

Zahakiel: Let's begin. Pastor, please offer an opening prayer if you're able.

Barb: PC: Dear Heavenly Father. Thank you once again for another productive week and thank you for this time of refreshing established at the time of creation. May your creative power and your Holy Spirit energize us and teach us eternal treasures which will have lasting consequences for your kingdom. In Yahshua's holy name, Amen

Barb: B: Amen D: Amen

Zahakiel: Amen.

Lucan: Amen

Elyna: Amen.

Pete: Amen.

Adriel: Amen

gadriel: Amen, Amen

Naraiel: Amen

Zahakiel: Happy Sabbath to all. This week's study has the unusual title, "Do It Yourself." It refers to a question that might be asked of Christians with regard to the actions of the Savior to actually... save. It is also a useful consideration for us, since Satan will tempt us to ask this question OF ourselves, in an attempt to persuade us away from engaging in acts of evangelism.

One of the most effective ways that the demons can slow the spread of the Kingdom of Heaven is to convince those who would spread it that they are not worthy, or able, to meaningfully contribute to the work. We have the promises of Scripture that in the hour we need to speak for the Father and Son, the Holy Spirit will give us the words. (Mark 13:11) We have thoughts and feelings to overcome; and this we do in Yahshua in order to place this trust in the Comforter, and we have examples before us in the Old Testament with such figures as Moses resisting the call to labor by saying, "I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue." (Exo 4:10) We know that these moments were faithfully recorded for our edification, not that we should be "like" these sanctified figures, but that we should exceed them in righteousness and holiness.

Now, such thoughts would be blasphemy to those that hold the "saints" in regard, praying to images and believing that some humans are given "more grace" than others. But the Word says that in Christ, all are one; therefore, we have the same opportunities and blessings as Moses, Elijah, Enoch... and we have three major advantages in addition.

The first advantage is knowing the experiences of the heroes of faith, so that we should learn to do better. The second is reading and learning of Yahshua directly through the Gospels – beholding thus the Perfect Example of Yahweh's glory in human form. The third is a clearer understanding of the Holy Spirit, the means by which the Father and Son dwell

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within the believer, (John 14:23) a fact that was not well known even to those educated in the religion of Judaism. (Acts 19:2)

But the second of these advantages is what provides Satan some ground for new temptations. He may say to the one called to evangelism, "You do not measure up to Christ. You cannot do as He has done." He may say, "Yahshua was the perfect Teacher. Why does He call you? Why does He need you? Why, if He loves humanity so much, does He rely on the weak and foolish? Why does He not do this Himself?"

Now, the answer we have given to similar questions in the past is a good answer, but it is only a partial one. We say, "If Yahshua were to appear in His glory, or evangelize with the visible grace of Yahweh, then people would either be overwhelmed through their senses and serve Him because of that, or else they would become fearful of punishment for disobeying such an obviously holy Person, and serve for that reason." In other words, the presence of Yahshua would not be a true test of faith, only a test of what the senses could recognize and the mind could acknowledge.

So, let us consider those two separate answers.

First, if Yahshua were to appear in glory and do it Himself, some would fear and obey without experiencing genuine conversion. While the New Testament does indicate that some may be saved "with fear," (Jude 1:23) we need to be careful with the context. Jude is not saying that fear will save anyone. He is not saying that fear of the experience of Yahweh directly will draw anyone closer to Him. The statement is not a doctrinal declaration; it is actually an instruction. We read, "And of some have compassion, making a difference, and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh." (Jude 1:22, 23)

The individuals who are saved with fear are fearful because they believe our words, because they come to accept the reality of the message presented to them, and it drives them to repentance.

A few weeks ago we spoke about the two kinds of repentance, that which is of the world (mere sorrow for sin and a desire to escape punishment) and that which leads to Godliness. Similarly, the fear here is not an emotion that separates, but a deep conviction of sin, and a desire to be clean before the time of testing ends. It still requires an exercise of faith to believe the warnings and promises of Yahweh, therefore the answer holds – this is not something Yahshua does directly, in His glory, but rather through His messengers.

