Luke 6:37-49 Messiah's Master Class

The 12 Apostles and the multitude of Yeshua's Disciples were the most privileged students in all of history. The secrets of the Kingdom, hidden from the rest of the world, were revealed by the Master to those who had committed themselves to following and learning from the Son of God.

Early on in their training, Yeshua informs His disciples that initially things may not look or feel good because they would be going against the grain of the religion of those around them, but they would eventually begin to see the blessings and advantages of following His example.

Listen in on Messiah's Master Class as Yeshua teaches on judging, identifying a good tree and its fruit, and what it means to build on the right foundation.

The choosing of the 12 Apostles after spending all night in prayer was a decisive moment in Yeshua's Ministry. When Yeshua chose the 12 from amongst the many Disciples who followed Him, He immediately began equipping the Disciples and Apostles for the Ministry they had been chosen to accomplish.

 $^{Lk\ 6:12}$ And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

Lk 6:13 And when it was day, he called *unto him* his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;

In this passage, there are three groups of people identified in Verse 17.

Lk 6:17 And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the <u>company of his disciples</u>, and <u>a great multitude of people</u> out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;

- 1. The 12 Apostles
- 2. The multitude of Disciples
- 3. The multitude of people, from the surrounding regions who had heard of Yeshua's exploits, had come to hear Him, and had come for healing and deliverance.

While speaking in the midst of the multitude, Yeshua focused on teaching His Apostles and Disciples. The Apostles and Disciples had much to learn from the Master in the short time He had with them. They also had much to unlearn.

Yeshua began this portion of His teachings on judging, condemning, forgiving, and giving before transitioning into a parable about following blind leaders.

Lk 6:37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:

It appears that Yeshua's teaching was to judge properly. Before they could judge properly, they had to be discipled in truth. The religious leaders judged, but their judgments were not according to the Law.

^{Jn 7:24} Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

To make righteous judgments, one had to be righteous.

Mt 7:2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

Yeshua had taught His Apostles and Disciples to see the righteousness of YeHoVaH.

Mt 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Mt 6:34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof.

Mt 7:1 Judge not, that ye be not judged.

Mt 7:2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

Yeshua knew the time would come for judging the world, but He did not come to judge the world at His first coming, nor did He come to condemn the world, but to save the world.

Jn 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Jn 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Jn 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Jn 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Jn 3:20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

Jn 3:21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

Giving was a central part of Yeshua's teaching, but so was receiving. It was important for the Apostles and Disciples to understand the Ministry of giving and receiving and how receiving was dependent on giving.

Lk 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

The central focus of this teaching was whatever you do will be done unto you; what you sow, you will reap.

If you don't judge, you will not be judged.

If you judge, you will be judged.

If you don't condemn, you will not be condemned.

If you condemn, you will be condemned.

If you forgive, you will be forgiven.

If you do not forgive, you will not be forgiven.

Mt 6:14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

Mt 6:15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Yeshua makes it clear that a person who follows a blind person will end up in a ditch.

Lk 6:39 And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?

Yeshua gets to the root of His Master Class. He teaches His Disciples that if they listen to the Master, put into practice what the Master teaches, they will become like the Master.

Lk 6:40 The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.

Perfect – **2675 καταρτίζω** katartizo {kat-ar-tid'-zo}

Meaning: 1) to render, i.e. to fit, sound, complete 1a) to mend (what has been broken or rent), to repair 1a1) to complete 1b) to fit out, equip, put in order, arrange, adjust 1b1) to fit or frame for one's self, prepare 1c) ethically: to strengthen, perfect, complete, make one what he ought to be

Usage: AV - perfect 2, make perfect 2, mend 2, be perfect 2, fit 1, frame 1, prepare 1, restore 1, perfectly joined together 1; 13

In order to become like the Master, they had to apply His teaching to their lives and judge themselves through the Master's teaching.

Lk 6:41 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

Lk 6:42 Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.

Self-examination is a critical part of the application of Yeshua's Teachings.

Self-righteousness is a blinder. Religion promotes self-righteousness and deception while the application of the Word in our lives makes us righteous in the eyes of YeHoVaH.

It is easy to judge the world through the eyes of religion and condemn people based on our religious values and teachings.

We judge matters, we judge behaviors. We judge circumstances and actions, but we don't judge people and condemn them. The Word will do that.

When people hear the Word, and do not put the Word they hear into action, they deceive themselves.

Jas 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Jas 1:23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

Jas 1:24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

Jas 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Lk 6:43 For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Lk 6:44 For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.

Yeshua taught His Disciples to judge themselves.

The difference between a good man and an evil man is determined by two things:

What he does What he says

Lk 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

Yeshua makes it clear that following Him and putting His teachings into practice is what separates and distinguishes them from those who follow Him and do not put His Teachings into practice.

Lk 6:46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

Many will say Lord, Lord.

Mt 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Mt 7:16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Mt 7:17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

Mt 7:18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Mt 7:19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Mt 7:20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Mt 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Mt 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

Mt 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work **iniquity.**

Iniquity – **458 ἀνομία** anomia {an-om-ee'-ah}

Meaning: 1) the condition of without law 1a) because ignorant of it 1b) because of violating it 2) contempt and violation of law, iniquity, wickedness

Usage: AV - iniquity 12, unrighteousness 1, transgress the law + 4060 1, transgression of the law 1; 15

Mt 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

Mt 7:25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

Mt 7:26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

Mt 7:27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Mt 7:28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:

Mt 7:29 For he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes.

Lk 6:47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like:

The person who puts Yeshua's teaching into practice has to go deep within themselves and allow His Word to be the foundation of their lives.

The foundation of a righteous life is in the Words of Messiah.

^{Lk} ^{6:48} He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

Lk 6:49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

A lesson from the Apostle Peter and the application of Yeshua's Teachings:

^{2Pe 1:2} Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

^{2Pe 1:3} According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

^{2Pe 1:4} Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

^{2Pe 1:5} And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

^{2Pe 1:6} And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

^{2Pe 1:7} And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

^{2Pe 1:8} For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither *be* barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

^{2Pe 1:9} But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

^{2Pe 1:10} Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: