

Happy Father's Day Abba!

"but now in the end of days He has spoken to us in a son, Messiah Yeshua, His Son..." (Heb. 1:2)

Yeshua made known to us the *ultimate revelation of Yah* with the disclosure that *Yah Adonai Our Elohim* is also *Abba Father*. The unrevealed nature of *The Almighty* is now made known to man, He is not only *Yah Adonai Our Elohim* but *He is also Our Father!* In this month in the US honor fathers. I believe it is very important to honor *THE FATHER*, the God of *Abraham, Isaac* and *Jacob* by saying *Happy Father's Day Abba!*

When we come into the fullness of the revelation of *Yah Adonai Our Elohim* as *Father*, we also realize that every human parent has similar responsibilities toward his family. There are three offices that *Yeshua* possesses: *prophet, priest* and *king* all under *His Father*. We earthly parents inherit similar offices toward our own family. As *prophet*, we are to *represent Yah* to them, as *priests*, we are to *intercede for them*, and as *king*, we are to rule them according to *Yah's standards of righteousness*. As a priest of my family, am I faithful in regular, *daily intercession* for them? How often do I *thank The Almighty* for them? As prophet, how well have I *represented The Almighty* to my family? Have I given them a picture of the *loving Father in heaven*? Or must I acknowledge that the picture I have given them of our *Abba Father* is actually an unattractive caricature? As king (ruler), have I ruled my children with *a discipline* that combines *love and firmness* and that prepares them to take their place in society as responsible citizens? Have I *set boundaries for my children* that protect them from the evil forces at work in the world today? Perhaps we parents have failed. Let us own our failures and learn from them. But more than that, does *The Almighty's* have a solution?

The Almighty's first step is always: *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"*(1 John 1:9). When we sincerely acknowledge and confess our sins to *The Almighty*, He not only forgives us but He also cleanses us from all sense of guilt and failure and restores to us pure consciences. To complete the cure, there is one further step we need to take. Our personal relationships are like the two beams that form the execution tree of *Yeshua*: one vertical, the other horizontal. The vertical beam represents our relationship with *The Almighty*; the horizontal beam represents our relationship with our fellow human beings. In putting things right, the first step is *to take care of our relationship with The Almighty by confessing our sins to Him and receiving His forgiveness*. The second step is *make things right with our fellow men by confessing our sins to them*. This requirement is stated in: *"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective"* (James 5:16). Far too little is said in the contemporary Believing Community about the *need to confess our sins to one another*. Consequently the atmosphere in many believing groups is poisoned by unconfessed sins causing attitudes of resentment and bitterness that have never been resolved. This totally inhibits the working of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

The *Apostle John* gives us the primary requirement for continuing in spiritual purity: *"If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another; and the blood of Messiah Yeshua His Son cleanses us from all sin"* (1 John 1:7). *To walk in the light* entails being honest and open with each other. All the verbs in this verse are in the continuing present tense: *"If we continually walk ... continually have fellowship ... the blood continually cleanses..."* In other words *John* is depicting a *continuing lifestyle*.

Is it time for us to make a decision? Let's turn our back on our failures and commit ourselves to *The Almighty* for His ministry of fatherhood. Forgive me and help me *ABBA!* This is *His Father's Day present*.

Yes, we will honor *ABBA FATHER*, and cheerfully repeat *Happy Father's Day Abba! Shabbat Shalom!*