The second answer is that, just as in His earthly ministry, there are some that would follow Him for the promises of everlasting life, for miracles of healing, and so on. We have called

this the "loaves and fishes" motive, drawing it from the verse: "Yahshua answered them and said, 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.'" (John 6:23)

Now, the feeding of the multitudes was a miracle, but the people did not recognize it as a sign of Yah's favor; rather, all they focused on were the benefits to the flesh, and so they did not "see" the work of Heaven, even though they ate of it.

There are many, in our experience as the Little Flock, who have been blessed by the work that Yah has done for them through His Church... and yet they did not "see" the miracle. They did not acknowledge that it was the love of Yah toward them, inviting them to repentance, faith, and baptism. But as it applies to Yahshua, it is certainly true that, if He appeared bringing healing and miracles, the senses of men would be charmed. In fact, this is exactly how Satan deceives the world, by appearing as the "angel of light" that one might expect, and doing what the senses expect Him to do. While they are dazzled by the false light, the true Brethren are unknown to them, waiting in the wilderness for the true King to appear.

But these two reasons, the fear of punishment and the loaves and fishes, are only a part of the answer, and perhaps not the greatest part. The truth is, at times Yahweh DID cause fear in His people, for it was appropriate in the moment, and there were times when Yahshua DID heal people and cause loaves and fishes to multiply, because it was the time to show the goodness of the Creator.

Adriel: Amen

Zahakiel: Last week, I shared a brief vision of the Divine Courtyard, and I saw clearly, and stated, that none were there merely because of the time, family, or other circumstances, into which they were born. Now, clearly some will have an apparent advantage if they are born to a Christian home, or if they were born in a relatively free country. Yet, each must make a choice to receive the grace of Yahweh that it may be effectual. Each must "die to self" so that Christ may be lived out in them. Here is where the full answer comes in. The real and complete answer includes the obvious ones we have noted before, but goes beyond it as well.

Here is a parable. A stalk of wheat went out to convince the tares in the field that being wheat was better than being a tare. He convinced twelve of them to become wheat, and they did so. He then told them, "Go into the barn and wait for the harvest." He went out again, and convinced a hundred and twenty to become wheat, and when they did so the first stalk again said, "Go and wait in the barn." He did this many times, until the harvest

was over, but when the owner of the barn appeared and opened the door, the barn was less than a quarter full.

I hope the meaning is clear to you. If only one stalk of wheat goes out, regardless of how good it is at convincing the tares, the barn will remain largely empty. And yes, some might say, "That first stalk was the best one at convincing tares." Even IF that were true, there is still only so much it could do before the barn owner appeared. But the fact is, it is not true. Remember the original promise. The Holy Spirit is what gives the believer the words to say. It is the Spirit – it is Christ Himself – that speaks through His people, each with the power and authority of the first.

Adriel: Amen!

Zahakiel: And some will say, "This is arrogant. This is foolish. None can be as great a teacher as Jesus Christ!" But if we are to believe His very own words...well, let us read what He has said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." (John 14:12) This is a verse that is not discussed as much as it ought to be.

Now, here is a testing question. Have we believed this? Have we spoken like we have believed this? Have we acted like we have believed this? Can we look back on our lives and say, "I have done greater works than Yahshua?" If we do not believe that Yahshua lives in us, if we do not believe that He is in us, the hope of glory, we would not be comfortable even considering these questions. And it is not just because there are "more" of us than a single individual why the works are greater.

Each of us, individually, are called to a work as great in quality as the earthly ministry of Christ. We are not divine, except through our connection with Him. We are not sacrificed for the sins of the world – at least, not to the same degree; our sacrifices DO and WILL lead to the salvation of others. And despite the fact that we must be born again, when we are, we are like His first, pure, birth. It is not blasphemy or pride to believe in the promises of the Father and Son. It is not arrogant or deceived to claim the blessings that Heaven has for us, the blessings that overcome the limitations of our flesh, and cause us to do greater deeds than Moses and Abraham. It is time for the world to see a nation of faith's heroes, but that cannot happen for us until we believe that we are truly that nation.

