

THE NARROW ROAD

Contending for the Holiness of God



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TESTIMONY OF HIS NAME

ACTS 9:15-16, MARK 13:9

But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake. You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them. And you will be hated by all for My name's sake".

Bear His Name

Recently, we have been seeing an acceleration of events taking place, paving the way for the anti-Christ to make himself known, and particularly through: AI, dissolving of elections and digital currency. In this late hour, all of creation is groaning even louder for the sons of God to mature and come forth. For when they do, they will not only be a testimony of His love—a love that no man can kill, but also a testimony of His name—His character. The Lord is coming for a pure and spotless Bride, who will bear His name—a Bride who will endure to the end [Matthew 24:13].

ACTS 15:14

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The Hebrew word for ‘name’ is ‘shem.’ But shem means much more than a name. It is related to ‘neshemah’ which means ‘breath.’ In the Hebrew mind the breath is much more than an exchange of air in the lungs but was the seat of one’s character. The word shem has nothing to do with the name itself, instead refers to the character of the one with the name.¹ We see, in Genesis 9:23, that it was Shem and Japheth, who covered their father’s nakedness, and it was Ham who looked upon it. It was through Shem’s blood lineage that Yeshua was birthed. To be a testimony of His name means that as Believers, we are to bear His name—His character.

How could we define bear? To carry, accept, tolerate, or endure something, whether by physical or mental force, especially something unpleasant.²

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us...

How could we define ambassador? The highest-ranking person who represents their own government while living in another country.

This earth is not our homeland, if we have been bought by the blood of the Lamb. We are citizens of heaven; therefore, we are to bear His name—represent His character on this earth, in our words, thoughts and deeds. And if we are willing to do so, it will surely feel unpleasant and unbearable, at times, as our flesh dies a thousand deaths as we carry, accept, tolerate and endure the difficult and painful situations in our lives, whether physical or mental.

Roadmap—Fruit of the Spirit

But we are not left without hope or instructions in how to bear His name, as we navigate the narrow road that leads to eternal life. Our roadmap can be found in Galatians 5:22-23, the fruit of the Spirit. We will look at each fruit, but in reverse order, as that is a key to us growing and maturing into full sonship, where ultimately, we will become perfect love that bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things. A love that no man can kill.

GALATIANS 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Self-control: It is the last fruit mentioned, but the first one that we must surrender to, if we are to grow and mature into sonship. When we display self-control, we are putting restraints on our flesh that wants to react to our pain, offences, wounds and conflicts. When we choose to surrender our will and not act out: anger, rage, bitterness, impure thoughts or cycles of addictions, as examples, we are responding to the Spirit. Our response enables grace—His strength and abilities to be released, giving us the ability to control our actions or emotions.

JAMES 1:19-21

So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

Gentleness—humility: The more self-control we display, outwardly and inwardly, the more we will move towards gentleness—humility. For when our flesh dies to insisting on its own way, He is able to reveal Himself to us and to others. We will be able to hear counsel, receive instruction and accept correction, where otherwise it was not possible because of our pride. When we display gentleness—humility, it is a heart posture of lowliness, showing that we do not think we are better than others. We will display modesty, which is free from vanity and boastfulness in speech and in behaviours. We will be submissive to godly authority.

PSALM 25:9 AMP.

He leads the humble in what is right, and the humble He teaches His way.

EPHESIANS 4:1-2

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,

PHILIPPIANS 2:3

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

Faithful Steward

Faithfulness: The humbler that we become, the more we walk in faithfulness, for it teaches us to be

obedient to Him—His Word. We will rightly divide the Word, and not take offense when it corrects us. The fruit of faithfulness will cause us to be faithful to the eternal relationships in our lives, and especially when they are tested with fire, which takes a lot of humility. We will not walk away. Instead, we will learn to become: reliable, unwavering in devotion—dove’s eyes for Him, consistent with fact or reality, true to our word, promise or vows regardless of extenuating circumstances and especially when other are not deserving of it.

JAMES 4:4

Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

JAMES 1:8

A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

PROVERBS 17:17

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

1 CORINTHIANS 4:1-2

Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

LUKE 12:42-44

And the Lord said, “Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has.

Yeshua wants to qualify us to reign with Him during the Millennium Reign. If we are to do so, we must be found faithful with all that He has given us to steward. We must be found faithful to ask, seek and knock, in that place of intercession, until His Kingdom comes and His will is done on earth, as it is in heaven in our lives. For those who are faithful, He will reward in ways they could not conceive this side of eternity. I had received the following word on faithfulness:

“I AM faithful to honour My Word to mankind, but faithful to those who are faithful to Me. I say assuredly this day, their eyes will see, their ears will hear and their hearts will understand how

great and marvelous are My plans for them and what I will do in and through them.”

