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A Journey Through Yoḥanan (John) – Part 3

Again, this book has a special place in my heart.

Generally speaking, the synoptic gospels tell us what Yeshua said and did. Yoḥanan tells us who Yeshua is.

The synoptic gospels mostly focus on the signs and sayings of Yeshua; Whereas Yoḥanan emphasizes the identity of Yeshua.

Again, there are no parables found in the book of Yoḥanan. Yet, there are eight metaphors or figures of speech which are unique that Yoḥanan used to describe Yeshua is.

Last week we touched a little on Nathaniel. Notice, Yeshua does not say that Nathaniel was a man with no guilt. He says that Nathaniel was a man with no deceit or without guile.

Then I asked the question, could Yeshua speak these words about me? Am I a true Israelite, in whom there is no deceit?

All art is autobiographical; the pearl is the oyster's autobiography.
- Federico Fellini in a December 1965 piece in The Atlantic

Two types of art I want to focus on: Visual & Musical and what is expressed or behind them.

When we observe art such as that on canvas, do we ever go beyond the shadow picture of what we see on the canvas and try to see what is behind it?

When we observe art such as through music, do we ever go beyond the shadow picture of what we hear in the lyrics, just stuck on the melody, harmony and rhythm, to actually listen and hear the words, to be able see what is behind them.

Speak a little on Authority.

We will primarily be reading from Yohanan chapter 3 and 4.

Beginning at;

Yohanan 3:1-10

¹ And there was a man of the Pharisees, Naḳdimon was his name, a ruler of the Yehuḳim.

² This one came to יהושע by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from Elohim, for no one is able to do these signs You do if Elohim is not with him.”

³ יהושע answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born from above, he is unable to see the reign of Elohim.”

⁴ Naḳdimon said to Him, “How is a man able to be born when he is old? Is he able to enter into his mother’s womb a second time and be born?”

⁵ יהושע answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he is unable to enter into the reign of Elohim.

⁶ “That which has been born of the flesh is flesh, and that which has been born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁷ “Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You have to be born from above.’

⁸ “The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who has been born of the Spirit.”

⁹ Naḳdimon answered and said to Him, “How is it possible for this to take place?”

¹⁰ יהושע answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Yisra’el, and do not know this?

¹¹ “Truly, truly, I say to you, **We speak** what **We know** and witness what **We have seen**, and you do not receive Our witness.

¹² “If you do not believe when I spoke to you about **earthly matters**, how are you going to believe when I speak to you about the **heavenly matters**?

Physical and Spiritual Shadow Types

What I am beginning to see in the Scriptures is where people get stuck in the shadow and struggle to see the spiritual of what is going on.

The Physical Shadow Picture is very important in learning but we can get stuck and tripped up there.

Listen to Nakdimon: *“Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from Elohim, for no one is able to do these signs You do if Elohim is not with him.”*

He is acknowledging the above, the heavenly, the spiritual.
At the same time recognizing the earthly physical Shadow Picture below.

In response יהושע answered and said to him: *“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born from above, he is unable to see the reign of Elohim.”*

What is He saying here? *“Unless one is born from above”* – you will not have eyes to see?

Listen again to what Nakdimon said to Him: *“How is a man able to be born when he is old? Is he able to enter into his mother’s womb a second time and be born?”*

He is stuck in the physical Shadow Picture. He is unable to see what the Shadow Picture points to.

Let’s look at another place in scripture, again from the book of Yoḥanan.

Yoḥanan 4:5-15

⁵ So He came to a city of Shomeron, called Sheḵem, near the piece of land Ya’aqob gave to his son Yosēph. ⁶ And Ya’aqob’s fountain was there. So יהושע, being wearied from the journey, was sitting thus at the fountain. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷ A woman of Shomeron came to draw water. יהושע said to her, “Give Me to drink.”

⁸ For His taught ones had gone off into the city to buy food.

⁹ The woman of Shomeron therefore said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Yehuḏi, ask a drink from me, a woman of Shomeron?” For Yehuḏim do not associate with Shomeronim.

¹⁰ יהושע answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of Elohim, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me to drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”

¹¹ The woman said to Him, “Master, You have no vessel, and the well is deep. From where, then, do You have living water?”

¹² “Are You greater than our father Ya’aqob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?”

¹³ יהושע answered and said to her, “Everyone drinking of this water shall thirst again,

¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water I give him shall certainly never thirst. And the water that I give him shall become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

¹⁵ The woman said to Him, “Master, give me this water, so that I do not thirst, nor come here to draw.”

Listen to Yeshua: *“If you knew the **gift of Elohim**, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me to drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you **living water**.”*

The women came working in the physical to get water. Yeshua is asking her for this physical water. She stumbles in that a He being a Yehuḏi is asking her a Shomeronim for earthly water. But because she does not see or recognize who He is, does not see that He is the source of the spiritual, that which is from above, the Living Water, the Heavenly Water. Yet she is still stuck in the physical shadow picture.