The deceiver will tempt us into giving too much worth to the things of the world, and not enough to the work of performing Yahshua's own ministry in this last generation.

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And to go back to our question, "Why doesn't Yahshua do it Himself?" A Biblically saved people are ready, able, and willing to do the same work. Not only are there more of us, but each is able to speak as well of the Kingdom as Yahshua did.

I tell you this specifically, and I pray it is believed fully: When any one of us speaks of the Gospel, of victory over sin, of the covenant into which the Father and Son wish to draw mankind... when we speak of these things, it would make NO difference to the heart of the hearer if Yahshua Himself had said it to them.

Do we believe that? Do we speak and act as if we believe it? Do we have an invincible testimony that is the natural consequence of that belief that we shall not fail nor be discouraged? These are all ways of asking the same question.

Yahshua makes of His people mediators, exactly as He is the One Mediator between the Father and us. A saved people will take on the spirit, motives, and power of Christ. They do not become Christ; but they become Christ-like, and significantly, they become "like Christ" to those whom they then go out and teach. They will not wait to be commanded, "Go and help others," although the commandment is given that all may know the love of Yahweh for humanity. But they do not wait to hear it. They say, "I want my brethren to be where I am as well." This is a blessing to them, as it allows them to express their love, and also, as a blessed additional effect, if there be any defect of character, laboring in the service of the lost will bring it to light that it might be cast aside.

So then, the work of Yahshua is given to mankind for three reasons. First, men should "fear" Yahweh with reverence, not terror, and if Yahshua should appear as a Divine Judge, this would not be accomplished. Second, men should "love" Yahweh for Himself (as I also said last week) not merely what He can do for them, and if Yahshua should appear as a Divine Healer, this would not be accomplished. The third reason is that the saints must be allowed to express the love that saved them. They must learn to become "like Christ," so that they will be the mediators that stand before the Father, needing no continuous blood in eternity, but having once accepted the Sacrifice, they live through His resurrection – which is forever, and not merely by His death – which was once. And more importantly than "should," they can and do exactly that, for it is the Son that lives within them and speaks of His Father's glory.

Now, consider the meaning of this. If it is true that the believer is filled with the Spirit when they die to self so Yahshua might live through them, then there is NO difference if the Gospel is preached by Bro. David, by Pastor Chick, by Sis. Daphna, Sis. Guerline, or by Christ Himself. It will make not one bit of difference who speaks the truth in love, for if they reject our words, they would have rejected His as well. None will have the excuse, "If I had lived two thousand years ago, if I had heard Him speak directly..." No, that will not be a true testimony; the love of Yahshua ensures that all have the opportunity to hear Him

Speak, and if they will not recognize Him in us now, they would not have recognized the Father in the then-unknown Galilean when He first appeared to His brethren.

Christ cannot, in human form, be everywhere at once; however, He represents Himself – by His Spirit – everywhere. And we, human beings, become agents of Christ through our reception and the manifestation of that Spirit. In other words, Christ does truly represent Himself by His Spirit, and we are the expressions of that Spirit to the world. The Spirit gives us words, and we speak them. The Spirit inspires actions, and we do them.

“The Lord is that Spirit,” (2Cor 3:17) and if we understand the Godhead in the right way, without the influence of pagan fables, then here is a most impressive thought. We are no more, or less, successful in teaching the Gospel than if Christ Himself had spoken it. This does not mean we become careless in our words, and some are indeed called to work in “doctrine,” explaining the finer points of the Word. But it is not often these discussions that draw the heart near; it is not deep theology that leads to the cry, “What must I do to be saved?” Doctrine educates the already-willing soul, and strengthens the believers on the Way... but we are speaking here of showing others the Way when they see only the darkness. It is the revelation of the Character of Christ that accomplishes this miracle, and in this we are all equal, all “One.”

