

Zahakiel: Let's begin. Pastor, please offer an opening prayer.

Pastor Chick: Dear Father in Heaven. We thank You for bringing us to this holy time. May we receive the benefits we desire from your faithful Spirit. In Yahshua's holy name, Amen.

Gloria: Amen.

daphna dee: Amen

Adriel: Amen

Zahakiel: Amen.

Lucan: Amen

Peter_Jr_18: Amen.

Elyna: Amen.

Barb: Amen

Naraiel: Amen

victoria: Amen, amen, Amen

Zahakiel: Happy Sabbath to everyone. Tonight's study is called "The Second Day in Heaven" and, although I had already written notes for it before attending Bro. Luke's study last week, it is a fitting follow-up to many of the principles that he presented.

The earthly leader of Israel during the Exodus, Moses, saw a vision while he was leading the chosen nation out of Egyptian slavery. Of this event he recorded the following: "And Yahweh spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering. Of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering. And this is the offering which ye shall take of them: gold, and silver, and brass, [and other precious material].' "And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.'" (Exo 25:1-3, 8-9)

When Moses was standing with Yah on the mountain, (Exo 25:40) he did far more than simply receive the stones on which were engraved the Ten Commandments. Receiving two tablets is the work of a few minutes, but Moses was with Yahweh for forty days. (Exo 24:18) It is true that a part of the reason for this extended visitation was to test Israel's resolve, and in the matter of the golden calf they revealed that they were not prepared to receive Yah's holy things. There were other reasons as well, however, for the long duration.

Of all the various messengers and prophets the Bible mentions, Moses is the one about whom we know the most regarding his preparation for the task. As a young man, Moses was educated in Egypt, the place of greatest learning for that age. As a middle-aged man, he tended his father-in-law's sheep for forty years, learning the countryside, the rigors of living outdoors, and the patience required to lead a flock from place to place. So important was the task before him, though, that Yah gave His servant an additional forty days of intense communion, conveying to him those things he would need for the last forty years of

his life. One of the most critical of these was the pattern and method for constructing the Tabernacle, which was to represent Yah's presence on earth with His people.

The Tabernacle in Heaven is Yah's dwelling-place, in which the Shekinah, the Divine Presence, may be found. Everything about this structure and its associated instruments represents some aspect of Yah's nature. There are the altars, the curtain separating the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place, the table of shewbread, the seven-bowled candlestick, and of course the Ark of The Covenant itself. The instructions for the creation of these were not only told to the prophet in words, but also shown to him directly. This is one of the reasons why, despite the considerable amount of time spent in describing each of these items in Exodus, artists' and historians' depictions of them vary widely.

Moses himself oversaw the construction of the original holy objects, and was able to directly relate the shape and appearance of each to the workmen. In a sense, it is a blessing that we do not know exactly what they looked like. Just as Moses' body was hidden upon burial, lest the people worship his remains, so exact replicas of the sacred instruments might inspire reverence over the years for the shapes of the objects themselves, and not what they represented. Can you imagine what people might do with the stones on which the 10 Commandments are written if they were discovered today? I am certain it would not make them any more likely to actually keep any in letter and spirit.

What we see from this is that when Yah desires to have something done on earth, something important, He will describe it verbally, but He will also inspire a vision if necessary, so that no detail is left to chance. He will then choose the right people that will bring forth the intended interpretation, and then He will call upon those whom He has chosen to make sacrificial offerings to bring it into the world.

What I would like to do tonight is to show you a vision, to share with you a pattern, so that when Yah calls you to bring it into the world, and He is calling already, you know what to do.

This is not a physical building, for which we should give up gold and precious materials. It is a vision of the thing that this Tabernacle and its various instruments represented – the very face of the Creator Himself. Yah has shown Himself to humanity in various ways. He has never shown human beings a physical representation of His face, because nothing accurate enough to be meaningful could be endured by our senses. Yet He has shown several people symbolic or mystical representations of His face, and in just such a way He spoke with Moses "face-to-face" as a friend. (Exo 33:11)

This is the important thing for our purposes, to understand our Father, because it is with the "face" that we convey our personality and emotions. It is by beholding the face of our Father that we enter His presence, and become one with Him. So, how shall we see our

Father's face tonight? The Spirit reveals it to those who look, and it is accomplished by seeing Him AS a Father, as our Father.

