

Lucan: It's time to begin. Bro. David, will you please offer an opening prayer?

Zahakiel: Let us pray.... Almighty Father in Heaven, we thank you for giving us this time together as a spiritual Family. We rejoice in the blessings of this past week, the indwelling of your Spirit, the protective ministry of your angels, and the outworking of your divine providence. Bless us for the sacred hours ahead of us, and this time of gathering, for we ask this in Yahshua's holy name. Amen.

Lucan: Amen

Adriel777: Amen

Barb: Amen

daphna dee: Amen

Pastor Chick: Amen.

Elyna: Amen

Lucan: There are two sayings in English; one is, "the devil is in the details." The other is, "God is in the detail." Both of these sayings have truth to them, in their proper context.

When examining any creation of Yahweh, the closer and more thoroughly it is looked at, the more perfect the design appears. This is true of the actions taken by His children:

"But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." (John 3:21)

When examining any creation of the world, the closer one looks, the more flawed and imperfect it is revealed to be. This, also, is true of action:

"For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved." (John 3:20)

For those whose lives are the work of Yahweh, it can be truly said that Yah is (revealed) in the details. As Yahshua said, "the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me." (John 14:30)

As a result, regardless of how closely His perfect life was examined, He could ask, "which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?" (John 8:46) If the prince of this world DOES have anything in a person – whether through their citizenship in his kingdom, or an unseen defect yet to be repented of – that, too, is revealed in the details, the seemingly "small" matters of life. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true [riches]? And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?" (Luke 16:10-12)

The lesson here is one of abiding principle. Principles form the character, and character is revealed consistently through the actions, words, and life. "Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof. Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened." (Matthew 13:31-33)

"Small" things, as men regard size, may have large consequences, either for good or for evil. "Large" things, as men regard size, may be rooted in nothing but sand. There is an error in looking to the size or scale of the matter being weighed before us, on any given point of principle.

Men may say, "Oh, Yahweh would not be so small as to care which particular day I worship on." They may say, "Yahweh would not begrudge you if you were to change the particulars of the name He gave you." Instead, they may say, "Look to the larger things - the bigger picture, the devils cast out, the prophecies given, the wonderful works done and blessings received."

"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." (Matthew 7:22-23)

Yahweh does not judge as man judges. The things that seem small with men may be the most significant matters in the universe to Yahweh; the things that men regard as large and significant may be worth less than dust.

What is the consequence of getting such matters wrong? "In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made [each one] for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth." (Isaiah 2:20-21)

We see that ditch well enough, yet there is one on the opposite side of the road. That is the error of taking the details so seriously that the details themselves - rather than the principles underlying them - become the focus.

"Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve

alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:38-42)

Hospitality is a blessing; a diligent spirit is revealed in works of service. Yet we may note the results, the fruit of Martha's service; it caused her to begrudge her sister, and to voice complaint. Service that is brought forth from love is not mixed with complaint or variance, whether that service be to Yah or to man. And why? Because love - the abiding principle, not the service itself - does not allow it.

"Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what [shall] this man [do]? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what [is that] to thee? follow thou me." (John 21:20-22)

We may note that Peter was not given the oversight of his brethren (despite what some may teach), yet sought to have it in this inquiry. We may note that Martha was not asked to cumber herself with much serving, but sought to have Mary do so with her. The spirit that is taken up in details and works, to the neglect of the Spirit from which they flow naturally, will always reveal itself in such a manner.

"For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise." (2 Corinthians 10:12, NKJV)

This is the testimony of those born of the Spirit, who are bound in the unity of the Spirit. Of the Spirit, Yahshua said:

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, [that] shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew [it] unto you." (John 16:7-11, 13, 15)

There are several wonderful promises in this passage. Yahshua, through His Spirit, will guide us into all truth. He will show us things to come. He will reprove the world, that does not have the Spirit, of "sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment."

That, too, is done by the Spirit through us:

"And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee." (Acts 24:24, 25)

We see here Paul's reasoning was of these very subjects; "righteousness," and "judgment," and "sin" - which temperance is the overcoming of.

We have, then, a commission and a promise. We are commissioned to reveal Yahshua to the world in the small things of life, not as those who legalistically check off lists of small things, but as those who, by the indwelling Spirit, fulfill those things as well as the large. Yahshua bore the sins of the world on His shoulders, yet never had an unkind word to speak when provoked. He was due before the God of Heaven when arising from the tomb, yet took the time to fold the garment He had been buried in. This is the promise of character granted to us, and the sure result of diligent self-examination.

Either Yahweh or Satan is revealed in the details. It is our responsibility to review with open hearts which is the case, that we might repent of one, and rejoice in the other. This is the testimony of Yahshua, which we bear:

"Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am [he], and [that] I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him." (John 8:28, 29)

Are there any questions or comments?

Zahakiel: C

Lucan: Go ahead

Zahakiel: Thank you for the study. Actually, a few weeks ago I had written down some notes for one that had a number of points in common with this one... About faithfulness in little things, specifically the folding of garments by Yahshua upon His resurrection... so I am glad to see its principles brought forth here. End.

Lucan: I recall when I first read Desire of Ages, that detail struck me very strongly... I would be blessed to see what other aspects you might have brought forth in that study.



Are there any others? If not, I'll ask David to close with prayer.

Zahakiel: Dear Father in Heaven, We thank you that your Law, and your character, all tend toward balance. Although the world has made your perfect Way seem like an extreme in some aspects, our eyes are upon your Kingdom, brought forth from within your people, and destined to produce a new and perfect world. Bless us with a deeper and more enduring understanding of your Spirit, and Its work within us, producing faithfulness in both small things and great, and seeing with the eyes of faith the blessings that come from knowing those things that you value for eternity. We thank you for the commission you have given us, to speak to the world of righteousness, and judgment, and sin, and we pray that the work of our hands, and the testimony of your Son within us, will bring forth a ripe harvest for your gathering angels. May the remainder of this Sabbath be a blessing in the fellowship of the Spirit, for we ask it in Yahshua's name. Amen.

Barb: Amen

Adriel777: Amen

daphna dee: Amen

Lucan: Amen

Elyna: Amen.