

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

**Zahakiel:** Loving and almighty Father in Heaven, We thank you for the many blessings you have given us in this past week. We thank you for your protection, guidance, and love. We thank you for the day of rest you have given to your people that we may rejoice in your presence, and fellowship one with another. May the study tonight sanctify and fortify us for the days ahead, and may all receive that particular blessing to which they have been called. We ask this in the name of your dear Son, Yahshua. Amen.

**Pastor Chick:** Amen.

**Lucan:** Amen

**Barb:** Amen

**Adriel:** Amen

**Elyna:** Amen. DANIELLE: Amen.

**Gloria:** Amen

**Naraiel:** Amen

**daphna dee:** Amen

**Lucan:** The study tonight is a brief one, and begins with a passage from Matthew:

"Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." (Matt. 5:23-24)

Yahweh will not accept gifts of sacrifice when the heart is not in harmony with Yah's people. If there is bitterness, resentment, division, or any other disunity, Yahshua instructs us to leave the gift at the altar – do not even take it with you, but immediately go and ensure that you are reconciled. We are told how to do this in very simple language:

"Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican." (Matt. 18:15-17) (LMK)

**Zahakiel:** Finished.

**Barb:** F

**Pastor Chick:** F

**daphna dee:** F

**Naraiel:** F

**Gloria:** f

**Adriel:** F

**Elyna:** F

**Lucan:** Gospel order, as described in this passage, is something that every Christian should be familiar with; every Adventist more so, and every Creation 7th Day Adventist beyond question. If there are any questions on this matter, please speak up, so that we may answer them and move forward in agreement. Barring the need, however, I do not intend to re-hash gospel basics.

Barely a single verse later, we find another mention of "two or three" that is less commonly connected to the process of gospel order, yet is very relevant to it, and related in more than context:

"Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matt. 18:19-20)

It is understood that those who are brethren in the Church are in agreement on their goals – sanctification and the fruits of righteousness, as an individual and as a Body. The second set of verses are helpful to understanding the first. When a brother or sister goes to another with a fault to discuss, among those who are saints there are now "two or three gathered in His name." The goal of such communication is to see Yahshua glorified, and any misunderstandings cleared, so that the character of Yahweh might shine through clearly in His people. Yahshua Himself is there in the midst of such discussions according to the promise, and the things that are agreed on – unity, perfection, and harmony – will be done for them of the Father. The blessing must only be claimed firmly, with a heart desire to surrender any sin that may be uncovered. We may be required to "wrestle with an angel," whether it be a ministering spirit or a messenger in the flesh, however the Word is plain regarding the result: no disunity may persist in the presence of Yahweh. Whether going to your brother or sister alone is the final step or only the first in resolving the matter, Yah's Word cannot be broken. If one does not have the right spirit, and thus is not in agreement, then witnesses are called – those who ARE in agreement regarding the holy thing they are touching. One way or another, by the time the Heaven-ordained process is over, sin is removed, and the blessings sought are granted.

"Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled." (Heb. 12:15)

It is when this process is not "diligently" looked after that bitterness and resentment springs up. It is when bitterness and resentment spring up that division finds root and

then grows. Satan has special agents that work to widen any gaps between the saints, hoping to turn them into chasms in the mind of Yah's people. In the several years I have been a part of the CSDA movement, I cannot recall one division, not a single lost member, which did not begin with a failure to diligently pursue gospel order before widening into full-blown apostasy. It is true that there are steps to be taken first; we must check ourselves, to ensure that there is no beam in our own eye that would obstruct our vision, or cause us to see our own sin in another. (Matt. 7:3-5) The flesh also, once crucified, is to be brought into subjection by vigilantly rejecting temptations to become offended or wounded in pride. When such temptations are accepted, the focus is taken from Yahshua and His character and is instead placed on self-vindication. This is the first step in causing one of the "two or three gathered" to withdraw from faith in Yah's resolution, and to "come together" not in the name of Yahshua, but in the spirit of self. The world has its ways of preserving such false unity; "let us not speak of sensitive topics," they will say. "Let us hide the controversy where it needs not be seen, and pretend it does not exist in the hopes it will go away."

