



Shabbat Shalom

Saturday, February 11, 2023

A Journey Through Yohanan – Part 6

Do not labor for the food that is perishing

Last Week

I made the statement that, from the very moment we are conceived, I believe we are looking for love, and we are looking to know what love is.

Problem is, we were born fallen, and corrupted, and into fallen bodies, and born into fallen places, into fallen families and into fallen circumstances. But I believe for most, all of this is designed to test us, and our flesh does not like to be tested.

*I had asked, what are we all really looking for?
Could it be Love? – Hm, rings of a song I know.
And, who defines what love is?
And, where do we get **our** definition of love?
And, how is **love** connected to our **faith**, to our **belief**?*

*Did Adam have a Yada-knowledge of what **love** is?
Or did he have a head-knowledge of what love is?*

Would he have to experience, or walk in love, to complete, at least in part to be in the very image and likeness of Elohim?

*Again, don't get stuck in the shadow pictures.
And, what is the object of our labor?*

Today, do not labor for the food that is perishing.

I will be using questions many times today, not necessarily to give you the answers, but to stir you.

The text for today will be chapter 6 of the book of John.

Yohanan (John) Chapter 6, Verses 1-71

¹ After this יהושע went away to the other side of the Sea of Galil, that is Lake Kinnereth. ² And a large crowd was following Him, because they saw His signs which He did on those who were sick.

³ And יהושע went up on a mountain, and there He sat down with His taught ones.

⁴ And the Pēsah was near, the festival of the Yehudim.

⁵ Then יהושע, lifting up His eyes and seeing a large crowd coming toward Him, said to Philip, **“Where shall we buy bread for them to eat?”** ⁶ And this He said, **trying** him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

Why would Yeshua try him?

If we are truly walking with Messiah, would not testing be a part of that walk?

And if we are not being tested, then either we have arrived, or maybe we need to re-examine ourselves.

⁷ Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, for every one of them to receive a little.” ⁸ One of His taught ones, Andri, the brother of Shim'on Kēpha, said to Him, ⁹ “Here is a boy who has five **barley** loaves and two fishes, but what are these for so many?”

¹⁰ And יהושע said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place, and the men, numbering about **five thousand**, sat down.

¹¹ And יהושע took the loaves, and **having given thanks** He distributed them to the taught ones, and the taught ones to those sitting down. And the same with the fish, as much as they wished. ¹² And when they were filled, He said to His taught ones, **“Gather the broken pieces that are left over, so that none gets wasted.”**

Is Yeshua concerned with wasting?

Or is He speaking spiritually about their calling as servant leaders?

The word broken here from the Greek denotes destruction.

And the word gather from the Greek denotes to lead, to gather, to congregate.

What is Yeshua trying to teach them, that is His disciples?

¹³ So they **gathered** them and filled **twelve baskets** with **broken** pieces of the **five barley** loaves which were **left over by those who had eaten**.

Is He relating this to the Pharisees? Who are more concerned with appearance, and or will cross to the other side of the street when they see a Samaritan injured and hurt, left to die?

¹⁴ Then the men, having seen the **sign** that יהושע did, said, “This is truly the Prophet who is coming to the world.”

*They made this statement because they saw a sign.
What did Yeshua say about those who seek a sign?*

¹⁵ Then יהושע, knowing that they were about to come and seize Him, that they might make Him sovereign, **withdrew again to the mountain, alone by Himself.**

Did He know that they were going to seize Him to make Him King because of the signs they saw or because of their belief in Him?

¹⁶ And when evening came, His taught ones went down to the sea, ¹⁷ and entering into the boat, they were going over the sea toward Kephrah Nahum. And it had already become dark, and יהושע had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ And the sea was rising because a great wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about twenty-five or thirty stadia, they saw יהושע walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were afraid. **Approx. 5 to 6 kilometers or 3 to 4 miles.**

In the Last Days, when the Spirit of Elohim really begins to move, will we see these sorts of manifestation sin the world?

²⁰ And He said to them, “It is I, do not be afraid.” ²¹ They wished therefore to take Him into the boat, and at once the boat was at the land where they were going.

Did Yeshua actually get in the boat or as the text states, that at once both Yeshua and they were at the shore?

²² **On the next day**, the crowd that was standing on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there except that one into which His taught ones had entered, and that יהושע had not entered the boat with His taught ones, but His taught ones went away alone – ²³ but other boats came from Kinnereth, near the place where they ate bread after the Master had given thanks – ²⁴ therefore when the crowd saw that יהושע was not there, nor His taught ones, they themselves also entered into the boats and came to Kephrah Nahum, seeking יהושע.

²⁵ And having found Him on the other side of the sea, they asked Him, “Rabbi, when did You come here?”

