



Monday, June 10, 2024

LESSON 2: KNOWING YOUR WORTH

Read For This Week's Book Study

1 Samuel 18: 1, Psalm 139: 13-15, Luke 12: 6-7

Memory Scripture: “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Yeshua unto good works, which Elohim hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” –Ephesians 2: 10

Key Scripture: “Again, the kingdom of Shamayim is like unto treasure hid in a field, that which when a man hath found, he hideth and for joy therefore goeth and selleth all that he hath and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of Shamayim is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls who when he had found one pearl of a great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” – Matthew 13: 44-45 (KJV)

Word Study: The Hebrew word שָׁמַיִם *šāmayīm/Shamayim*, means “sky above all skies”, “home of Elohim” and “higher ether where celestial bodies revolve”. It is a realm where Yahweh, Ruwah and Yeshua Christ and other spiritual beings they have created live together in harmony and peace. The Hebrew origin definition differs slightly from the mistranslation of Heaven because it is addressing the root home of Elohim and their other sons (children). Shamayim cannot be intermingled with the Christian definition of Heaven/Paradise. Sadly, many Christians combine Heaven and Paradise together in the Western culture and this is not accurate or proper to do at all

because Paradise is a location that was created in Sheol (realm of the dead) in the middle of haaretz (the earth). Paradise was a safe space for Torah abiding saints. The saints were temporally put there until Yeshua came down to the terrestrial realm and died for aw'dom (humanity). After Yeshua did this, he took the captives of Paradise upward to Shamayim and those individuals dwell there with Brit Chadasah (New Testament) saints to this day.

Key Points

- Self-Ahavah
- Value & Worth
- Worksmanship

Before we get into the main message of this lesson, I want to take a moment and discuss a demonstration that will set the tone for the lesson. You are the car in this demonstration, the Father who built the car is the Yahweh and the collector is Yeshua Christ.

A Father had son who graduated high school and was looking to go to college. He needed a car, but lacked the funds to purchase a nice vehicle for himself. He went up the hill and into his Father's shop and asked for money so he could go buy a car. Instead of giving the son money to do this, the Father gave his son an old, rusted, dented car. He told his son,

“Here is a car I made many years ago, but before I give it to you, I want you to go into town and take it before three types of businesses. Tell them I want to sell it and want to see how much they'll give you for it.”

The son wrote down the locations his Father wanted him to visit and took the car to a used car lot first. He returned to his father and told him,

“The car salesman offered me \$1,000 dollars for your car. He said it was too worn out and had too much damage on the exterior and the interior for it to be of any real value to his business.”

The Father replied,

“Good. Now take it to the pawn shop.”

The son left and took the car to the pawn shop, got a quote, returned to his father and told him,

“The pawnshop dealer only offered \$100 dollars for your car because it’s too old, has too much rust on it and wouldn’t be worth fixing to resell to someone else.”

The Father asked his son to go to the last location on the list. A private car club owned by the city’s most elites. The son went to the private car club and spoke to several people there. He returned to his Father, barely able to process what had just happened. Seeing the shock on his son’s face the Father asked,

“What happened at the private car club?”

The son replied,

“I spoke to many men and women. All of them offered me thousands of dollars and I was about to sell your car to one of them, but there was this one man wearing a white suit who had piercings in his hands and an obvious dent in his side. He had a black, polished cane, but it was in the shape of a shepard’s staff. He came up to me and offered me 200 million dollars. Unlike the other bidders who were only willing to give me a couple thousand dollars, he said he understood the value of your car. He told me that your car is 1955 Mercedes-Benz SLR and was the fastest legal road racing car of its time. He went on to tell me that your car is a limited-edition model. It’s an iconic car, sought by many collectors all around the world.”

The Father smiled with pride and said to his son,

“The right place values you the right way and understands your worth. If you are not valued and devalued in the eyes of the one who sees you, it means you are in the wrong place and that

person isn't going to care. Those who know your worth, appreciate you. Never stay in a place where no one sees your value and never stay in a place, where someone doesn't understand your worth. I made the car, I knew the value of it and what it was worth despite its age, rusted areas and damages to the exterior and interior. The man who offered you 200 million dollars, sell the car to him. Out of all the people in the private car club, he noted the value immediately and knew the car's worth, hence is why he offered you so much money. That man will take care of the car, will fix the car and drive it one day. When that happens my son, I want you to evoke everyone who rejected the car and remember my words about value and worth."