Ultimately, this comes down to a simple principle: Avoidance. Eventually, the matter will indeed go away if such a course is pursued; it may go away while taking the soul with it. Yahweh does not condone avoidance. Where Satan would have Yahweh's people to avoid conflict or potentially unpleasant conversations, Yahweh would have us to address them, even if it means "leaving your gift on the altar" unattended and immediately going to find your brother or sister.

Unity, while a gift, is not the result of chance or feeling, but of Yah's Spirit being placed within each member of His Body. When faith grasps that promise, the fruit will be the same commitment and work necessary to maintain any relationship, and more – where earthly relationships may fail, where carnal affections may cease, the Promise of Yahweh is a perfect Church founded in perfect Unity.

Yahshua's prayer for the unity of His children is not one without condition or instruction; yet it is one that has been, is being, and will be answered in those who claim it. Love may allow a brother or sister time to see a mistake in Yah's providence; Love will never seek to avoid confrontation of sin (whether in ourselves or another) in favor of comfort, ease, or positive feelings.

"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world." (1 Cor. 11:28-32)

May we judge ourselves continually, rejoicing in the chastening of Yahweh while guarding against even the first seeds of bitterness in our hearts. May we weed our own gardens diligently, so that if a similar weed should appear openly in a brother or sister's garden, we will be able to offer them loving and effective counsel. May we tenaciously claim the promise of Yahshua for His presence among us where two or three are gathered; whether we be gathered to spread the gospel, to uncover and repent of sin, or to protest prevailing iniquity.

"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." (Eph. 4:31-32)

Are there any questions or comments on the study tonight?

**Zahakiel:** C

**Adriel:** Amen

**Lucan:** Go ahead

**Zahakiel:** While brief, I do thank you for bringing this up, and reinforcing this among the Brethren. This is an issue about which we cannot afford "mistakes," and so it is something worthy of our diligent attention. For me, I am particularly impressed by the connection you drew to the verses that follow the passage we commonly call "Gospel Order," because it is indeed connected. Some may think, "We have a disagreement between us, so Yah has given us a way to resolve it for ourselves, with witnesses, confrontation, etc." But that is not accurate. Yah has shown us how HE resolves differences among His people, with our activities and voices are the means, the mechanism, by which His Spirit does this work through us. End.

**Lucan:** Are there any other thoughts to share?

**Pastor Chick:** C

**Lucan:** Go ahead

**Pastor Chick:** I am thinking that this study was a message pertaining to a significant issue among us and not merely a review of the process that all of us already know very well. I pray that we take the study very seriously, for sin might truly lie at the door of one or more here. May Yah pour His Spirit upon us for the final cleansing and sanctification necessary for translation and the perfect unity that is ours by faith be demonstrated by our love. END

**Adriel:** Amen

**Barb:** Amen

**Elyna:** C

**Lucan:** Amen. Go ahead, Sis. Guerline.

**Elyna:** Just this week, as I was reading in DA upon the last supper, and as I read about Yahshua washing the feet of the disciples. And as Mrs. White said that this is to be a ceremony we should perform, I am paraphrasing, I wanted to ask a question on FB but not having the right way to phrase it, I left it alone, and what I wanted to say is that I think that this ceremony has its place among us, and a question I wanted to ask was "Has the Church done this in the past, or has the NM 'rite' been performed in its stead?"

So in the prospect of having a feast, I was reflecting upon the way this symbol could and should come true. We might never have that opportunity in this world as it is but I am sure it will find its result in the New Jerusalem when we meet face to face. End.

**Pastor Chick:** A

**Lucan:** Hm...It hasn't occurred to me before that some of our members may not have attended New Moon services before. Go ahead, Pastor.