²⁶ יהושע answered them and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, **but because you ate of the loaves and were satisfied.**

²⁷ **“Do not labor for the food that is perishing, but for the food that is remaining to everlasting life, which the Son of Adam shall give you, for the Father, Elohim, has set His seal on Him.”**

²⁸ So they said to Him, **“What should we do to work the works of Elohim?”**

Works or Belief (faith)?

²⁹ יהושע answered and said to them, “This is the work of Elohim, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”

³⁰ So they said to Him, “What sign then would You do, so that we see and believe You? What would You do?” ³¹ “Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, as it has been written, ‘He gave them bread out of the heaven to eat.’”

One looking for a sign is devoid of belief or faith.

³² Therefore יהושע said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, Mosheh did not give you the bread out of the heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread out of the heaven.

³³ **“For the bread of Elohim is He who comes down out of the heaven and gives life to the world.”**

³⁴ So they said to Him, “Master, give us this bread always.”

³⁵ And יהושע said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall not get hungry at all, and he who believes in Me shall not get thirsty at all. ³⁶ **“But I said to you that you have seen Me, and still do not believe.**

³⁷ **“All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me,** and the one who comes to Me I shall by no means cast out. ³⁸ “Because I have come down out of the heaven, not to do My own desire, but the desire of Him who sent Me. ³⁹ **“This is the desire of the Father who sent Me, that all He has given Me I should not lose of it, but should raise it in the last day.**

⁴⁰ **“And this is the desire of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him should possess everlasting life. And I shall raise him up in the last day.”**

⁴¹ Therefore the Yehudim were grumbling against Him, because He said, “I am the bread which came down out of the heaven.” ⁴² And they said, “Is not this יהושע, the son of Yosēph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, ‘I have come down out of the heaven?’”

⁴³ Then יהושע answered and said to them, “Do not grumble with one another. ⁴⁴ **“No one is able to come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him. And I shall raise him up in the last day.**

This statement must have been quite offensive to them.

They are struggling in there coming to Him and with their belief in Him.

⁴⁵ “It has been written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by יהוה.’ **Everyone, then, who has heard from the Father, and learned, comes to Me.**

Is Yeshua hinting to them that maybe the Father has not drawn them?

Again, this would be very offensive to them.

⁴⁶ “Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from Elohim – He has seen the Father.

⁴⁷ **“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me possesses everlasting life.**

⁴⁸ **“I am the bread of life.**

⁴⁹ “Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness and they died. ⁵⁰ “This is the bread which comes down out of the heaven, so that anyone might eat of it, and not die.

⁵¹ **“I am the living bread which came down out of the heaven.** If anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever. And indeed, the bread that I shall give is **My flesh**, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

⁵² The Yehudim, therefore, were striving with one another, saying, “How is this One able to give us **His flesh** to eat?”

⁵³ יהושע therefore said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you **eat the flesh** of the Son of Adam and **drink His blood**, you possess no life in yourselves.

⁵⁴ “He who **eats My flesh** and **drinks My blood** possesses everlasting life, and **I shall raise him up in the last day.**

⁵⁵ “For **My flesh is truly food**, and **My blood is truly drink.**

⁵⁶ “He who **eats My flesh** and **drinks My blood** stays in Me, and I in him.

⁵⁷ “As the **living** Father sent Me, and **I live because of the Father**, so he who feeds on Me shall live because of Me.

⁵⁸ “This is the bread which came down out of the heaven, not as your fathers ate the manna and died. He who eats this bread shall live forever.”

⁵⁹ He said this in a congregation, teaching in Kephrah Naḥum.

⁶⁰ Therefore many of His taught ones having heard, said, **“This word is hard, who is able to hear it?”**

⁶¹ But יהושע knowing within Himself that His taught ones were grumbling about this, said to them, **“Does this make you stumble?”**

⁶² **“What if you see the Son of Adam going up where He was before?”**

Is Yeshua now speaking of His Ascension?

⁶³ “It is the Spirit that gives life, the flesh does not profit at all. The words that I speak to you are Spirit and are life.

⁶⁴ “But there are some of you who do not believe.” For יהושע knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would deliver Him up.

⁶⁵ And He said, **“Because of this I have said to you that no one is able to come to Me unless it has been given to him by My Father.”**

⁶⁶ From then on many of His taught ones withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore.

⁶⁷ יהושע therefore said to the twelve, **“Do you also wish to go away?”**

⁶⁸ Then Shim'on Kěpha answered Him, “Master, to whom shall we go? You possess words of everlasting life. ⁶⁹ “And we have believed, and we know that You are the Messiah, the Son of the living Elohim.”

⁷⁰ יהושע answered them, “Have I not chosen you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?”

⁷¹ He was now speaking of Yehuḏah from Qerioth, the son of Shim'on, for he, one of the twelve, was about to deliver Him up.