

Open Rebuke is Better than Secret Love, part 2

“Better an open rebuke than love that is concealed. The wounds of a friend are faithful, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.” (Prov 27:5-6 Berean Study Bible)

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Lev 19:16-18 NIV:

“Do not go about spreading slander among your people.

“Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor’s life. I am the LORD [YHVH].

“Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt.

“Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD [YHVH].”

Throughout the TaNaKh mankind sinned, just as mankind sins today! The people of Israel were and continue to be His (YHVH’s) body; their calling was to be a light to the world.

His body continues to be a light to the world and salvation to all who call upon Him. With the coming of the Messiah, YHVH’s body will be fulfilled according to the Scriptures.

In Israel, everyone sinned just as everyone sins today. In the TaNaKh, people were saved just as they are saved today. They are and we are saved by faith and a life of sanctification. We need to heed the words of the TaNaKh, or we will repeat history.

Furthermore, we who are of the FAITH are accountable to each other. We cannot separate ourselves from a congregation, rather we must be part of a congregation to fully grow and mature in our LORD [YHVH]. It is impossible to grow by ourselves! Even as we consider BBQ coals. When they are together, the fire is strong. When we remove a few from the group, they quickly begin to lose their heat. However, if we set one coal aside, it’s fire begins to dim almost immediately. In the same way, we need to be part of a body where we can learn and encourage each other.

In a body, everyone will be disciplined, pruned, and disciplined by the Word of our LORD [YHVH].

General forgiveness?

Matt 6:9ff

Mark 11:25ff

Our faith is not based on *general love*. YHVH continuously speaks about how His love is based on sanctification in the Torah.

Look at Matt 18:15 Notice the context is about RESTORATION! (Notice Matt 18:10-14).

Our LORD [YHVH] is not talking about **general forgiveness** but rather approaching and **restoring a brother/sister** who is in sin. While we are to love everyone whether they

repent or not, that does not mean we are to forgive everyone who violates the Torah. We must approach the individual with love and gentleness, even as we would want to be. The objective is to restore the brother.

Do we forgive everyone?

Imprecatory prayers invoke judgment on those who break YHVH's law.

The Scriptures speak much about imprecatory prayers. For example, did you know there are many imprecatory psalms and in the Apostolic Scriptures?

The following psalms in the Psalter are generally considered to be imprecatory Psalms: Psalms 7, 35, 55, 58, 59, 69, 79, 83, 109, and 137.

Imprecatory prayers about final judgement. These prayers concern those who practice sin to such an extent that they become YHVH's enemies. They are not about personal vendettas or personal revenge, but these Psalms reflect David's awareness of God's justice and YHVH's intolerance for sin.

We are to hate the sin and not to hold a grudge against the individual, but we to view this action as an enemy of YHVH. Because YHVH will judge all who practice sin. To hate sin is the beginning of wisdom.

Important point: When we read imprecatory psalms, they always call for the ungodly to repent!

Paul talks about loving your enemies will increase their punishment!

When we pray 'Come quickly, LORD [YHVH] Yeshua, we are actually praying for judgment to come upon His enemies.'

Again, the imprecatory Psalms are not a matter of personal revenge, rather, they are "strong" statements which reflect David's awareness of God's justice and His intolerance for sin.

Some examples:

- Psalm 69:22-23 mentioned in Romans 11:9-10
- Psalm 69:9 mentioned in Romans 15:3
- Rev 6:10

As Believers, we need to personally get out of sin, because will cost us eternity! We need to understand what YHVH calls sin.

Furthermore, we need to confront and restore all who are in sin! Remember, we are to encourage others in the same way you would like them to restore us.

I strongly encourage you to study these notes and Scriptures at home!!!