't take pleasure in bringing someone judgment. But, as Guerline said, those experiences aren't always just about the individual we are speaking to. Sometimes, the education we get from one individual who rejects the message is just the piece we need for the next person, who may accept it. Even waste fertilizes plants. 😊 <End.>

**Elyna:** 😊

**Peter:** C

**Zahakiel:** Go ahead.

**Peter:** AS I have shared with you few weeks ago about... about my contact and her rejection of the message, I felt bad but Yah had another plan. At work a new cleaner came there two weeks ago and at first I said hello and after that I ask him how is your day going and after that we started exchanging a few sentences. And this week we were talking about health and it was then he said that he is a SDA. I was surprised because at one point he used a colorful word to describe something. I have seen that Yah has placed him on my pathway to administer to him. I have some what in the process of winning his confidence and I pray and also solicit your prayers that Yah's will be done as he use me to do his will. End.

**Zahakiel:** I'll certainly be praying he will be more open to discussion than your last contact, yes.

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**Lucan:** Dear heavenly Father. We thank you for the blessing of these Sabbath hours, our time to come fellowship with you apart from the world we labor in. As we come before you for fresh bread to divide among the masses, we trust that your Spirit will work to multiply the usefulness of the message we have received as we share it with others. And we thank you, knowing that we are filled in the process. In Yahshua's name we pray, amen.

**Zahakiel:** Amen.

**Elyna:** Amen.

**Gloria-Nattie:** Amen.

**Adriel:** Amen

**Peter:** Amen

**Pastor Chick:** Amen.

**Barb:** Amen Daphna: Amen