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After receiving the commandments from Mount Sinai, Israel desired to keep them. But they couldn't. No matter how hard they tried they continuously failed to stay free from sin. It seemed almost as if they merely transitioned from their mindset of slavery at Egypt to slavery to sin.

This needs to make us stop and think as to whether we are trying to keep the law of God still as slaves, or as sons? Yeshua said the son abides in His house forever, but the slave does not abide forever. In this season of the feast of trumpets, God calls us to evaluate our hearts and minds as to see whether we are truly His sons, known by Him to abide with Him forever, or not.

**The 9th of Av (10–11 August 2019)**

- [1. The Spies Returned With a Bad Report](#)
- [2. Both Holy Temples Were Destroyed](#)
- [3. The Jews Were Expelled From England](#) (1290)
- [4. The Jews Were Banished From Spain](#) (1942)
- [5. The World War Began](#) (Germany declares war on Russia)
  - Expelling Jews and others from their countries

- The **timing** of these events are interesting: before **Trumpets**
- It was always about the **HOME** of God's people
  - **GOD'S HISTORY LESSON:** Don't grow too comfortable in your earthly dwelling
    - 1Ti 6:7** for **we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.**
    - 1Ti 6:8** But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

- **Do you own your earthly possessions, or do they own you?**
- **What are you a slave to?**

**Joh 8:33** They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

**Joh 8:34** Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices **sin is a slave to sin.**

**Joh 8:35** The slave does not remain in the house forever; **the son remains forever.**

- **The Pharisees probably thought: Well it's a good thing I don't practice sin!**

- **If the Pharisees appeared before God on judgement day, would they not feel confident?**

**Luk 18:10** "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

**Luk 18:11** The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

**Luk 18:12** I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.'

**Luk 18:13** But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

**Luk 18:14** I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

- **"Thank you I'm not like those Christians"**
  - **But that Christian who truly loves and desires God will be justified**

**What was the difference between the Pharisee & Tax Collector?**

- The Pharisee continuously **boasted in what he did right, instead of repenting for what he had done wrong.**
  - The greatest of sins was **the pride blinding his eyes from introspection**

- The Tax Collector continuously **repented for what he had done wrong, even though he did nothing right.**

**WHAT IS THE SIN IN YOUR LIFE THAT YOU HAVE VEILED YOUR EYES FROM SEEING, because you think your “good deeds outweigh the bad”?**

- **Before God, they were both equally guilty with regards to the law**
  - Any Earthly judge would have judged the Pharisee **as less of a transgressor**
- **But in terms of the royal law of Christ, the Pharisee stands condemned**

**Yeshua upped the standard:**

**Mat 5:28** But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

- The **standard** of a son is **higher than for a slave**
  - A slave obeys rules, but never becomes a son
  - A son obeys his house rules, but because of his **relationship with His Father, is a son.**
    - **A son will be (1) closer to the Father and have (2) deeper obedience**
    - A slave's relationship comprises of purely on what they **do (works)**
- **What enables you to have that relationship? what makes a boy your son?**
  - Because you **brought them into the world (reborn):**

**Joh 3:5** Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of **water** and the **Spirit**, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

- Because they **know It (identity):**

**Moses: The “Egyptian”**

- Moses’ mother gave him to the Egyptian mother to save his life
  - He grew up **thinking** he was Egyptian
- When he realized he is an Israelite, a **son** of God, that is when he started **acting like one**
- **Similarly, Israel’s identity was Egyptian slave’s**
  - When they got to Mount Sinai they wanted to move from one **slave mindset** of Egyptian Slavery to become a **slaves to the law** given at **Mount Sinai**

## **Abraham & Sarah: Trusting in our own devices**

- God promises Abraham a son, Abraham believes:
  - **Gen 15:6** And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.
- The years go by, and Abraham's wife Sarah is barren - bores no son
- To attempt to fulfill God's promise, Abraham goes forth to take the slave girl (Hagar) so she may bore him a son (Gen 16).
  - **WHY? Because Abraham wanted God's promise to be fulfilled!**
- **But God says the slave boy is not the child of promise**

**Gen 17:16** I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

**Gen 17:17** Then Abraham **fell on his face and laughed and said to himself**, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?"

- Abraham believed the promises, not **how it will come to pass**
- 14 years later, the child of promise is born

## **Israel Trusted their own devices too:**

"All the words which the Lord has spoken we will do" (Exodus 24:3; Deuteronomy 5:27)

- When they grew hungry, what did they do?
- When they grew thirsty, what did they do?
- When they grew tired, what did they do?
- When they got scared, what did they do?
  - And their **complaining** gave way to more sin
- They believed in the **promise**, but not how they **would get there**
  - They were **orphans**: trusting in human devices **instead of being like a child recognizing its need of a Father**
    - We are all sons in need of a Father, if you think you can do it without Him, you will die in the wilderness like Israel did
    - None of us can **depend on our keeping of the law for salvation**
      - **Your best attempt at pleasing God is like filthy rags compared to His holiness**

## **ISRAEL REALIZES THEY ARE ORPHANS:**

**Lam 5:3** We have become **orphans**, fatherless; our mothers are like widows.

**Lam 5:4** We must pay for the water we drink; the wood we get must be bought.

**Lam 5:5** Our pursuers are at our necks; we are weary; we are given no rest.

**Lam 5:6** We have given the hand to Egypt, and to Assyria, to get bread enough.

**Lam 5:7** Our fathers **sinned**, and are no more; and we bear their iniquities.

**Lam 5:8** **Slavery** rules over us; there is none to deliver us from its hand.

- **ORPHANS** try and do things alone. **SONS know they can do nothing without their Father.**

**YESHUA's Response:**

**(Slide transition verse by verse)**

**Joh 14:15** "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

**Joh 14:16** And I will ask the Father, and **he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,**

**Joh 14:17** **even the Spirit** of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

**Joh 14:18** **"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.**

**Laying of Hands for Holy Spirit**

**Act 8:12** But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

**Act 8:14** Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John,

**Act 8:15** **who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit,**

**Act 8:16** for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but **they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**

**Act 8:17** Then they **laid their hands on them** and they received the Holy Spirit.

- Now we are at the first of the fall feasts:
  - He will come get His people at trumpets
    - **1Co 15:52** in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For **the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.**
  - **It is like the clock that strikes on the end of the age**
    - Will you be a **slave**, or a **son**?

- Inward **rebellion**, or inward **repentance**?
- A Pharisee or Tax Collector?
  - The Tax Collector **trusted in the character and promise of God** to grant him freedom and mercy through the power of God
  - The Pharisee **trusted in his own devices**, so much that he didn't even see the flaws in them.

**And it isn't too late for anyone:**

### **The Prodigal Son**

**Luk 15:18** I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

**Luk 15:19** I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."

**Luk 15:20** And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father **saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.**

**Luk 15:21** And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

**Luk 15:22** But the father said to his servants, '**Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.**

**Luk 15:23** And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.

**Luk 15:24** For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

- God is like the Father of the prodigal son, who felt unworthy to be called a son anymore after his sin. God embraces and restores him again with joy.

### **God prepared a place for sons:**

- **Joh 14:2** In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that **I go to prepare a place for you?**

**Joh 14:3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.