

A JOURNEY INTO NOTHINGNESS

Scripture abounds with accounts of YHWH's dealings with His servants that result in an ever-increasing faithfulness, devotion and obedience. Almost without exception, the end result of these individual journeys into YHWH is a complete fading away. Some of the servants simply were not mentioned in scripture anymore. Some were taken physically by YHWH to be with Him. Enoch walked with YHWH and one day he ceased to exist in this world. Elijah was taken up by a flaming chariot. However, the lives and stories of these servants that have been given to us as examples show us something else. Their fading away didn't happen quickly. ***It was a process.*** From the time of Abraham's faithful search for the land YHWH had promised to his offering up of his only firstborn son, Abraham was in a process of fading away and in a process of growing closer to HIM. The closer and closer that we walk with YHWH, the less important we become, the less important the world becomes, the less important everything becomes, particularly our old ideas about what a walk with YHWH is all about. I am coming to the realization that nothing is about me, or us, or our ministry or our understanding. It never has been. It is all about HIM. His glory, His faithfulness, His understanding, His mercy, His ministry, His Will. I am convinced that our walk with YHWH, if we persist in this walk, will ultimately result in our fading into complete nothingness. This includes our personal lives as well as our spiritual lives, because, indeed, we cannot be double minded in anything. Hopefully, the explanation below will illuminate what at the surface seems to a completely absurd idea.

The characteristics and daily practice of my walk have changed greatly in recent months. I now often find myself thinking " I must be negligent in my walk, I ought to be praying more, reading scripture more, sharing more, writing more, seeking more; after all if I am a Priest of the Most High GOD, then".....You see that's the way we are and why YHWH is changing us. Why do we think that we have to be anything? Do anything? Understand anything? Why do we persist in believing that we must "know" the answers to all questions? We have been greatly blessed by tremendous, glorious revelations from YHWH. For this I am thankful. I pray that HE will continue to bless us so. But, these did not come from our own understanding, or our work, or our study, but from HIM and HIM alone, as a gift. Because of the magnitude of these revelations, I have been convinced for years that YHWH was equipping us to do some great thing, to have a ministry to the Church, or otherwise be something meaningful within HIS will and works in the world. What arrogance, that I could assume such a thing or attach any importance to myself because of the wonderful gift. The magnitude of these revelations and truths have been a great blessing upon us in that we are beginning to know HIM better and a curse upon us because we tend to believe that we may know something no one else knows and because of the remaining human nature within us, become arrogant and "puffed up". Now, these are harsh words, but if we are absolutely honest with each other, and ourselves we know that there is a sliver of truth here. If it is the true wishes of our hearts to be mightily used of YHWH, then there cannot be found within us even a sliver of deceit, arrogance, pride or human agenda.

Not so long ago, YHWH began to reveal to me that the attributes HE seeks within us were demonstrated perfectly in Messiah Yahsua. These attributes make up a three-legged stool that is the very foundation of the Kingdom. HE was (is) in perfect **Sabbath** with the Father.

His will and the Father's will are one. "Nevertheless thy will be done". HE displays perfect **Sight**. " I can do nothing except what I see the Father doing". HE possesses perfect **Understanding** in that HE can call upon and utilize the Heavenly hosts and all of the awesome powers of YHWH to affect the will of the Father. How did Ychsua in His humanity manifest these attributes? **Because HE and the Father were one**. He had no agenda in His humanity. The Fathers (and His) works were accomplished from the creation of the universe and **He was in perfect Sabbath** with those works. In other words, Ychsua displayed in His humanity, **perfect nothingness**. Out of that nothingness came great power, glory, a new creation and the restoration of all things.

I am reminded of and inspired by the glorious nothingness displayed by the Angelic creation. Michael, who had charge over the body of Moses, found himself in contention with Satan. In perfect nothingness, Michael simply responded, "YHWH rebuke you". I am sure that Michael as a mighty warrior angel could, on his own, wield considerable power. But, when the time of contention came, there was no anger displayed, no battle plans laid, no fear displayed, only "YHWH rebuke you". Michael had no agenda apart from YHWH. I can only guess at the level of nothingness displayed by the Angelic beings that were given charge over Ychsua at HIS crucifixion. I am assuming that they had not been advised by YHWH of HIS plans and the ultimate outcome. I cannot imagine the anguish that they felt in witnessing the humiliation and suffering of Messiah Ychsua. Yet, they remained obedient. Like Abraham, in his state of nothingness, they believed that even if the Son in sacrificed, YHWH could raise HIM up again. Indeed, HE did. Satan, on the other hand, was allowed by YHWH to devise an agenda apart from YHWH. Somewhere in scripture it says of Satan that " He desired to be like". When Satan desired to be anything and in particular something apart from YHWH, evil sprang into creation.

Like Satan, any agenda that we desire to implement (even for a moment), brings inherent evil into our lives. **Even if that agenda includes what we believe at the time are works for YHWH**. What would be the outcome if, in our present state of nothingness, YHWH were to somehow grant us great power, take us back and give us charge, like the Angelic creatures, over the crucifixion. I recently asked a brother this question and he immediately responded " we would really muck things up". I believe that he is absolutely correct. I also believe that YHWH may desire a company to be raised up in these days that have made the journey into complete and total nothingness. A company that will not "muck up" any charge that is brought to them by YHWH. A company that does not need all of the answers to be faithful and indeed, does not even need to know the questions. Now, before that feeling of hopelessness creeps in, take heart. Like every other aspect of our walk, if we continue, YHWH will perform this work within us. Just don't be surprised if very soon you find yourself a complete alien in an alien land, claiming to be nothing, having nothing, knowing nothing. I am reminded of what I am beginning to believe may be the greatest confession in scripture. Paul said " I have professed to know nothing but Messiah Ychsua, and Him crucified" **AMEN**.