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Three and Counting

Recently, I returned from this ministry's 45th and 46th Gospel outreaches to Israel completed in October and December of 2018. Evangelist August Rosado accompanied me on both trips. In October we met Asaph at the Budget car rental counter to pick up our car. To our astonishment, there was absolutely no line of customers we normally have to wait behind. August and I exchanged an understanding glance and word to each other stating that having no people behind us in line would providentially allow us to spend more time to share the Gospel of Yeshua the Messiah with a car rental agent. That is exactly what happened with a young Israeli man by the name of Asaph. We said to Asaph that we come to Israel several times each year to humbly make Israel aware of the fact the God of the Bible has miraculously preserved and protected the Jewish people against all odds. We also

added that those God loves, Satan seeks to destroy-Israel being a prime example of that. Those who seek to destroy the Chosen People, God has and will destroy them in return (Genesis 12:1-3). Asaph agreed and told us how unreasonable it is that other religions could not believe in a God who punished those like Hitler in hell that escaped justice in this life for the great evil done. We replied that all life without God and His Son Yeshua the Messiah is empty and meaningless, even quoting Qoheleth (Hebrew word for preacher) to prove this point who rightly wrote in Ecclesiastes 1:2, "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." To have the fullness of life with God now and eternal life to come, we suggested to Asaph he accept a complete Jewish Bible from us to learn that Yeshua has come to fill the empty heart with His life giving presence and to restore us in righteousness from the vanity of sin.

Asaph further told us that it doesn't make any sense everybody is going to heaven without exception. If that were the case, why would there be a hell? We said this was biblically on the mark and that is exactly why the God of Israel sent His Son Yeshua the Messiah who died as a kipporah (atonement) for our sins to save us from going down to the pit into the everlasting punishment of hell (Job 33:28). Asaph was absolutely ecstatic to receive an Old and New Testament Bible in Hebrew and Messianic Gospel tracts from us to see and hopefully trust Yeshua the Messiah for this salvation. Asaph wanted our e-mail addresses and contact numbers so that we could continue our Gospel ministry with



him. What a great start to another pivotal Gospel outreach to the Chosen People.

On the 46th Gospel outreach, this past December, we revisited the Dizengof Mall where we have had good Gospel ministry in the past. August and I shared the Gospel of Yeshua the Messiah with two very receptive Israelis. Two pictured here with me were Yuval and Shia. They were joyous and excited to learn that we regularly share with Gentile believers in Yeshua that they are indebted to the God of Israel and the Jewish people

He sovereignty chose to write His Word and send the Savior Yeshua the Messiah for our salvation. He is found and foretold in the Hebrew Bible. August and I invited both ladies to accept a belated Hanukkah gift from us a day after the holiday. Shia and Yuval were visibly and deeply touched to learn these gifts we offered were two Hebrew Study Bibles with Messianic study materials. Both ladies were so grateful that we gave the Word of God back to them concerning the Good News of salvation that they gave us a return gift of a Hanukkiah and Dreidels. As we left both August and I were delighted to see Yuval and Shia eagerly reading the Scriptures and Messianic Gospel tracts we gave them.

These are just three people of the over sixty precious Jewish people August and I personally shared the Gospel with and gave a complete Hebrew Bible to that included the New Testament on the marvelous Gospel outreaches completed this past October and December. This was the third visit to Israel where August and I did not have one single rejection presenting the Gospel and handing out Hebrew Bibles and Messianic Gospel tracts.

This makes the third Gospel outreach and counting we

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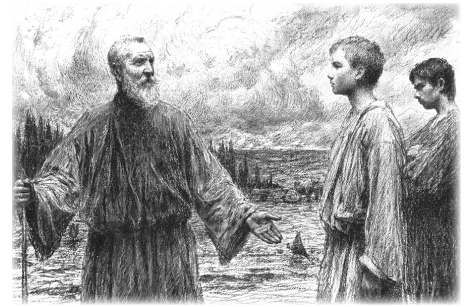


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The Parable of the Two Sons

(Matthew 21: 28-32)

Part 4



“But What Do you think? A Certain man had two sons, and he came to the first, and said, ‘Son, go, work today in my vineyard.’ He answered and said, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he repented and went. Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father. They said to Him, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, Truly, I say to you that the tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the

The only acceptable son in God’s rightful estimate is a repentant and obedient one. In fact, the Lord rejoices over repentant hearts (Luke 15:7). The first son, and the like, characterizes all repentant sinners, and he is representative of what repentance really is. The actions of the first son reveal the resultant fruits of repentance in functional operation on the life of a contrite soul. As we mentioned earlier, repentance is basically a radical change of mind leading to a redirection of the will for a better, more worthy purpose in obedience to God. Through the convicting power of the Holy Spirit, the sinner is changed from walking in the disobedience of sin to a pure and upright fellowship with God the Father and with the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. At first, the first son refused to obey his father’s will, but afterwards he changed for the better and immediately obeyed. Repentance flowers forth when the sinner turns from all his evil ways and abominable thoughts; it is the sudden cessation of the sinner’s willful rebellion against God and his celebrated return to be reconciled with the Lord. Simply put, in biblical terms, repentance is the forsaking of sin and returning to God. ***“Let the wicked man forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon”*** (Isaiah 55:7).

