

## Will You Be Set-Apart?

This summer during one of the evening offerings, the word of Alahym came to me at this time of prayer. The word came clear and steady, “**Will you be set-apart?**” It went on in my head and throughout my being, “**Will you be set-apart? Will you be set-apart?**” There wasn’t any reason to question. I knew what the Most High was asking.

As believers in the process of coming out of the beast system, we are putting on the righteousness required and expected of us. In coming out of the system we are taking off unrighteous works and we are freeing ourselves from the entanglements of the world. Yet, our Alahym is calling for a deeper set-apartness from His people who have been called to be set-apart. It isn’t enough to speak the name of Yahuah. It isn’t enough to proclaim the Turah. We have to become *more* set-apart and this means becoming a replica of the Word, the Instruction, and making a difference between the clean and the unclean.

In order to become a replica of Yah’s spoken and written word, we must mentally, socially, and spiritually come out from the world, withdraw from the unbelievers, set ourselves apart and keep the Most High’s instructions. This is a requirement for Yahuah’s set-apart people; it is not an option. We must not touch the unclean, and this comes down to objects, lifestyles, pursuits, foods, and people.

We’re really good about putting away the unclean foods mentioned in the book of Wayyiqra (Leviticus). Yet, what about pursuits that will put us in a position to make alliances with those that are unclean? This is something we must think about. In the Abry (Hebrew) language there are many words for unclean, and I will provide a few of these words and their definitions.

- A. **H2930** *tame'* *taw-may'* a primitive root; to be foul, especially in a ceremonial or moral sense (contaminated)
- B. **H2932** *tum'ah* *toom-aw'* from 2930; religious impurity
- C. **H6292** *piggawl* *pig-gool'* or *piggul* {*pig-gool'*}; from an unused root meaning to stink; properly, fetid, i.e. (figuratively) unclean (ceremonially)

Therefore anything or anyone that is ceremonially, morally and religiously impure, we are not to touch. This also pertains to places. There are places we shouldn’t frequent if they are morally and religiously impure. It was told us – “**Touch not the unclean.**” Now, the Abry word for touch is the Strong’s **H5060** *Naga* and it means – prop. to touch, i.e. lay the hand upon (for any purpose; euphemism to lie with a woman); by implication to reach (figuratively to arrive, acquire); violently, to strike (punish, defeat, destroy, etc.).

As the people of the Most High, we are to know the difference between the clean and the unclean. This is to be taught in Yasharal. In a day where people like to have all these gray areas, we need to understand that there aren't any gray areas when it comes to the matters of the Most High. Though we may be lacking understanding, our lack of understanding does not allow for the creation of perceived 'gray' areas. Yahuah means what He says, and He expects His people to align themselves when His word goes out. For some reason, people are content with deceiving themselves into thinking that they have all this time before they make the commitment do what is right and walk obediently before the Most High. What about the text that states, ***"Today is the day of deliverance, harden not your heart..."***? Every act of disobedience, every act of resistance, every lying justification, and every delay is an act of hardening one's heart. People are willingly deceiving themselves because they do not want to change; they do not want submit to the Most High; people are bound in their pride. There are also those who don't want to actually believe that they are not as righteous as they thought themselves to be. In addition, some just do not want to serve Yahuah; they are content with their false mighty ones and they prefer the mighty ones of their captors over the Alahym of their forefathers, the Alahym of Truth.

I will say this: The deadly fantasy has to end. There are those creating illusions because they value their lives and the world they've built more than the righteousness of Yahuah. People want to make all sorts of excuses as to why they will not obey instead of just being honest enough to say, "I don't believe Yahuah. I don't want to walk in His ways and be obedient to all His instructions. I don't care what the Almighty requires. My family and friends and their perception of me is more important to me than doing what the Creator instructs. I want to do what I want to do, live how I want to live, worship how I want to worship, and worship who I want to worship. I just want to do my thing. If I get there, I'll get there when I'm ready." This is what people are saying in their words and through their actions, and sadly, this is the case of many people. Yet, when a person is asked about why they won't obey they want to come up with all these excuses. People do not want to be honest.

The excuses have to stop. Yahuah is not mocked and none of us can deceive Him, though many work hard to deceive themselves and others. The danger in this mindset is that the individual who continues to walk in disobedience and justify their disobedience will eventually turn themselves over to a mind that does not seek to do what is righteous. Whatever basic understanding they did have will become cloudy and unclear; they will no longer be able to perceive and understand the valuable truths of the Almighty. Eventually, **they will** flip their own minds, and this is true insanity. This individual will then begin to see evil manifest from within, and this will be the evil that was always lurking near.

Obedience to Yahuah is our only way to combat the evil that is lurking and ready to overtake us. Obedience to Yahuah is the only way to have eternal life. Be it known, Yahuah is not mocked and Yahuah is not a man that He would lie; delaying to

obey is disobedience and all disobedience is sin. Delaying to obey is disobedience and all disobedience is sin. Continuous refusal to repent and submit to Yahuah's instruction will end in a present condition and in an eternity without Him.

