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LOVE VS. FEAR

Elder Yashah, a servant of YAH our Father and Yahushua our Redeemer, to the Saints: Greetings.

Brethren, as you may know, certain factions among the Hebrew Yisraelite-aware have put forward the idea that YAH is not *all love*, but possesses hate as well. And understandably, this controversial position has caused division, and stirred intense debate within the Kingdom community at-large. And as always, as with all things under the sun, coming to terms with hatred must be accomplished with a balanced approach.

Now it is written, "...if any man say I love YAH and hates his brother, he is a liar..." (1 Jn. 14:20). Surely, the love of the brethren is the outstanding identifying trait of the faithful remnant of Yisrael. And surely, our Messiah Himself made this matter crystal clear, saying, "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another" (Jn. 13:34-35). No doubt!

And yet it is *also* written that we must "Abhor (utterly despise) that which is evil" (Rom. 12:9). In Christ, is this hatred not a divine tool? Is it not a critical motivating factor in our war against the forces of darkness? After all, Yahushua Himself became *irate* at the irreverence of the money changers in the Temple! Is it not written that our meek and gentle Savior made a leather whip, and physically drove out those money-hungry hypocrites?

Psalm 2 for example, tells us that even Almighty YAHUWAH in judging the enemies of Yisrael shall, "...speak unto them in His wrath, and vex them in His sore displeasure." Behold, saints: the opposite of love is not hate. The opposite of love is *fear*.

Notice that our Father *acknowledges* His hatred – for one who sows discord among brethren, for example. And the great King David himself affirmed this hidden truth, writing, "You hate all workers of iniquity" (Ps. 5:4-5). And yet, Abba YAH is not only in *possession* of love, He *is* love. And therefore, profoundly, there is a legitimate hatred that exists within love.

Likewise, love and hate do co-exist in mature citizens of the Kingdom! And after all, if we as believers have no strong hatred for evil – even for that which is in our own flesh – we lack the necessary motivation to overcome it; and we simply learn to adjust to, and to justify lawlessness.

It is written, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear" (1 Jn. 4:18). And while unjust hatred can be both physically and mentally crippling; again, fear is the opposite of love, and our greatest stumbling block. Fear is the truly destructive emotion we must root out and destroy!

Finally, O Yisrael: we are living in a cold and rebellious generation. And we must no longer deny the anger and hatred experienced by each of us in the face of such rampant evil; even as a well-meaning attempt to please our Father! Instead, we must learn to sanctify our righteous indignation with a kind of divine anger management, if you will; rather than continuing to blindly follow an unscriptural, unachievable and hypocritical doctrine of men. As it is written, "Be angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath." (Eph. 4:26). SÉLAH.

Beloved brethren, we must no longer allow anger and hatred to fester in our hearts until our lives are toxic with bitterness before our GOD. Instead, let us purge ourselves from the old leaven, that we may be a sweet savor unto Abba YAH, and to our beloved brothers and sisters who are our companions in this great tribulation! Even so, Amen.

May the Grace, Mercy, and Shal'm of the Most High be with you all. ECHAD!

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