

The Three Brothers: resolving issues among Believers

I came to the following conclusion several years ago, & have since found that the following story can be applied to many things that need to be resolved among those in the body of Messiah.

Once there were three brothers who loved the LORD.

The middle brother was a scholar. His way of being filled & controlled by the Holy Spirit was to let the Word of Christ dwell in Him richly [Colossians 3:16-17 c/w Ephesians 5:18-21]. So that was how the Spirit of God came upon him. He used all his gold digging equipment to dig into The Word of God, & his whole family benefited greatly from all the gold that he had dug up.. His way of worshiping God was to love Him with all of his mind. When He talked to God, he talked to Him with all of his mind. When he sung to God, he sung to Him with all of his mind. When he sought to help others in his family, he used all of his mind to do that thing too! The Holy Spirit was upon him because he let the Word of Christ dwell in his mind richly.

The youngest brother was a musician & a poet, (& from a school teacher perspective, he was a very right brained student, with a kinetic learning style.). His way of worshiping God was to put his whole soul into his music & poetry, & he used it to declare the wonderful things that God had done. Now God really liked his music & poetry, & the presence of God would hover over him as he presented to the LORD his music & poetry. The other members of his family could also feel the presence of the LORD hovering over him, & for that reason they would always come to listen to him too whenever he sang, except for his middle brother who insisted that that was not what the scriptures said about the right way to worship God. To add to this conflict between the two brothers, the youngest brother lacked the discipline that the middle brother had, & because of this, he would often find himself in very dangerous places, & his Father would have to come & rescue him like a little lost lamb. Then the middle brother would point to him & say, "It's because you are not worshiping God with all your mind!" In turn the youngest brother would point to the middle brother & say, "We never feel the presence of God in your midst, so why should I listen to you?"

The two brothers didn't see eye to eye, even though they benefited from each other's work. To add to this, the rest of the family would take sides. Some would say the middle brother was right, & some would say the youngest brother was right. The contention got to be so bad, that the two brothers accused each other of not being saved.

However, God in His marvelous wisdom knew just how to fix this problem. He sent back their oldest brother who had been away on a long journey, (as the scriptures say, brothers were born for times of adversity. Proverbs 17:17). The oldest brother had the idea that the way he was suppose to worship God was with all his heart, soul, mind, & strength, and by loving his neighbor as himself! Because of this, he was able to pull together his whole family, including the two other brothers. [Deut 6:4-9 & Lev 19:18 & Mark 12:29-31]

The Torah [5 books of Moses, Genesis to Deuteronomy] is the answer to everything, & is the foundation of the B'rit Hadashah [New Covenant/New Testament]. A Messianic Jewish brother does not use the Greek Septuagint. He uses the Ancient Hebrew Text.

Deuteronomy 6:4 [Dě-var-ēēm 6:4]

Hear O Israel: [Shămă Yĭsh-rye-ěl]

The LORD our God is One LORD [Ādōnī Ēlōhey-nu Ādōnī ēhăd]

YAHVEH Eloheiynu YAHVEH echad

&-you-shall-love [vā-hăv-tă]

the LORD your-God[ět Ādōnī Ēlōhey-c'hă]

et YAHVEH Eloheycha

with-all your-heart [b'khol l-văv-c'ha]

&-with-all your-soul [oo-v-khol năfsh-c'ha]

&-with-all your-might [oo-v-khol m-ōdĕ-c'ha]

Leviticus 19:18 [Vĭ-Yē-kra 19:18]

&-shall-love [vā-hăv-tă]

your-friend/neighbor [lā'ray-ăc'hă]

as-yourself [kămōchă]

I AM YAHVEH [ănē Ādōnī]

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Mark 12:29-31

And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is,

Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,

and with all thy soul,

and with all thy mind,

and with all thy strength:

this is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this,

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

There is none other commandment greater than these.