The concept of touching not the unclean is a critical concept of Turah that we must understand. – ***“And they are to teach My people the difference between the set-apart and the profane, and make them know what is unclean and clean.”***

***Yahazqal 44:23.*** Again, we must not touch the unclean. When a set-apart person touches that which is unclean, then that individual becomes unclean. This puts the individual in a condition where he or she is unable to stand clear in the presence of Yahuah. Due to ignorance on this topic, the Most High has continued to send His benefits and barakahs (blessings), but are these barakahs coming at a distance due to His set-apart and righteous nature being unable to come into direct contact with the uncleanness that exists in our lives? This is something for us to seriously ponder. Is the Most High standing at a distance because of the unclean objects, thoughts, pursuits, and people in our lives? We must take this into serious consideration and search ourselves, we must search our lives to see if there's any uncleanness in us.

Now, there are some basic principles to set-apartness. One fundamental principle we must all get in the fiber of our beings is – relationship with the nonbelievers, the world. Now we know that those outside of Turah and the spiritual regeneration process are morally impure. Yet, for some reason there are those in Turah that seem not to have an issue associating with and having relationships with unbelievers.

For example, a Yahuah believer has a colleague who isn't in the Way and does not acknowledge Yahuah. This individual does not even care to know the path of the Most High, and is not interested in the lifestyle of their set-apart colleague. The two work well together and enjoy talking about daily matters. The unbeliever invites the set-apart one to various events and places that have nothing to do with the Way of set-apartness. What is this set-apart one supposed to do? – Be set-apart and do not allow for an opportunity to be influenced by individuals and with matters that do not support a set-apart lifestyle. This may make some people feel that one is judging another, but some things are just statements of fact. Now, some may say, “We can't isolate ourselves from people or make it seem that we're better than them.” My answer is this – Unless one's association is due to working on assignments or sharing the Good News of the Turah, what is the **end goal** of the interaction/relationship? Of course we are not to walk around thinking that we're better than others. The true question is this – *Do we want to risk contaminating ourselves, therefore, finding ourselves unclean before Yahuah. Do we want to risk falling into sin and missing the mark? Do we want to risk being overtaken by our flesh, our enemies, and the enemies of Yahuah? Do we want to make ourselves unacceptable before the Most High? This is the true issue, and this is the only issue.*

We run the risk of contaminating ourselves by associating with the unclean. This contamination can happen physically, spiritually, emotionally, and mentally. We

are all transfer agents and we all are giving off something. Why would a set-apart individual want to take the risk of something unclean being transferred to him or her? We have to really evaluate our interactions. Contamination will happen if we are looking for something other than the two instances – work or Torah – when associating with unbeliever. What relationship has light with darkness? Intimacy with the world is enmity with Yahuah. A relationship is an intimate agreement due to a common purpose or interest; so why would a set-apart individual want to be in intimate agreement with someone who isn't in agreement with Yahuah and is not seeking to be intimate with Yahuah? Yahuah does not approve of this, and we need to start feeling the same way Yahuah feels about His set-apartness and the set-apartness of His people.

Another issue. All those professing and calling upon the name of Yahuah are not clean. There are those who call out the name of Yahuah but they are unclean and they are not Yasharal. An article is coming that will explain the difference between Ya'aqub and Yasharal. We must understand that just because an individual calls out the name of Yahuah does not mean that he or she is in Yahuah. Those in Yahuah are those who obey His instructions. There are those who through unclean deeds have entered the setting and the movement of the restoration of the set-apart people. There are those who through unclean deeds and deception have attempted to cloak themselves as Yasharal; yet, they work iniquity, they are lawless, they do not submit themselves to the instructions of Yahuah. They portray enough to get by in order to associate with Yasharal, but they are unclean. This isn't something new, it has happened many times in the history of the set-apart people.

We have much to think about. The Almighty is getting His people together. We haven't always understood the ways of the Most High but the Spirit is trying to get our attention. Yahuah is speaking to His people, this can't be denied – He is speaking to His people. My prayer is that we will repent and turn to Him in all things that He speaks to us and reveals to us. We must also believe His messengers. Many people are looking for a private audience with the Almighty but their disobedience and uncleanness will not allow for the private audience. Yet, people get upset when Yah's messengers come with His words. If people want a private audience with the Most High then they better start obeying His word and the word He is speaking through His messengers. Then, once obedience has been accomplished and the unclean removed from their lives the private audience with Yahuah may happen. "...Trust in Yahuah your Alahym and be steadfast, trust His prophets and prosper." D'bra haYamym Byth (2 Chronicles) 20:20.

"Will you be set-apart?" What about the way you dress? Will you cover your nakedness? Will you cover your private body parts? "Will you be set-apart?"

"Will you be set-apart?" What about that friend who does not want to know about how you're supposed to live or have a truth study, yet wants you to go to the bar, the movies, hang out at his or her house while abominations and unclean matters

are taking place? Will you continue in agreement with such an individual? “Will you be set-apart?”

“Will you be set-apart?” What about the boss who is refusing you the days off necessary to keep the Shabbat? Will *we* trust the Almighty enough to enhance the skills and abilities He’s given *us* in order to provide *us* with a living? Do *we* understand that the Most High is *our* source? “Will you be set-apart?”

“Will you be set-apart?” What about that television program or movie that promotes and esteems fornication, adultery, homosexuality, lesbianism, murder, lies, and all matters of lawlessness? Are you going to turn it off? Are you going to throw it away and get that accursed item out of your house? “Will you be set-apart?”

The things Yahuah has set under the ban, we must also put under the ban. Yahuah is calling for us to set ourselves apart. Will you let Yahuah do the work in your life by agreeing to set yourself apart according to His requirements? Or will you rebel and let the evil that is lurking devour you? What are you going to do? Will you be set-apart?

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