The sinner turning to God for service under Him proves repentance. 1Thessalonians 1:9 indicates two sides of repentance—turning from sin and turning to God ***“For they themselves show of us what manner of entering in we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God”***. After thoughtful reconsideration, the first son ceased in his course of rebellion. He returned to the Father and served him in the vineyard—a direct consequence of his repentance. He turned away from disobedience to obedience

and followed the Father’s command. True repentance is manifested by counteractive, amendable works for a baneful and wicked life previously lived. The result of repentance is not merely the abstention of doing evil, but also includes the ongoing performance of that which is good in God’s eyes (Luke 3:8-14). When the people of Nineveh repented at the stern preaching of Jonah it was only after God saw their “works” of repentance that He spared them from His consuming judgment. In Acts 19, the Holy Spirit gives the detailed account of repentant Jews and Gentiles in Ephesus. They came forth confessing and repenting of their sins followed by deeds proving this. ***“And many that believed came, and confessed, and showed their deeds”*** (Acts 19:18). Both the Old and New Testaments teach that the true effects of repentance are always followed by conformational actions. This irrefutable fact is well pictured by the Lord in the parable of the two sons. The first son confirmed his repentance by his reformatory deeds in compliance to the father’s will. The first son made commendable restitution for openly dishonoring the father’s command. He “repented” and obligingly followed his father’s prior instructions to “go work in the vineyard.” It is the goodness of God that leads men to repentance (Romans 2:4).

This goodness is well administered in the patience and forbearance of God, which in turn leads men to repentance; for it is the Holy Father’s desire that all men should repent and not perish (2Peter 3:9). No doubt the first son greatly marveled at his father’s gracious longsuffering. He may well have thought before this, that due to his contemptuous refusal to work, the father would severely punish and remove such an outright infidel as he from the family estate. However, after prolonged observance, he realized the father’s unconditional love for him, despite his headstrong dislike for

what the father had told him to do. At this wondrous and forbearing love, the first son humbly submitted to the father’s authority and fulfilled his request to work in the vineyard. We, brethren, were in precisely the same situation as the first son. It was while we were yet in the deadened state of sin, implacable hatred, and causal indifference, being enemies of God, that He extended His love toward us. ***“But God commends His love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”*** (Romans 5:8). Another important biblical facet of repentance is the amending of one’s malignant ways with God. ***“Thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, amend your ways and your doings”*** (Jeremiah 7:3). The amending of the sinner’s way is accomplished by obeying God in whatsoever He commands (Jeremiah 26:13).

The first son admirably did this by his repentance. His filial obedience in the end amended and canceled out his prior evil and rebellion against God the ever-patient father. True repentance as seen in the person of the first son, is vastly different from the deficient concept of “penance”. The latter consist of merely making a verbal confession of sin and receiving ritualistic absolution from a priestly mediator. The former consists not only of making a verbal admittance of sin, but also the active “putting away” of it with the purgative result of direct forgiveness from God. ***“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous”*** (1John 1:7; 2:1). In the holiness of His Word, God not only demands verbal confession of sin, but also the expulsion of it by the sinner replacing it with righteous obedience and godly living through the supernatural enabling grace in Christ Jesus appropriated at the throne of grace. ***“Wash yourselves,***

make yourselves clean. Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, learn to good" (Isaiah 1:16-17). Repentance is a sure token of the regeneration of the heart making the sinner obedient to the will of God. Upon repentance and conversion, Saul of Tarsus humbly surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and responded, **"Lord, what will you have me to do"** (Acts 9:6). After the miraculous catch of fishes were caught, Peter repented and confessed to the miracle working Christ, **"Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord."** The Lord's encouraging reply was, **"Fear not. From now on you will catch men"** (Luke 5:8-10). And Peter faithfully did so as a result, especially among the Jewish people (Galatians 2:7).