Again, we do not become careless in this knowledge; we must study to show ourselves approved, as it is written, but AS we do this, as we are faithful in the life that Yah has given us, each encounter during which we have the opportunity to share the Gospel will be as successful as the Omnipotent Will makes it.

So, to answer the question, “Why doesn’t Yahshua do it Himself, why doesn’t He come down and teach the world if He loves mankind so much?” We answer: “He does! If you have seen me, you have seen Him, and if you have seen Him, then you have seen the Father. If you have heard us, you have heard His voice.” When we speak this in spirit and in truth, then divinity comes down from Heaven, and speaks to the one who hears us. Then it becomes entirely unimportant who gives the answer, only what the answer is – only WHO the Answer is: Yahshua the Messiah, who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Adriel: Amen!

Zahakiel: Are there any comments or questions about tonight's study?

Elyna: Amen.

Pete: Amen

Elyna: C

Adriel: C

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Zahakiel: Go ahead, Guerline.

Naraiel: Amen

Elyna: It is an interesting study and very simple also. It is one gospel indeed and if we seek to exemplify the love of the Father before the world, our testimony of Him or of his inspired word will be the same. I was just saying to the children this morning in worship while reading Romans 4 that faith and grace of Yahshua and in Him was the same for Moses, Elijah and Enoch. They had the same faith as we must have and accept Yah's grace. It is interesting that you talk of about the same thing. (..) End.

Zahakiel: I think it is important for us to know, of course, and teach others that the figures like Moses and Elijah could do nothing that we cannot do today. Even the epistles point out that Elijah was just like us, with the same temptations and same opportunities to express faith. Go ahead, Jody.

Adriel: Powerful study. I praise Yah for it. I'm reminded that in a situation that happened with my son before his incident that landed him in prison (also due to drinking) I had prayed and asked Yah to give me His words to speak to my son and as I tried to warn him off the path he was going I told him that my voice was the voice of God speaking to Him and pleaded with him to listen. After the latest incident he said that he had "heard me, but then he didn't". I've given the same testimony to others that I tell about his situation. I thank Yah for reminding me, and bringing to a clearer focus that when we speak we are speaking for Him. End. Amen to what Sis Guerline said. End

Zahakiel: Ok 😊 Are there any others with thoughts to share?

Lucan: Q

Zahakiel: Go ahead.

Lucan: I don't recall being asked "why doesn't Yahshua do it Himself" before; is that something specific that came up recently? <End.>

Zahakiel: It isn't anything specifically that I have been asked. I think that the question tends to be asked in a more subtle way than that...it could even be, "Why doesn't Yah call someone else to do what He is asking me to do?" It all goes back to the idea that someone is more qualified and the way I have worded the question is the clearest expression of the spirit behind all such temptations and doubts.

Barb: PC: C

Lucan: C

Zahakiel: Go ahead.

Barb: (Let Luke go ahead)

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Zahakiel: Go ahead, Luke.

Lucan: In my experience, someone else being more qualified is often the very reason someone else is called. Yahweh seems to prefer vessels that show His strength more than their talent. <End.>

Zahakiel: Yes, that is certainly true, and there is the verse that says Yah will use the weak and foolish to confound the wise and the strong. Go ahead, Pastor.

Barb: PC: I have recently encountered what is an apparent parallel to what Yahshua experienced, at least to some degree. There is a fairly educated Catholic sub-county chief here who I knew when I was last here and very recently we have been involved in some business arrangements. That is, I have purchased some trees from him and in the meantime, he took an interest in our natural health treatments because of some ailments he had. (He is a man in his early 40s) After realizing the benefits of our counsel and treatments, he has confessed that I know what I am doing in the field of health but because I have not been educated in the "school of the prophets" (seminary, etc.), I am not qualified to be a pastor. Of course, this is just the voice of Satan to flatter me on one hand and discourage me on the other. We have to be aware that people who are not interested in the Truth will accept anything they can GET from us while disclaiming our royalty. <End>

Zahakiel: Right.