I have given this study unusual name, because this really represents what our relationship with our Father must be like. I have called it "The Second Day in Heaven," but I am using the phrase "second day" loosely. By this phrase, I simply mean what happens "next" after we arrive in the Kingdom made manifest.

From what inspired messengers have seen, and written, the final events of human history will be fittingly dramatic. The earth will have already been destroyed spiritually, and the Remnant will be just that – the very last part of humanity that still bears the image of Yah in which we were originally created. It is the very last little group that still calls upon the name of Yah in spirit and in truth, although a great many others may be calling upon Him in vain in that day. The earth will be filled with religions, as it always has been...but will the Son of Man actually find "faith" there?

The Remnant will be commandment-keeping people, in the letter and the Spirit, and they will fulfill every instruction given to humanity, from Adam in the Garden of Eden to John the Revelator on Patmos. In Spirit and Truth, they will be men and women as Yah intended them to be, and as such, they will be Creation Seventh Day Adventists in both profession and practice. Because they are friends with Yah, they will have made themselves enemies of the Beast; and this will be, at that time, wholly his world. Satan's principles, carried forward by human hands, will have become the last enemy of the Father, the Son, and Their people, and obedience by force will be the nature of the new world. Those who worship the beast will believe they are free...because they are free indeed, to surrender to every impulse of the flesh. And yet, were they to awaken to the Spirit, and seek to fulfill Yah's desire upon the earth, they would find themselves outcasts, subject to the same oppression that they support with either enthusiasm or consent when it is applied to the genuine Christian.

Those who worship Yah may not "feel" particularly free in terms of the things of the world. The world and its policies has already made it difficult for us to do good to others, whether it is sending international support to our mission fields, or even obtaining "official" permission to conduct our ministries. It is only by the blessings of the Father, and the ministry of His angels, that the narrow way to do the divine will is kept open... and we must "work hard," with regard to physical, mental and even legal labor, to walk that narrow path.

But in all this distress, which will become an intense time of trouble, Yahshua appears. He is sent by the Father to raise up His faithful children. He is sent to raise the loyal dead, and translate those still living, into the glorified bodies suitable to inherit the Kingdom. He

lights the world with His Love, and those who – without righteousness – thought they knew divine Love are slain by its brightness. They will learn, when it is far too late, how terrible “goodness” is to those who are lovers of sin. The two cannot intermingle, for when light appears, darkness is always destroyed.

With great glory, with great joy, with overwhelming gratitude, the saints of Yah see their hardest decisions, and their most agonizing choices, vindicated. Despite the pressure from their friends, families, and loved ones, they rejected the temptations of the world, and they remained firm as steel to principle. With wonder, they behold the Son of Man coming in the clouds, and all pain, all sorrow, all the pressure that we never even knew we felt, falls away.

You know, a fish that lives at the bottom of the ocean does not realize how much pressure its body is under... so much that if it were to be brought to the surface, it would literally burst. In just such a way, all the pressure of this world is taken away from us, to which we have been adapted from birth, and if we were not given new bodies in that moment, in that twinkling of an eye, we could not endure the joy of being truly free. We have simply never felt anything like it. Eye has not seen, the mind has not imagined, and the soul has never experienced, those things that our Father has prepared for us. But Yahshua the Redeemer gives us bodies, glorious bodies, capable of enduring the joy and glory of His presence, and the old perfection that we had long surrendered in Adam’s transgression.

I hope you see yourself in this vision. I hope you identify so strongly with those whom I am describing... that your life is transformed forever into this vision that you are seeing, if it has not been transformed already by the Spirit that has been sent to rest upon you.

Let us see a bit more, then. After we are taken, and changed, and filled with joy, we are brought to the Third Heaven, where we will see the Twelve Gates, one for each spiritual Tribe that has always existed, even before Jacob’s day. We will behold streets of gold that look transparent for their brightness. We shall see the Symbol and the Reality side by side, the Son guiding us through the City to the Tree of Life, which He also is... and we shall see the Throne and the Tabernacle, which are both the Dwelling-place of the Father’s Presence, in one place as the King by the Son, and in another place as the Priest by the Son. There we shall see the angels, and we will know them when we see them. There we shall see the un-fallen intelligences, some perhaps quite strange to us, who have been waiting for thousands of years to welcome us into the congregation of Yah’s creatures. There we shall sit down at the Long Table, where we shall celebrate the great Wedding Feast of the Lamb. There we shall know such joy as I cannot at all describe...