Goodness and Kindness

Goodness: The more we walk in faithfulness—no longer tolerating other lovers who vie for our affections, we move towards displaying His character of goodness. We will develop a favorable character that is deserving of respect. A character that displays: honesty, reliability, moral virtue, integrity, walking upright—not enticed by evil or persuaded by man’s worthless ways.

GALATIANS 6:10

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

ROMANS 12:21

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Kindness: The more goodness that we display, the kinder that we become. We will love our enemies, and pray for those who persecute us. We will be quick to forgive, quick not to take offense. We will be quick to listen and slow to speak. We will see the needs of others filtered through His heart of mercy, not for our gain, but for their spiritual well-being.

How could we define kindness? A disposition to do good, gentle nature, desire to help others, attentive, considerate, displays mercy.

PROVERBS 19:22

What is desired in a man is kindness,

PSALM 141:5

Let the righteous strike me; it shall be a kindness. And let him rebuke me; it shall be as excellent oil; let my head not refuse it...

Kindness displays good with acts of mercy, as well as, it brings correction. For it is His kindness to do so. Often, that correction will come through others or circumstances. If we walk in self-control, humility, faithfulness and goodness, we will be able to receive godly correction. As others sharpen us, as iron sharpens iron, although not pleasant, it is necessary if we are to experience the fullness of His kindness. For those who are to bring correction to others, if it is not done with kindness, we have the potential to destroy any good fruit that was to come forth.

Endurance, Steadfastness—Patience

Patience: The kinder that we become, the more patient we become. For we begin to see past the faults of others and see their needs filter through His eyes of Light, His lens of Love and His heart of mercy. Patience teaches us to bear our trials calmly without complaint and with steadfastness, despite the pain, difficulties or what seems like endless adversity. Our trials are not meant to destroy us, but transform us into His very character. They are for our good, if we will let Him work them for good. His reward, for those who overcome, is for them to rule with Him. As He overcame, so too, we must overcome, if we are to sit next to Him on His throne [Revelation 3:21].

JAMES 1:3-4 AMP.

Be assured and understand that the trial and proving of your faith bring out endurance and steadfastness and patience. But let endurance and steadfastness and patience have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing.

JAMES 1:12 AMP.

Blessed is the man who is patient under trial and stands up under temptation, for when he has stood the test and been approved, he will receive crown of life which God has promised to those who love Him.

The trials that we go through are meant to work into our souls the patience that is needed so that we may fully develop, lacking nothing in our character—a mature son of God—a Bride who has made ourselves ready. His perfect will is that we would come through the other side of enduring our unpleasant, painful and difficult situations with our character more like His.

Peace—A State of Being

Peace: The more patience that we display, the more peaceful we become. For we learn to accept and embrace our trials and let them purge out of our souls those things that hinder our spirit man from growing and maturing. And while doing so, we experience the Prince of Peace during the storms that come trying to rob our peace of mind.

How could we define peace? A state in which there is no war or fighting, freedom from disquieting or oppressive thoughts or emotions.

As we contend with AI, aliens, wars and rumors of wars, the harlot church and the anti-Christ in this final hour, we will have many opportunities for the enemy to try to rob our peace. Our trials and tears are meant to prepare us for the storms. When we endure and overcome our afflictions His way, we will know that the Prince of Peace is in our boat! We will have the mind of the Spirit and know life and peace, despite the turbulent storms that try to shake us. If we are to know the Prince of Peace, we must stay watchful in prayer, giving thanks for all things. It is a vital key to obtaining a peace in our souls that cannot be shaken. It is that unshakeable peace that will guard and be an anchor in our hearts through the storms.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

If we are to walk in peace, we must become a ‘peacekeeper.’ For when we are: spirit, soul and body, we will become a mature son of God, who has made peace with God. Our call to be a peacekeeper is not a call to obtain peace through compromise, or at whatever the cost. It is a call to die to our self-will, and obtain peace with God that comes when we do what pleases Him, not what pleases man.

MATTHEW 5:9

Blessed are the peacekeepers, for they shall be called sons of God.

MATTHEW 5:11

Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

As we contend for the holiness of God, bearing His name in truth, purity and holiness, we will be persecuted and hated by all, for we will not tolerate the woman Jezebel and her false prophetic utterances or this world’s woke agenda. Jezebel and the spirit of this world, hate confrontation. They will come with a vengeance to try to destroy anyone who goes against their falsehoods. When we stand for truth, purity, holiness and righteousness to be restored on this earth, in love, it will cause division—separating the profane from the holy. We will be reviled and

falsely accused for bearing His name. But we can be of good cheer, for the Lord is on our side, we shall not fear, for what can man do to us—the Prince of Peace is in our boat!

Count it All Joy

Joy: James says that we are to count all of our trials with joy—all the time. That sounds hard to do, and especially when we face great emotional and physical loss, sorrow and grief.

JAMES 1:2

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials.

