

Living Loaves

“Becoming Importune with YAHUAH [God]”

I. SCRIPTURE

Luke 11:5-8 – “And He said to them, **‘Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him”; and he will answer from within and say, “Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you.”? I say to you, although he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needs.’**”

II. ASKING WITH “IMPORTUNITY”

What does asking with “importunity” mean? Doesn’t YAHUSHA [Jesus], in His red-letter words that read in today’s scripture say that our “Friend”, will rise and give us the three (3) loaves for which we ask, not because he is our friend, but because of our “importunity” (Luke 11:8)?

Other versions in their one-word translations, translate “importunity” as “persistence”, “boldness”, and “brashness”. After looking up the definition of what “importunity” means, my favorite translation is the NIV/TNIV two (2)-word translation of “shameless audacity”. How today’s scripture would read, then, is **“although [our friend] will not rise and give to [you the 3 loaves of bread that you ask for] because he is [your] friend, yet because of [your] shameless audacity, he will rise and give [you] as many as [you] need”**.

The Bing dictionary definition of “importunity” is “being persistent, especially to the point of annoyance”. So that would mean that when we ask for the three (3) loaves of bread from our friend, we will get them, and much more, when we persistently ask for them to the point of annoying him!

III. SCRIPTURE BACKGROUND

In the previous chapter, in Luke 10, YAHUSHA [Jesus] sends out seventy (70) disciples because **“the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few”** (Luke 10:2). He sends them out two (2)-by-two (2), “before His face, into every city and place where He Himself was about to go” (Luke 10:1).

So as John the Baptist was the one who was “the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘prepare ye the Way of YAHUAH [God], make straight in the desert a highway for our ELOHIYM’” (Isaiah 40:3; Matthew 3:3), these seventy (70) disciples were to do the same: to go out “into every city and place where He Himself was about to go” (Luke 10:1). They were to prepare for the coming of YAHUSHA [Jesus] to those cities, those places... they were to announce the coming of Him Whom YAHUSHA [Jesus] Himself describes as “the Way” of YAHUAH [God]” (Isaiah 40:3) **“the way, the truth, and the life [through whom] no one comes to the Father except through [Him]”** (John 14:6).

He says to the seventy (70), **“behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals”**. And as you are on the way to your destination, YAHUSHA [Jesus] says **“greet no one on the road”** (Luke 10:4), but when you arrive **“stay in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give”** (Luke 10:8) of the who one who is a **“son of peace”** (Luke 10:5).

YAHUSHA [Jesus] promised them that **“he who hears you, hears Me; [but] he who rejects you, rejects Me. And, he who rejects Me, rejects Him [My Father] Who sent Me”** (Luke 10:15).

So, what was the mission of His seventy (70) disciples exactly?

IV. THE SEVENTY (70) DISCIPLES’ MISSION

Although it says in Luke 10:9, that the mission of the seventy (70) was **“to heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of YAHUAH [God] has come near to you’”**, when they returned to YAHUSHA [Jesus], they were astonished when they reported: **“ADONAI [Lord], even the devils are subject unto us through Your name”** (Luke 10:17), to which He responds **“Yeah, I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven”**. So **“behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurts you”** (Luke 10:18-19). He finishes his response to these seventy (70) by pronouncing to them that they should **“rejoice because [their] names are written in heaven”** (Luke 10:20).

V. THE SEVENTY (70) DISCIPLES’ SUCCESS SECRET

After telling the Seventy (70) that they should be rejoicing in the success of their mission, not because that they had healed by casting out demons, but because that they were “saved”, **“their names were written in heaven”** (Luke 10:20)...

we learn by eavesdropping on YAHUSHA [Jesus]’s conversation with His Father that... “in that same hour He [was rejoicing] in the RUACH [Sprit] and says to His Father, **‘I thank you, O Father, YAH [God] of heaven and earth, that You have hid these things from the wise and prudent, and have revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in your sight. All things are delivered to Me of My Father: and no man knows who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal Him (The Son)’**” (Luke 10:21-22).

As you listen in, you will notice that there is a perfect union between YAHUSHA [Jesus] and YAHUAH [God] His Father, through the RUACH [Sprit] as His Medium, that was shared with His Seventy (70) disciples: who were yet **“babes”**, but intimately in tune with Him as **“The Way of YAHUAH (God)”** (per Isaiah 40:3).

By comparison, the twelve (12) disciples who were more intimately attached to YAHUSHA [Jesus], hadn’t “gotten it” yet. They had failed on the same mission upon which He sent out the seventy (70) disciples. YAHUSHA [Jesus] does tell them that they are **“blessed because they witnessed what the seventy (70) were able to accomplish”** (Luke 10:23-24), but that was only after a father brings his demon-possessed boy to YAHUSHA [Jesus], and tells on them: saying that the twelve (12) disciples had failed in their mission to heal “the sick”, more specifically to cast his son’s demon out.