The first son, as true of all who have repented of sin, will obey God's Word and walk carefully and diligently in His

commandments. "For this is what God our loving Father justly expects from His children. ***You shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord, your God, and His testimonies and His statutes, which He has commanded you. And you shall do that which is righteous and good in the sight of the Lord***" (Deuteronomy 6:17-18). Ere passing on to examine the second's son's role in this parable, we make an urgent appeal to the unbeliever. We earnestly invite you, unsaved sinner, while there is very little time left, to surrender your whole life to the Eternal Savior of souls, for he is not far from every one of us. No matter what station in life you are abiding in, whether you are a drunken patron of shady bars and Strip clubs, or a debauched whoremonger of brothels, Jesus Christ is near and ever ready to redeem you with His everlasting love. There is no pit of vile sin too deep enough that He

can't exhume you from. Only sincerely acknowledge your unquestionable guilt as a sinner before His throne of judgment, and admit that you deserve nothing but His fierce, unquenchable wrath. From this dire condition, pray with the same pleading spirit as the Psalmist of old wisely did in Psalm 25:16-18. ***"Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me, for I am desolate and afflicted. The troubles of my heart have enlarged. Bring me out of my distresses! Look on my affliction and pain, and forgive my sins"*** Come to Christ now in the spirit of repentance and you surely shall be saved now and forever! Amen. ***"The Lord is near to them that are of a broken heart, and saves such as be of a contrite spirit"*** (Psalm 34:18). The Bishop of our souls assures unreserved acceptance from the Heavenly Father to every sin dejected, hurting soul who come in repentance to Him.

When You Can't Get to Israel, Israel Comes to You

דיילא עיגמ לארשי לארשיל עיגהל רשפא יא רשא

ריאמ ןב לאיבא/Aviel Ben Hopper/Robin

20 September 2018/11 Tishri 5779

During this past High Holyday season, we have just come through I was reminded of what G-d did for Sue and I on the 28 May 2018/14 Sivan 5778. Now I thought I had written in this instance back in May or June but I must have been mistaken, as I cannot find any such writing.

Sue and I have become used to going to Israel twice a year to bring good tidings to my people. Our greatest joy is to travel to Har Hermon to the port city of Eilat. To travel from Tel Aviv to Haifa, and to spend days in the eternal city of Jerusalem. Israel is in our DNA we are connected to the Land on so many levels I can not even begin to tell you, it would take more pages and time than I am allotted here.

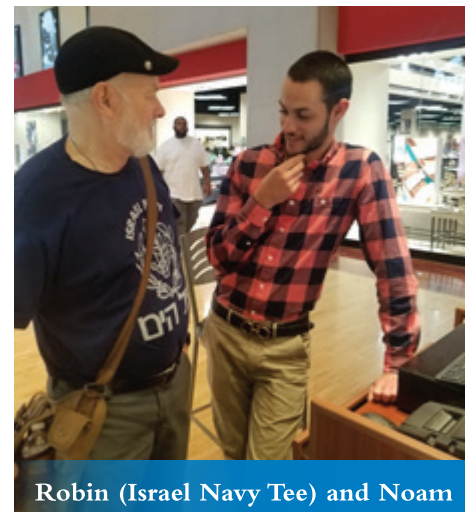
Due to some health problems, and other issues Sue and I have not been able to get back to Israel this year. Last fall when we had the privilege to be in the Land and to be about the business of G-d Sue had just been diagnosed with cancer and the Doctor wanted her to start treatment then. Sue said you are going to have to wait I am on my way to Israel, I'll be right back! Also, this year I have had three surgeries (Bladder, Prostate, and Para Thyroid), so due to constraints on our lives we have not been able to travel. I start this article with this information so you know our heart and the love we have for my people.

On the 28th of May this year Sue wanted to see a movie and the only place it was showing was at Grapevine Mills Mall a good forty-five minute to hour drive from our home in Richardson depending on the traffic. At first, I was reluctant because of the drive but Sue really wanted to go, and the film did interest me. When we arrived at the mall and went in we realized how large the mall was as neither one of us had been to this particular mall in a number of years. We were walking the mall looking for the theater and came upon this kiosk selling skincare products from the Dead Sea. I asked where the theater was and he pointed out the direction and distance for me. I asked how long they would be there and told them we would be

back after the movie.

Sue and I did not have any study materials or Bibles with us, we were not prepared for a witnessing opportunity when we left the house, but after the film we were true to our word and went back to the kiosk and met with Noam סונו he had been released from the IDF about a year before and chose the United States to visit after his discharge from the

Israeli Defense Force. I allowed Noam to go through his talk about his company and he asked if I knew anything about Dead Sea skin care products, and at that point I said to Noam סונו that we went to Israel twice a year and that we were very familiar with Dead Sea products and used them. We expressed our love of Israel and the Jewish People. I talked to Noam סונו and his work mate a little about HaBasorot תירבה (Good News) and how it changed my life Noam's work mate was not interested in what we were saying and stepped aside, Noam סונו on the other hand seemed to have an open mind as to what we were discussing. Since Sue and I did not have with us and Bibles or study material, we told Noam סונו we would be back the next day because I had a gift for him and that I would purchase one of his products. I am sure he was thinking yeah right, I'll bet you will be back.