How could we define joy? The emotion evoked by well-being, success, source or cause of delight.

NEHEMIAH 8:10

Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

HEBREWS 12:2

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Being joyful in adversity is a heart posture—a choice that we make. It does not mean that we do not feel sorrow or express our grief—Jesus wept. But we are not to let our emotions determine the final outcome. If we are to become the Bride of Messiah, we must learn to let the Lord's strength become our joy in the midst of affliction. We must be steadfast and not waver by what we see or feel. We must know that our sufferings are bringing us closer to glory.

James was able to endure his painful trials, by taking up his cross and follow the Lamb's lead, because he knew it was working for his good. And, that there was only one way to obtain the glory and that was to endure the cross that he had been given to carry. A student is not greater than their Master. James saw Yeshua endure the Cross. He saw how it ended, not in death, but in resurrection life. He knew that no matter how painful our trials, that on the other side of our death to self was resurrection, glorious life. And for that we have every reason to count it all joy!

The enemy wants us to lose sight of that fact. He wants us to lean on our own abilities. If we do, we

will take our eyes off the Prize, and what is on the other side of our trials. But if we, look unto Yeshua, and count them all joy, we will know the joy of the Lord—His strength, pulling us through. And when He does, we can only give thanks! For He is good, all the time, no matter what! In the heat of the fire, we must not become discouraged, nor lose sight that our trials are all preparing us to be One with Him—a Bride who will know the joy of the Lord as our strength.

Love is the Goal

In 2015, the Lord gave me a picture of the fruit of the Spirit, in reverse order. What I saw was a glorious staircase that reached into the heavens. The bottom step of that staircase had self-control written on it. The next step had humility written on it. I saw each fruit written in this order, until I saw the very last step, which was at the top of the staircase. It had love written on it. The Lord was showing me, profoundly, that love is the highest goal. But in order to obtain it, we must all ascend into that position by the choices we make every day, to die to self-will.

As we look at the fruit of the Spirit, in reverse: self-control, gentleness—humility, faithfulness, goodness, kindness, patience, peace, joy we are moving towards His goal for us—love—the first fruit mentioned. We see that they work in tangent with each other, with the goal to perfect us in love. For example, when we walk in self-control, we will display a portion of the fruits, but not their fullness, which is selfless love. For a total death to self has not yet taken place.

Love is the first fruit mentioned, yet we cannot become love without all of the fruits fully matured in our lives. It is a journey of surrender to self-will. And in that journey, at times, we may walk in love, but the moments are fleeting, because we have not let selfless love—His love, fully develop into our soul. And we need all of the fruits operating in our lives for that to happen. But when they do, we will obtain the highest position in His Kingdom, which is love. We will become a Bride on this earth, who walks in the ministry of love—the highest call on any of our lives. We will become a mature son of God. That is His goal for those who are of a willing heart.

How could we define love? Unselfish loyal and benevolent concern for the good of another, devotion, affection, lose one's heart to.

JOHN 17:26

And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.

The fruit of the Spirit must be our litmus test to judge ourselves in how well we did in any given situation. And if we are honest, we will see our need to die to self, as our unrefined soul raises its ugly voice bringing ourselves and others pain. In our ascent towards love—a death to self, we find that it can be painful, lonely and humiliating, as the fruit of the Spirit develop and mature in our lives. But we can count it all joy, for all things are working together for our good according to His eternal purposes—resurrection life on the other side of every surrender.

As we surrender our will for His, we will bear His name. For we will have exchanged our name for His name. We will drink the same cup of suffering that He drank, until Messiah has been completely formed within our souls. And in the process, we will lose our reputation, until it is no longer us who lives, but Messiah living in and through us.

And in that process, we find that our spirit yearns to love Him with the same jealous love that He has for us—our desires are only for Him. And when that happens, Jezebel and the anti-Christ, look out for a Warrior Bride will arise with zeal for the honour of His house!

JOHN 2:17

Then His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up.”

We will come to that place where we will not tolerate compromise or any profane thing. Instead, we will contend for the holiness of God to permeate every area of our lives, like our lives depend upon it, because they do. We will be vessels who carry His glory in these last days, setting captives free from the anti-Christ governments that want to destroy their souls, despite the persecution that we will face. For persecution is unavoidable for those who bear His name.

Beloved, the hour is late. The Lord is coming for a wedding and a war. He is coming for those who will not have spot, wrinkle or any such thing, but who will be holy and without blemish. He is coming for those who will bear the fruit of the Spirit, dressed

in the right garments, and who will not tolerate the woman, Jezebel. He is coming for a Warrior Bride, who will not give in, give up or give over to AI, aliens and the anti-Christ; a Bride, who will be a testimony of His Love and Light—a testimony of His name. It all comes back to becoming love! They will know that we are His disciples by our love—that we have love for one another, saved and unsaved. AMEN!

ENDNOTES

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