(This was one of those several times that we witness YAHUSHA [Jesus]’s annoyance with the twelve (12), where He says, **“you unbelieving and perverse generation. How long shall I stay with you and put up with you?”**

We know that even Peter, the disciple upon whom YAHUSHA [Jesus] prophesied that He would build His church... that even Peter’s name had not yet been permanently written in the books of heaven. For we are told later by Luke... twelve (12) chapters later... that YAHUSHA [Jesus] had to pray to His Father for Peter, and argue with Satan over Peter’s eternal soul. YAHUSHA [Jesus] told Peter, **“behold, Satan has desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for you, that your belief fail not: and when you are turned back, [that you] strengthen your brethren”** (Luke 22:31-32).

VI. BECOMING IMPORTUNE WITH YAHUAH [God]

It is in all of this context, that in a disciple's mission to **"to heal the sick... "to cast out demons" and to tell others, 'The kingdom of YAHUAH [God] has come near to you'"**, saying that – in our day and age – **"that He is coming again very soon"...**

... yes, it is in this context that YAHUSHA [Jesus] tells us that in our mission, that as we are **"sent out as lambs among wolves** where we are to **"carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals"**, where we are not to be distracted by others... to **"greet no one on the road"** to our place of witness...

... that it is in this particular context that YAHUSHA [Jesus] tells us through a story about what we are to do when someone comes to us and needs sustenance from us... when we are to provide them necessary physical and spiritual food and drink for their strength and nourishment... remember that this is when we have already left all of our **"own"** means behind... it is when we are relying on the generosity, the wages of others, that YAHUSHA [Jesus] tells us that if we come to Him as our friend, at the midnight hour, and if in our friend's need, that when we are ask for three (3) loaves of bread in an importune way... that is if we ask for three (3) loaves of bread shameless audacity...

... then He will give us the three (3) loaves, and as much as we need. But not only that... but if we in our shameless audacity, in our importunity keep asking, that what we ask for will also be given to us... (Luke 11:9-10)

...and if we in our annoying persistence keep knocking, that the door will be opened to us (Luke 11:9-10).

VII. SECRET TO POWER OVER SATANIC FORCES

Besides being on the same exact mission that the seventy (70) disciples were on, the hidden secret to our success over demonic forces is hidden in today message. YAHUSHA [Jesus] promises us (in Luke 11:11-13) that if we ask initially, importunately (in an annoyingly, persistent manner), for the three (3) loaves of bread, then from our heavenly Father we will not be given a serpent for when we ask for fish, or a scorpion when we ask for an egg. We learn from YAHUSHA [Jesus]'s translation in the previous chapter (10) of the seventy (70) casting out demons and further in our midweek study, that a serpent represents Satan and scorpions represents his demons. So what YAHUSHA [Jesus]

promises us is that if we are living our lives in the context laid out for a disciple who is “saved”, who “asks” and “knocks”... that we will never receive Satan, nor a demon... when we ask for spiritual food from Him, from His Father. But instead, as He promised (in Luke 10:19), we will have power over the enemy – Satan and his demons – and *nothing* will harm us!

The biggest secret to absolute power over Satan and a “born-again”, eternal life is probably this... that our “heavenly Father [will] give the RUACH HA’QODESH [Holy Spirit] to them that ask Him”! (Luke 11:13)

VIII. THE THREE (3) LIVING LOAVES

Why do you think that the YAHUSHA [Jesus] used the illustration of asking for three (3) loaves of bread?

Have you ever considered that why YAHUSHA [Jesus], when He taught his disciples YAHUAH [The Lord]’s Prayer, to demand of His Father YAHUSHA [God]: “give us day-by-day our daily bread” (Luke 11:3)? It is definitely not coincidence that the model “YAHUAH [Lord]’s Prayer is cited (in Luke 11:2-4) just before today’s scripture.

In John 6:32-40, “YAHUSHA [Jesus] said to them, ‘**Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of YAH [God] is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world’.**”

“Then they said to Him, ‘ADONAI [Lord], give us this bread always’.”

“And YAHUSHA [Jesus] said to them, ‘**I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me, I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him, may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day’.**”

My interpretation of the meaning of our request for three (3) loaves of bread, based on Luke 10:21-22, from The Lord’s prayer, and from John 17:21-26, is this:

The three (3) loaves of bread that we are to ask for, represent YAHUSHA [Jesus] as “the Bread of Life”, YAHUAH [God] Whom art in Heaven, and the RUACH HA’QODESH [Holy Spirit] Whom is supposed our most important request, that Our Father in Heaven gives to those who ask Him! (Luke 11:13)

I will close today by praying YAHUAH [The Lords]’s prayer from Luke 11:2-4.

IX. BENEDICTION (Luke 11:2-4)

“Our Father, Who are in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, they will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.”

“Give us today, our daily bread.”

“And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

This dear Father, Whom we address through Your son’s precious and powerful name... we pray, as we simultaneously request the presence and leading of the RUACH HA’QODESH [Holy Spirit] in our lives, as Your Son has commanded us to ask and seek...”

“Amen.”

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