Listen again to her reply: *“Master, You have no vessel, and the well is deep. From where, then, do You have living water? Are You greater than our father Ya’aqob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?”*

In response, Yeshua says to her: *“Everyone drinking of this water shall thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water I give him shall certainly never thirst. And the water that I give him shall become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”*

Yet as we can see by her response again that she is just not getting it. Her spiritual eyes are still closed.

She replies: *“Master, give me this water, so that I do not thirst, nor come here to draw.”* She is stuck in the shadow picture not able to see what it points too.

At this point, Yeshua says to her: *“Go, call your husband, and come here.”*

She responds: *“I have no husband.”*

Yeshua responds: *“You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.”*

The woman said to Him: *“Master, I see that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you people say that in Yerushalayim is the place where one needs to worship.”*

יהושע said to her: *“Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you shall neither on this mountain, nor in Yerushalayim, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know. We worship what we know, because the deliverance is of the Yehuḏim. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in **spirit** and **truth**, for the Father also does seek such to worship Him. Elohim is Spirit, and those who worship Him need to worship in **spirit** and **truth**.”*

The woman said to Him: *“I know that Messiah is coming, the One who is called Anointed. When that One comes, He shall announce to us all.”*

יהושע said to her: *“I who am speaking to you am He.”*

Continuing at verse 27:

²⁷ And upon this His taught ones came, and they were marveling that He was speaking with a woman, however, no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why do You speak with her?”

²⁸ The woman then left her water-jug, and went away to the city, and said to the men,

²⁹ "Come, see a Man who told me all that I have done. Is this not the Messiah?"

³⁰ They went out of the city and were coming to Him.

³¹ But in the meantime His taught ones were asking Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”

³² And He said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.”

³³ Then the taught ones said to each other, “Did anyone bring Him food to eat?”

³⁴ יהושע said to them, “My food is to do the desire of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work.

³⁵ “Do you not say, ‘There are still four months, and the harvest comes? See, I say to you, lift up your eyes and see the fields, for they are white for harvest – already!

³⁶ “He who is reaping receives a reward, and gathers fruit for everlasting life, so that both he who is sowing and he who is reaping rejoice together.

³⁷ “For in this the word is true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’

³⁸ “I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.”

³⁹ And many of the Shomeranim of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who witnessed, “He told me all that I have done.”

⁴⁰ Therefore when the Shomeranim came to Him, they were asking Him to stay with them, and He stayed there **two days**.

⁴¹ And many more believed because of His word.

⁴² And they said to the woman, “We no longer believe because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard, and we know that this is truly the Messiah, the Savior of the world.”

Continuing at verse 43:

⁴³ And after the **two days** He left there and went to Galil.

⁴⁴ For יהושע Himself witnessed that a prophet is without appreciation in his own country.

⁴⁵ Therefore when He came to Galil, the Galileans received Him, having seen all that He had done in Yerushalayim at the festival, for they also went to the festival.

⁴⁶ Then יהושע came again to Qanah of Galil where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Kephrah Nahum.

⁴⁷ When he heard that יהושע had come from Yehudah into Galil, he went to Him and was asking Him to come down and heal his son, for he was about to die.

⁴⁸ יהושע then said to him, “If you people do not see signs and wonders, you do not believe at all.”

⁴⁹ The nobleman said to Him, “Master, come down before my child dies!”

⁵⁰ יהושע said to him, “Go, your son lives.” And the man believed the word that יהושע spoke to him, and went.

⁵¹ And while he was going down, his servants met him and reported, saying, “Your son lives!”

⁵² He then asked from them the hour in which he became better, and they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the inflammation left him.”

⁵³ Then the father knew that it was at the same hour in which יהושע said to him, “Your son lives.” And he himself believed, and all his household.

⁵⁴ Again this was the second sign יהושע did, when He had come from Yehudah into Galil.

Philippians 3:18-21

For many – of whom I have often told you, and now say to you even weeping – walk as enemies of the stake of Messiah.

Their end is destruction, their mighty one is their stomach, and their esteem is in their shame – they mind the earthly.

For our citizenship is in the heavens, from which we also eagerly wait for the Saviour, the Master יהושע Messiah, who shall change our lowly body, to be conformed to His esteemed body, according to the working by which He is able even to bring all under His control.

Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you prove what is that good and well-pleasing and perfect desire of Elohim.

Colossians 3:1-2

If, then, you were raised with Messiah, seek the matters which are above, where Messiah is, seated at the right hand of Elohim. Mind the matters above, not those on the earth.

1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world nor that which is in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. Because all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust of it, but the one doing the desire of Elohim remains forever.