But then comes the question... “What next?” It is not impolite to ask what we shall do after the celebration has ended. Of course, in a very real sense, the celebration shall never

end. We will live, day to day, month to month, in the joy of the Father and Son. We will gather before them on Sabbaths and New Moons, as it is written.

But what will happen in the days between these convocations? The Scriptures, and inspired authors, have told us that we shall not sit idly in the courts of our Father. We will work. It will not be work that brings us the sweat of exhaustion or tension. It will not be work that makes us relieved when the work-day has ended; that will simply be a transition from the joy of work to the joy of rest.

Perhaps you have wondered what the nature of that work will be. The 144,000, for example, are to replace the fallen angels in the government of Heaven. They will be the teachers and administrators of the Father's extended family. But who shall teach them how to administrate over such an exalted company? Who will show them the details of the job? How will they know exactly who is suited for which office? What will the "training" be like? Some might reply, and rightly so, "This is not something about which we should be concerned. When we are in Heaven, filled with the Spirit of Christ, it will seem natural to us what it is we ought to do." To such an answer I say, "Good. Excellent! And how is it with you today?"

Brethren, we have something to learn here. We say, among ourselves, "We do not wait for Heaven for Victory over sin." "We do not wait for temptations to be removed, and Satan to be destroyed, before we experience the triumph of Yahshua's victory." This is a good saying, and worthy of repeating in our testimony to the world as often as we are able. But if we only address "victory over sin" in this manner, then I say we are still dealing with the milk of the Gospel. This may seem like a strange statement, considering how few Churches even begin to believe in this aspect of salvation... but victory over sin was the FIRST thing that the Apostles taught to the new converts. We do not even baptize someone until we have determined that they have truly ceased to sin because the "old" self is dead and Christ is alive within. Do we then spend weeks and months teaching our new brethren how to cease from sin? No... Because they would not be brethren if they needed to be "taught" how to be alive to the Father and Son.

After they have attained life, then it is time to live. After they have come forth from the grave, it is time for them to work for the Kingdom, to share the love that brought them to life, and to rejoice before the Father with both their labor and their rest – just as they will do in Heaven for ceaseless ages.

That same Spirit that will teach us in Heaven teaches us now; we do not ask, "How shall we cease to sin?" Christ in us has done it already. Similarly, we should not ask, "How shall we labor for Yahweh?" or "What shall we do?" Yes, we must coordinate our larger projects, and yes we must plan... but nobody shall teach us how to do these things. The Spirit in us does it, even as it will tell us what to say when we are brought before the

world, for we are not employees of Yahweh and Yahshua, we are Their sons and daughters. We are sons and daughters because we know our Father's face.

A son or daughter that enters the family business does not need to be trained in any formal way. Such children see what their parents are doing. They do not worry if they are "doing it wrong," because they are raised with the spirit of the family, and are not concerned about being rejected, or cast off – because they are not hired workers, but they are of one blood.

This is a part of the freedom that we shall know then, and that we must know now IF we are going to know it then. Let none who name the name of Christ be afraid of making a mistake in the service of Yah. The true sons and daughters of the Almighty know Whom they worship. We live the letter and spirit of the Law, but we are not bound to it in fear, like the Pharisees, that we must memorize passages to make sure we are doing Adventism just as Ellen White (for example) would approve.

And please, do not suppose that by this I am belittling the work of inspiration, or the need for prayer and study. But we have met those who cannot bring themselves to learn anything new about the Father and Son, because such and such a person in the past never wrote about those things. Some will not even use our Father's name, because "the SDA pioneers called Him Jehovah, and if it was good enough for them..." Some will not even claim victory over sin, because they believe, although falsely in this case, that the Apostles taught, "If you say you are without sin (at this moment), you deceive yourself."

The Scriptures tell us "Quench not the Spirit." (1Th 5:19) The disciple Philip had four daughters, each of them gifted with prophecy; and yet, we have not one word of what they shared with the early Church. There are things that the believers knew, and know, and will know, that are not written in the Bible or the publications of early Adventists. Yes, we must always compare new light with old, to ensure that we are not hearing a false doctrine, but we are not to use old light to stifle new light either.

There are things that the Spirit can only show us for ourselves, because the truth of Yah cannot always be properly conveyed in limited human language. Sometimes we need a "vision." When the Spirit inspires you, and you go forth to do a work for Yah, knowing it will succeed... no language can express how you knew what to do, and why you were certain it would be blessed.