It is hard to show someone the proper way, much less see their value and worth when we cannot see it for ourselves. We rejoice knowing that Yahweh is the only being who sees our true worth and will value us the most because he made us. He is our heavenly Father, not just a Creator who designed the blueprint of who we are, but he is our parent, binding us to him directly. We are joint-heirs in Christ, we are called royalty where he lives. Right now, under the curse of sin we cannot fully embrace our inheritance or our royalty status, but in the new kingdom we will. That's who we are and have been all along, yet many Christians walk around and act like they're worthless, no good and have no significance simply because someone or events of life broke them.

Was it an earthly parent, a sibling, a fellow Christian sibling, the church in general or your significant other that convinced you that you're worthless and have no value? Whoever or whatever event brought about that trauma, none of that will defeat the truth of the scriptures that tells us how Yahweh sees his creation. He knew us before the womb and says we are beautifully, fearfully and wonderfully made in his and Ruwah's image. That's ridiculously personal and that kind of emphasis on a person should make them stop and think about who they are, but this is impossible because sin hinders our understanding of that truth or hinders us when we have mental battles. Another obstacle is devils spewing their lies that we're never good enough and no one will want us or love us after we've sinned with a member of our body or with our thoughts.

There is never a season where suffering from one of these elements isn't active in our lives when serving the Lord. Remember, sin, devils and people influenced of devils, cause trauma and trauma shapes our views of others and of ourselves whether we like that reality or not. To fix this problem, we must have Christ, be born again and have a healthy relationship with Elohim first. Once that is established, a Christian must seek out mature, healthy, Christian company. The right people will do to you, just as the rich buyer did to the son who was trying to sell a car. The man in the private car club outbid everyone and sought after the car fiercely, refusing to be out bid. He didn't settle for less and neither should you. When you're with the right people, your value increases and your worth doubles. That's how the presence of the Lord works when he calls to himself within his servants. Friendship will blossom between you and the other person for the right reasons and the right purpose.

Jonathan is a prime example of this. He had a genuine relationship with Yahweh, respected himself and this is why he could ahavah David the way he did. His relationship with Yahweh is the main reason their brotherhood flourished, even when their lives were at stake. If our relationship with Yahweh is off, if we do not demonstrate fruits of the Spirit, are not born again and a new creation in Yeshua, then we, the Christian, do not have a point of reference, a foundation that will carry us through life and with relationships. Removing Yahweh out of everything and anything leaves human-made strategies and worldly pleasures as a sand foundation, all of which will fail you. We are a broken, fallen species that is corrupted by sin and therefore, cannot save one another. We are told in scripture that people lie and fail each other. Yahweh makes it clear we can only rely and trust in him and put our sole confidence in his truth and direction.

Turning to flawed ideologies of people and listening to false indoctrination of devils is a one-way street to emotional failure, confusion, mental misery and physical unfulfillment. When Hashem directs us and leads us in our relationships, we will see the results we need and desire. Yahweh knit the souls of Jonathan and David together, he was very much in that friendship and that is why their friendship worked, survived all trials and is still used a powerful reference to this day. So, how do you value yourself and how do you keep your worth in a corrupted environment? You start by building your foundation and home in Elohim, not people, not worldly pleasures. When you build your foundation on truth and in Elohim, someone who will never leave you or forsake,

someone who knows the value and worth of their handwork, you will never be devalued, be seen or treated as worthless. He designed you and understands you, therefore you are his prize masterwork.

Despite our accursed state with sin, Yahweh bought us through the death of Christ, knowing we were no longer perfect, damaged inside and outside and full of rust. He didn't see a hopeless investment or something to be ashamed of as our Creator. He simply went after what he made with the intention to restore it to its former glory. He knew and understood our worth so much that he gave up his only begotten Son, just to get us, the fallen sons back into his possession.

Based on this week's topic, how will having a healthy relationship with Elohim, knowing your value and worth in Them help you in fostering healthy relationships with other genuine Christians and sinners?

Answer: [Type your response here.]