

Separation Through Iniquity

Where does separation, severance, division, parting with our fellow man originate? Why does it seem that all relationships at some point always end up failing? That despite a long time as a friend, an argument for some reason caused a drifting apart. There always seems to be a misunderstanding, an unresolved offense before there is a separation. Why? What is the cause of division?

Separate #0914 ldb badal; to divide, distinguish, differ, difference, divide, sever, disconnect, undo, break up, detach, withdraw, isolate.

Iniquity #05771 Nwe `avon; perversity, evil, fault, mischief, sin, deviation from right, wickedness, a wrongful act.

*These definitions are not limited to the scriptures pertaining to Yah's laws. No, these descriptions of iniquity and separation hold the same narrative as when it comes to mankind dealing with each other. When iniquity enters a relationship, regardless of the depth that relationship may have, it brings about a separation, a standoff response disjoining the love once mutually shared. Fear, the exposure of the wrongful act whether verbally said or done, causes the partition ending the relationship with our fellow man. **The opposite of fear is love.** When love, "out going concern for others," is present, fear loses its strong hold, no longer controlling the situation. Yet just the opposite occurs when love is deficient, for when that happens fear rises becoming prevalent, ruling our emotions that eventually spill over into actions, resulting in the sad state of separation.*

Thus the definition of "iniquity" remains the same whether referencing mankind in relation to his fellow man or when scriptures relate mankind with its Creator: Regardless it remain a perversity, an evil act, fault through error, mischief, sin against another, deviation from right, that of being unrighteous, wickedness, a wrongful act that brings about separation.

Isaiah 59:1~15 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: **But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.** For your hands are **defiled** with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity. They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper. Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are **works of iniquity**, and the act of violence is in their hands. **Their feet run to evil**, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths. The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace. **Therefore is judgment far from us**, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness. We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men. We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us. **For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them; In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.** And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.

Clearly stated it's our iniquities that have separated us from our God, our sins that have hidden His face from us. As a result, our prayers will not be heard when we call out for His mercy. Our Creator gives an undeniable declaration to His created; our transgressions are multiplied before His throne, and our sins testify against us. Could He be any clearer in stating our offense? We are blatantly, unashamedly transgressing His Law by offending our fellowman made in His image, and despite our egregious behavior, most of us remain dumbfounded as to why Yah does not hear our prayers petitioning for His mercy upon us. Talk about living in a dream! Please let us find a spiritual mirror, one to look within ourselves and examine each of our actions.

Isaiah 64: 6~7 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and **our iniquities**, like the wind, have taken us away. And there is none that calleth upon thy name, **that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee**: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, **because of our iniquities**.

Why doesn't He hear our prayers? Why is there no longer a cloud of protection over us such as angels and His Holy Spirit leading us? Instead we are covered in a shade of doom, a reluctance of love, fear at every intersection. Why? Because our transgressions remain with us, separating us through iniquity. As for our iniquities, we know them yet refuse to address them. Yah seeks those who stir up the Spirit given by actively examining their walk, fully assessing their actions and becoming, accountable for the sins committed. Thus we must repent in humility for having abused His wonderful gifts to us.

Isaiah 58:1~14 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and **shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins**. Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God. Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and thou seest not? wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labours. Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high. Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward. **Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer**; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday: **And the LORD shall guide thee continually**, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. **If** thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

In transgressing and lying against the LORD, we depart from our God by speaking oppression and revolt. We conceive and utter from the heart words of falsehood that bring about this separation with us only to blame. Yet in all this dissention against Our Creator, He instructs us to repent and He will lift the cloud of doom from our heads and once again embrace us as sons and daughters.

1 John 3:4~11 **Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.** And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: **he that doeth righteousness is righteous**, even as he is righteous. **He that committeth sin is of the devil**; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. **Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed (Yah's Holy Spirit) remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.** In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: **whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God**, neither he that loveth not his brother. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

The writings testifying of faith in Yahshua are very telling as to what Yah declares and defines as sin, iniquity, a wrongful act. Sin is the transgression of Yah's laws given to mankind in covenant with their Creator.

Equally significant is the definition of righteousness defined as the act of doing right according to Yah's will. Thus both sides unmistakably evidence what Yah expects from those that are called to be first fruits while affirming what is unacceptable. Yet in either corner we alone are responsible for our own action or the lack thereof.

Romans 1:18~25 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, **who hold the truth in unrighteousness**; Because that which may be known of God is **manifest in them**; for God hath **shewed it unto them**. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that **they are without excuse**: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and **worshipped and served the creature** more than the **Creator**, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

The scriptures hold back no punches, are unconcerned of hurting our feelings, our emotional state of mind. Speaking boldly, Yah condemns those that hold the truth in unrighteousness, despite having been shown the truth in Yah. Those who understand, yet deny their revelations are without excuse, hence are walking in their own vanity. Thus scripture forthrightly exposes us vainly worshipping and serving the creation more than the Creator of all life!

Romans 2:13 For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

Matthews 7:21~27 Not everyone 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**. 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? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, **ye that work iniquity**. 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: 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. 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: 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.

Two realities are presented: First are those that respond to this great calling and yield their identity by relinquishing their old sin laden self to follow the directions of Yah's Holy Spirit found in those that hear and actively pursue the truth. Second are those who may hear the truth but none the less refuse to transform into a new being, unwilling to give up the self. The reality of the message speaks to the action follow up that is required by us the hearers. Any response on our part lacking action causes a similar reply by Yahshua: "And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Truly not what one wants to hear from His Savior!

1 John 5:18~21 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God **keepeth himself**, and that wicked one toucheth him not. And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. Little children, **keep yourselves** from idols. Amen.

*We are instructed to **keep ourselves** walled from the ways of Satan and his ways of this world through the understanding of the given truth afforded us by His Holy Spirit.*

John 9: 31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

Yah may hear the prayers, the requests of sinners, but without their repentance He will not respond to them. Yah and His son Yahshua reply with mercy only to the true worshiper that is doing the will of the Father.

Joshua 7:10~12 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face? **Israel hath sinned**, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even **taken** of the accursed thing, and have also **stolen**, and **dissembled** (*deceive, deny, deal falsely, been found lying*) also, and they have put it even among their own stuff. Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, **because they were accursed**: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you.

Joshua is shown the reason behind why their prayers for victory in fighting their enemy were unanswered. They had taken of the accursed thing, the gold idols of their enemy, the spoil of victory. As a result they became no longer triumphal over their adversary. Once again separation is through iniquity, their sinning, and transgressing of Yah's instruction.

Hebrews 10:19~29 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a **true heart** in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an **evil conscience**, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith **without wavering**; And let us consider one another **to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together**, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we **sin willfully** after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, **an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?**

*The worst sin towards our fellow man and our Creator is not hatred,
But is indifference: the essence of heartlessness*

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