I have been "caught up" here longer than I anticipated, but I believe the principle is clear. The Second Day in Heaven, after the initial rush of joy has been experienced, will be the day we simply continue to fulfill the will of Yah, just as we are doing now. If we will know, by the Spirit, what we ought to be doing then, we cannot say we do not know what we ought to be doing to build that Kingdom now. According to the pattern that Yah has

showed you in Heaven, just as He showed Moses the Tabernacle, you are now being called to construct. Give of your talents, and time, and your efforts, just as ancient Israel gave of its gold, and precious stones, and fine fabrics. We have a Tabernacle to build now, and we have seen the shape of it, for Yah has shown it to us by His Spirit.

If any among us lack wisdom, as it is written, let us ask it, and Yah will show us the vision. He will give us wisdom and understanding "liberally," in great measure, so that we shall never be idle before the Father, but neither shall we be "regimented" as if we were employees, and not children in the great Family business of salvation.

Because we are One, we will have work that complements the work of others, and there will be perfect order. This comes about because of what we do now, and how we interact and communicate in this present age. What we learn and apply now, in terms of working together, edifying the Church, and evangelizing, will demonstrate our fitness for, and our inheritance of, the world to come. Because Yah is with His people, I have shown you a pattern in Heaven. Now, let us build Him this Tabernacle on the earth.

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

Pastor Chick: C

Adriel: Amen!

Zahakiel: Go ahead.

victoria: Amen

Pastor Chick: I had some problem following the complete script, and I do not know if you said it in so many words, but, the summary of the study seems to be...

victoria: C

Pastor Chick: TODAY is "the second day in Heaven". END

Zahakiel: Ah 😊 I did not say it in just so many words, but... that is a very powerful way of expressing the thought. Yes... the same Spirit that guides us in our Heavenly labors, guides us in our earthly ones. Thank you for sharing that summary.

Go ahead, Victoria.

Naraiel: I have answered her question.

Zahakiel: Oh... can you share what her question was, and your reply? 😊 It might help others as well.

In the meantime, I am thinking further of what Pastor's comment indicates. There is a lot to it. Arriving in Heaven will be a fulfillment of the journey on earth, and in a way a parallel. When we are first baptized and converted, there is a "celebration." After that, there is the sanctified life. The joy is not "less," but there is a time for rejoicing, and a time for labor. Arriving in Heaven will be like that... and there is NO difference in the realities. We are before our Father, fulfilling His will, and doing His pleasure. Guided by His Spirit, we are living that redeemed life, and wait for nothing but its exposure to our senses, when our new bodies can handle it. 😊

Giselle, did you see my question?

Naraiel: C

Zahakiel: Go ahead.

Naraiel: The Lord gave explicit and clear instructions to build the tabernacle. Why is it so difficult for man to build the spiritual tabernacle (character of Christ) or accomplish the rules? Or do we need some special spiritual help to understand it?

To reflect Christ's character we need the new birth experience to receive a new nature, a nature that partakes of the Divine nature. Yahshua was born of the Spirit, and His life was a life of victory over sin and a reflection of the Father's character. In the same way, we reflect and live the same life, when we are born of the Spirit. End.

You can complement 😊

Zahakiel: Well, I think you did answer her question... do we need special help? Absolutely yes. But that help is given to us freely, more abundantly than we would think to ask. Moses got all that he needed, and we get all we need, because Christ is in us. That same life that reflects the Father's character is the life that we live in the Son.

Are there any others with thoughts to share? All right, then I will ask Bro. Luke to offer a closing prayer.

Pastor Chick: C

Zahakiel: Go ahead

Pastor Chick: As you said, there is much in the concept that all of us might ponder. I challenge all of us to begin every day with the affirmation "TODAY is the second day in Heaven"...

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victoria: excellent

Pastor Chick: and see just what the Spirit will do for us. END

Zahakiel: Amen

Adriel: (Challenge accepted. 😊)

Naraiel: Amen

victoria: Amen

Zahakiel: Please go ahead when ready, if there are no others, Bro. Luke.

Lucan: Dear heavenly Father, we thank you for the citizenship you have given us presently in heaven. We thank you that you have translated us into the kingdom of your dear Son. May we each be blessed in our administration of the inheritance you have given to us, as kings and priests. In Yahshua's name we pray, amen.

Gloria: Amen.

Pastor Chick: Amen.

daphna dee: Amen

Barb: Amen

Adriel: Amen

Peter_Jr_18: Amen.

victoria: Amen, amen, amen

Zahakiel: Amen

Elyna: Amen (2)