

## ***Let's Get Ready for the "New Normal"***

In recent weeks the Lord has made sure that I would fully understand that a *new era* is upon us. Many voices have said that we will not return to “normal life” as we knew it (to the time before February 2020). I must confess that I found myself wanting to return to the previous normal but during the first days of March it began to sink in that it was not to be so. No baseball, no sports, no this, no that, none of the things I liked, but also none of many things I disliked. The feeling that this would be a temporary pause disappeared as we entered Passover this year. The Lord had my attention and I began realizing that I was ill prepared for the new normal. Passover came and with it anointing to begin the process. The first thing that had to change was my attitude and I. The first question to answer was the settling of what is truth and what implications that brings to our congregation. Let me review for you the titles of the messages shared since then: **Freedom Around the Corner** on March 28, **Passover & Resurrection - Freedom in Yeshua** on April 4, **Passover - The Forgotten First High Holiday** on April 9, **Let Us Join the Messiah in the Resurrection** on April 11, **When He Beholds Us** on April 15, **Let Us Overcome the Evil One's Giants** on April 18, **Know (Be Intimate with) the Truth** on April 25, **We Have Been Called to a Greater Level of Holiness and Obedience** on May 2, **Rikudei Mo'adim – The Dance of the Festivals** on May 9 and **We Desperately Need to be Clothed With Power from on High** on May 16. Have you noticed a great intensity in what the Lord has been giving? Have you seen and perceived the manner in which the Word has been brought lately? I have been stirred up – have you? What is this all about?

Unlike 911 where our life changes were totally unexpected and then slowly but surely were meticulously implemented upon us in the name of *safety*, the Lord has sent word to us, via His servants the prophets, that after Repenting (Passover) we are being Reset (a great Reset from Passover to Pentecost) in order that we may be Recalibrated (like a great chiropractic adjustment) at Shavuot/Pentecost. This is to be followed by Recovery, Restoration (Restitution) and Revival. This Recalibration is the *New Normal*. I hear things like the Bible being the number one book being purchased and read, to people turning in unexpected large numbers to online services, to a whole new way of having “church” becoming the norm and I know in my spirit that, like it or not, we are dawning a new era of opportunities in the Believing world. Not only are Recovery, Restoration (Restitution) and Revival Messianic concepts but also is it possible that the Revival being talked about be the Great Last Revival before *Yeshua's* return? Even a remote maybe (not even a yes) is enough to instill and stir up a sense of destiny. Am I ready? Is my congregation ready?

Last week I said in my message: “I humbly submit to you that we clearly need to be *Clothed With Power from on High*” as we reset and re-adjust (as if it were experiencing a spiritual chiropractic adjustment). We need to be immersed (mikvah) in the Spirit of *Adonai*, His Holy Spirit and be *clothed with power from on high*. Everyone whom God has called, that is, everyone who has been born again has the opportunity to receive the promise of the Father – the filling/immersion of the Father's Spirit. The remaining question is: are you ready? Satan does not want you to have this power.”

It is easy to have preconceived notions about the Father's Promise given the differing interpretation of what this immersion is about (“*but you will be immersed in the Ruach ha-Kodesh not many days from now*”) Can we put away our preconceived notions and simply come to the Father on Shavuot and start EXPECTING to get the measure of His Promise that is needed for us here in *Kol Simcha* to succeed in this new era? I was immersed in the Holy Spirit on January 1979 and my capacity for the Spirit of God was like a thimble in size as a new Believer. Whether indwelt or immersed that was a small vessel! He did fill me completely, but forty-one years later I find that my vessel capacity is more like a punch bowl (many times the size of a thimble). You would have to agree with me that the size of your capacity for spiritual things (the size of your HS Temple) has INCREASED since your early days as a Believer (unless these are your early days as a Believer). Do I expect the HS of *Adonai* to AUTOMATICALLY fill the new capacity or should we ask to make sure (just in case). In KS we do not want to ASSUME anything so WE WILL ASK. If ask the Father for a greater measure of His gift with a pure heart and a cleansed



Temple will He not give us *Good Gifts*? Of course He will because *Yeshua* said so. We can ask the Father to send His Holy Spirit to TAKE UP THE EXTRA CAPACITY. More of His Spirit in our lives means a greater capacity to be successful in the Great Commission. Would you COME TO HIM ON SHAVUOT/PENTECOST and ASK HIM TO DO EMPOWER YOU WITH WHATEVER HE WANTS TO GIVE YOU SO THAT WE WILL HAVE A GREATER POWER TO DO HIS WILL?

In Acts, the disciples waited with one mind continuing in prayer (see *Luke 24:50-53*). What else can I do to get ready to receive this endowment from the Father? We can learn how to receive the Holy Spirit Immersion and what to expect when receiving it by studying the way in which it was received on the Day of *Shavuot*. When one is seeking the Holy Spirit Immersion, one need only use his voice to enunciate whatever thoughts or inspirations the Spirit gives as He enters into his soul (mind, will and emotions). This was true on the Day of *Shavuot* when they spoke in languages as the Spirit gave them utterance (inspiration).

### ***Thoughts on the Immersion of the Holy Spirit***

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| 1. All involvement with evil and all occult activities must be renounced!  | Revelation 21:8                                      |
| 2. Be a Believer: <i>“Amen, amen I tell you, unless one is born from above...”</i>   | John 3:3-7   |
| 3. Understand that this is Prophecy foretold   | Isaiah 28:9-12; Joel 2:28                            |
| 4. John the Baptist spoke of two immersions: (1) water and (2) in the HS   | Matthew 3:11   |
| 5. <i>Yeshua</i> told us to worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth  | John 4:23-24   |
| 6. <i>Yeshua</i> said His words would be Spirit and Life to us   | John 6:63  |
| 7. The Father will not give you something from the devil   | Luke 11:9-13   |
| 8. <i>Yeshua</i> said these signs shall follow Believers, not unbelievers  | Mark 16:17   |
| 9. <i>“We must obey God rather than men...”</i> & <i>“...do not forbid speaking in tongues”</i>  | Acts 5:29; 1 Cor. 14:39                              |
| 10. This is The Promise spoken of in Acts 2:33, 39   | Acts 1:4-5; 11:15                                    |
| 11. All 120 spoke with other languages – including <i>Myriam</i> , <i>Yeshua</i> ’s mother   | Acts 1:14, 2:4, 10:4, 19:6;<br>1 Cor. 12:28-29, 14:2 |
| 12. Paul converted on the road to Damascus and called <i>Yeshua</i> Lord. Ananias was sent 3 days later to lay hands on Him to be filled with the HS. Obviously, He did not receive the evidence of the HS immersion ( <i>mikvah</i> ) at salvation. | Acts 9:5-6; (1 Cor. 12:3),<br>Romans 10:9-10         |
| 13. The Samaritans believed and were immersed in water. They received the Holy Spirit afterwards. This was a 2 <sup>nd</sup> experience  | Acts 8:12-17   |
| 14. The Immersion of the HS is the seal of our inheritance   | Ephesians 1:13-14                                    |