**Pastor Chick:** The ordinance of humility is conducted in the observance of the feast of humility. Remembering that every letter of law possesses a spiritual component. Sabbath, for example, is observed in letter as a day of rest but it is only a school master to teach us the spirit of Sabbath which is a life of daily rest in Yah, trusting His promises implicitly. The New Moon day's letter of law is no different. Washing feet has its spiritual counterpart and Luke's study actually presents the basics of that in gospel order... so, as Bro Luke has suggested, if any do not understand the spiritual aspects of the faith, let them confess it here and now. END

**Elyna:** Q

**Lucan:** Go ahead, Sis. Guerline

**Elyna:** You mentioned Bro Luke about how you celebrated the NM, which some of us may have not attended. Do you wash feet in that communion? Not sure I have seen that. And as for the spiritual counterparts I understand that, however the best is to be face to face just as we long to see our Saviour face to face, and consummate our unity with Him and with all the saints. 😊 End.

**Lucan:** New Moon observations in a congregation generally followed this pattern, as I recall. First there is a time of meeting, where members may go apart to wash one

another's feet. This usually is done in association with either some correction offered, or some offering of thanksgiving for Yah's work through that person. Once all the brethren are in harmony, having wrought out their differences and expressed their appreciation, they are clean to partake of the communion. And, following that the agape meal. Others might recall additional aspects. Foot washing, as I recall, was not an "every month" occasion, just as an issue to resolve was not an "every month" occasion. However, the spirit of it, which Pastor mentions, is a daily matter. Since being without a congregation, I have personally adopted what I understood to be Bro. David's practice when alone; washing my own feet before the communion. So, to answer your question, foot washing is, and has always been to my knowledge, a part of the New Moon "rites..." Though, there are some evident challenges in performing the actions. <End.>

**Pastor Chick:** C

**Lucan:** Go ahead

**Pastor Chick:** There is no feet washing in Heaven, for all dirt has been removed on earth. The fulfillment of feet washing will result in such humility that the saints cast their crowns at the feet of Yahshua...

**Adriel:** Amen

**Pastor Chick:** the letter is pointing to the spirit, and when a donkey is in the ditch, the letter can be neglected in favor of the spirit...

**Elyna:** (Thanks) C.

**Pastor Chick:** may we all be schooled by the letter so that we shall have the humility to face our Savior with crowns ready to be surrendered at His feet. END

**Lucan:** Go ahead, Sis. Guerline

**Elyna:** Yes, thanks, I agree. Amen. End

**Lucan:** I am recalling the promise that, after arriving in the Kingdom, Yahshua will gird Himself and serve us at the banquet table. I understand that to be the Heavenly fulfillment of Yahshua washing the feet of His disciples. I cannot imagine that any would respond with anything but humility to their Savior serving them a meal.

**Elyna:** 😊

**Pastor Chick:** C

**Adriel:** 😊

**Lucan:** Go ahead

**Pastor Chick:** However, there is an order (gospel order) in Heaven as on earth. The demonstration of humility precedes the partaking of the elements and agape feast. 😊  
END

**Lucan:** Oh, nice. 😊 Are there any other thoughts to share? If not, I'll ask Pastor to close with a prayer.

**Pastor Chick:** Dear Father in Heaven. We ask for Your continued blessing upon us in these final hours of earth's history...

**Elyna:** 😊

**Pastor Chick:** As we make final preparations for translation, may our camp meetings and convocations reflect the spiritual components of permanent residence in Heaven. Thank You for answering all of our prayers. In Yahshua's holy name, Amen.

**Gloria:** Amen.

**Naraiel:** Amen.

**daphna dee:** Amen

**Barb:** Amen

**Zahakiel:** Amen.

**Adriel:** Amen

**Elyna:** Amen.

**Peter\_Jr\_18:** Amen.

**Lucan:** Amen

**Elyna:** Danielle: Amen.