

The Call to be Perfect

“Therefore, be perfect, as your Father in the heavens is perfect.”

MattitYahu 5:48

Many times I have heard believers say, that it is impossible for us to be perfect because we are human, and humans make mistakes. I must say that I do not totally agree with this statement. Yes, we are humans, and yes we've all made mistakes. Romans 3:23 states “for all have sinned and fall short of the esteem of Elohim.” This, we can date back to the Garden of Eden, where the fall of mankind began. But why would Yahusha, command us to be perfect as our Heavenly Father if it were impossible? Why would He set us up for failure? If it were impossible, He would not have command us to do so. Taking into consideration that we are in a “fallen state” we cannot rely on ourselves alone to be perfect. We must allow the Set-Apart Spirit that YHWH has given us to work within us, to help lead and guide us back to perfection. Perfection is possible. We can do ALL things through the Mashiyach, with the help of the Set-Apart Spirit, who empowers us!

Let us not forget that we were created in the image of our Creator, YHWH, as stated in Genesis 1:27. Think about it! WE were created in the image of YHWH! When you think about the Creator and all He encompasses... WOW! It was never intended for us to be in the fallen state that we are in today. We have to stop making excuses for why we are not living up to our end of the bargain. This is now the time for restoration! Time for us to return to the ways of YHWH, which are perfect! If we truly love Him, if we truly want to make it into the Kingdom and reign with Him forever, we need to do all that is required of us. Let's find out what the word perfect means.

Perfect: to be without errors, flaws, or faults; whole or complete and lacking nothing essential; excellent or ideal in every way; having all the necessary or typical characteristics required for a given situation.

I'm not going to dwell on the first part of the definition in regards to the being without errors or flaws; because as I had stated earlier, we all have made mistakes. I would like to talk about the latter part, "having all the necessary or typical characteristics required for a given situation." The command to be perfect has been given to all those who have chosen to live a set-apart life, wholly unto YHWH. In order to help us do that YHWH has given us Torah, His Instructions, for daily set-apart living. If we follow these daily instructions, we will have the necessary tools required to live each day pleasing in the sight of YHWH. Psalms 19:7 states **"The Torah of YHWH is perfect, bringing back the being."** Following Torah will lead us back to the original state in which YHWH intended us to be... PERFECT, having the necessary characteristics required to be called a child of the Most High!

Matthew 7:20 states "So then, by their fruits shall you know them." Basically this verse is saying that by their CHARACTERISTICS (distinguishing features) you will know them. You will know those who are of the Father, YHWH and those who are of the adversary, Ha Shatan, by their actions and by their words and even their outward appearance, i.e. modesty in attire. What are the fruit (characteristics) of the Spirit? Galatians 5:22-25 states "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustworthiness, gentleness and self-control. Against such there is no Torah. And those who are of the Mashiyach have impaled the flesh with its passions and the desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." All who say they are joint heirs with Yahusha Ha Mashiyach should possess all of the characteristics listed above.

Going back to what I had stated earlier about us being created in the image of YHWH. Yahuah possesses all of those characteristics listed, therefore if we are to

be perfect as He is perfect; having those characteristics is a must for all believers of Yahuah and followers of Yahusha Ha Mashiyach. One of the important keys to mastering perfection is trust (faith). Without faith is it impossible to please YHWH. We must trust YHWH in all matters of our lives. Many times we as humans like to lean on our own strength and see with our own eyes. This is not good, because no good thing dwells in this flesh. We cannot leave it up to our flesh to make the right decisions. We will fail every time we allow our flesh to lead us and not the Set-Apart Spirit. The Set-Apart Spirit was given to us to help lead us and guide us into all truth. We must trust and believe that YHWH knows what is best and that He wants us to have the best. Nothing He does is to ever harm us. His Torah, our instructions for daily set apart living, was given to us as a guide to help lead us back to His perfect way. Sometimes we may not even understand what is going on at the time; but we must remember that ALL things work together for the good of them who love YHWH, to those who are called according to His purpose.

I encourage all believers to continue to press toward the goal of the high calling of YHWH, in Yahusha Ha Mashiyach. The call is for us to be perfect, for our Father in the heavens is perfect. And know that He who has begun a good work in you shall perfect it until the day of Yahusha Ha Mashiyach!

PERFECTION IS ACHIEVEABLE! PERFECTION IS A REQUIREMENT!

By Sis. MashaYah