Robin (Israel Navy Tee) and Noam

Whenever we witness in the marketplace we always want to leave by blessing them in their work place as we know they are there working for an employer who expects them to be doing company business. So, the next morning Sue and I got up and headed to the mall once again to speak to our divine appointment Noam. This day I dressed just for him I was wearing an Israel Navy tee shirt if for no other reason than to express my appreciation for the IDF.



Sue, Noam and Robin

We entered the mall and in a couple of minutes found what we thought was the kiosk and there were two other Israeli gentlemen manning it, we asked when Noam would be there and he said he did not work this kiosk that he

was on the other side of the mall. We thanked them and told them after we met with Noam we would stop back and talk to them. As I said earlier Grapevine Mills is one of the largest malls in North Texas and it took quite a few minutes to get to the other side of the mall and find the kiosk where Noam was at I think he was pleasantly surprised we had returned as we said we would. Sue and I came prepared this day with a couple of tracts, and two complete Hebrew Bibles. Once again, we discussed the HaBasorot תירבה and I offered Noam a complete Hebrew Bible. Again, Noam's work mate expressed he was not interested. Now Noam was struggling as I spoke to him but he had an open mind and when I offered him the Bible he received it and put it in his drawer. I pray he has looked at it, and read parts of it. I pray he sees the promised Messiah in the pages and I pray he comes to know Messiah. Then as promised I made a purchase from him to bless him and his company as we had taken his time away from work.

Now we had one more Bible left to give away and we had promised to go back to the other kiosk. We walked once again to the

other side of mall and approached the kiosk we were shown favor in that they were not busy and being a Monday, the mall had not really gotten busy yet. We walked up to the kiosk and I introduced ourselves to them.



Yoseph, Robin, Benjamin and Sue

One of the young men's names was Yoseph יוסף and the other was Benjamin בןמין. Both of these young men were excited that we came back to talk to them. What got their attention to begin with was my Israel Navy Tee, it turned out it was the perfect garment for the day as it got the attention of three Israelis who had been in the Israel Defense Force (IDF). They asked me why I was wearing this particular shirt and I explained to them I was a veteran of the US Nave and had trained with the IDF in 1966 just prior to the Six Day War in June of 1967. Sue and I talked about our love of Israel and my people the Jews.

As we talked we got around to HaBasorot תירבה (Good News) I apologized and told them that I only had one Bible left and could only let one of the have it... but G-d had another plan Yoseph and Benjamin informed us that they were room mates and shared everything, and then I remembered I had two other books in the truck (They Thought For Themselves by Sid Roth and Return of the Kosher Pig by Rabbi Yitzchak Shapira) as we were finishing up our visit I told them I have something else for you in the truck I will be right back. We went back to the truck and I retrieved the two volumes and went back inside. With in a few minutes I had two more books in their hands and they were excited to receive them.

Sue and I were blessed to go to the mall and feel as though we were back in the land. What we experienced here was like what we experience at the Grand Canyon Mall in Haifa, Israel. The L-rd knew we were unhappy not being able to get to Israel this year and in His Mercy, he sent Israel to us.

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have had not one rejection! The openness and receptivity of the Chosen People to hear the Good News about Yeshua the Messiah continues to amazingly grow. **That is why we need your financial support now more than ever. Some people have stopped giving without providing a reason. Funds are very low here at Brit Hadashah Ministries and to discontinue these outreaches due to lack of support would be tragic and very sad, indeed. So I am humbly asking you, our readers, to give generously to help fund our 47th Gospel outreach to Israel and our first outreach for the year 2019.** August Rosado and myself will head back to the Promised Land from March 10 to March 20th. I humbly ask each of you to consider making a generous donation now. Your financial support places you with us in Israel taking the Gospel to the Jew first as Scripture commands the Church to do in Romans 1:16. Partner with us now and watch the Lord mightily move once again in the Land, as Jesus is being reunited with his physical kinsmen in Israel.

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Your servant in Messiah Jesus,

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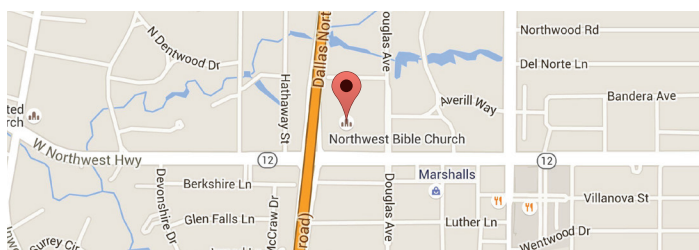
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