Adriel: C

Zahakiel: Go ahead.

Adriel: Praise Yah for the positive testimony for natural health treatments. 😊 End

Barb: PC: C

Zahakiel: Go ahead.

Barb: It is further interesting that, so far, in Uganda we have not been required to provide any certifications of our natural health education. Our acceptance by officials and the community has been based exclusively on the fruits of our labor and so, in this respect, we are having a different experience from what we would have in America for which we can be thankful. <End>

Naraiel: Amen

Adriel: Amen

Zahakiel: Amen. It is good that evidence is still valued over policies in some places 😊

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Elyna: Amen.

Zahakiel: All right, if there are no others with thoughts to share, I will ask Bro. Luke to offer a closing prayer.

Barb: PC: Praise Report

Lucan: Dear heavenly Father. We thank you for the great calling you have given us, to be your messengers and ambassadors in the earth. We thank you that you further have promised to be with us each step, providing us the opportunities, the power, and the words to perform your work. We are blessed to take part in a work that is truly being done by Your Son within us. And we ask that your Spirit continue to go out and come in with us as we seek to bring others into your Barn. In the name of Yahshua we pray, amen.

Peter_JR_1718: Amen.

Barb: B: Amen D: Amen PC: Amen

Naraiel: Amen

Adriel: Amen

Pete: Amen

Elyna: Amen

Zahakiel: Amen

Naraiel: Amen y Amen.

Zahakiel: Please go ahead and share the praise report, Pastor.

Barb: PC: Since we have been away from this area, the sick people have not been coming like they were when we were here before. We were seeking ways to inform the public of our return and one of our new workers suggested radio. He had some connections with an obscure FM station so we purchased three days of announcements for a small sum. We garnered very little benefit from that and someone said we should go on "Voice of Muhabura" which broadcasts widely with powerful transmitter reaching even into Rwanda. It has been known that because they are popular and powerful they also charge heavy fees for services. I went there with a PSA written out hoping to achieve some free services from them but being prepared to pay those necessary fees. Providentially, the station manager and his assistant marketing person came on site before I departed. We had a long discussion, during which they interviewed me informally and discovered a great deal about me and about our work and to my great delight and surprise toward the end of our conversation, the manager said "The manager has decided to give you one week of free announcements." Then he said that we will check the impact and if we decide to continue on with their services we can talk business. 😊

Adriel: Praise Yah! 😊

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Zahakiel: Very nice 😊

Naraiel: 😊

Lucan: Nice. 😊 When will it be broadcast?

Barb: PC: We have received some nice impact from those announcement in only two days so far.

Elyna: Nice 😊

Barb: It began 2 - 3 days ago.

Lucan: Oh, great! I remember that radio ad you did in Rwanda got a good turnout; hopefully this'll be more of the same.

Barb: We have decided to re-hire two previous clinic workers in order to extend our treatment hours to 6 days per week.

Adriel: Very nice 😊

Barb: When we first opened the clinic in Nyakabande, we experienced 60 - 90 clients in one day. Maybe that will happen again.

Adriel: Wow

Barb: PC: We have received warm welcome from the local government officials, and I have made contact with a couple of influential persons regarding our application for residency here. Please pray that Yah will open the door to bring about this permanency here. PC: We are currently inundated with a chorus of birds singing praises to the Father and Son. This is our general experience about this time every morning.

Adriel: Amen!

Barb: It is, to me, as close to the Garden of Eden on this present planet as I can imagine.

Adriel: 😊

Naraiel: 😊 Have a good night. Yah bless. I am leaving for now.

Adriel: Yah bless. I will say goodnight, and good day also. 😊 Yah Bless