

Serving Yahweh in Prison

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There is a prevailing spirit of blindness, perversion and shallowness in prison. Much of this is brought on by a false inmates here are so ashamed of who they are, or who they have become they need to put on a mask to hide behind--this mask is Christianity. With this mask to hide behind they can "appear" to be good people or are at least trying to be good. But, like the Pharisees, Yahshua was scolding, they are whitewashed tombs full of dead men's bones.

There are some people here who really would like to be obedient but there are a number of reasons why they are not. I will cover some of them here. One reason is the lying words of those who call themselves preachers. They have deceived many. One such preacher wrote a book which many inmates read and believed. In the book the preacher said homosexuality is not a sin. He said that Sodom's sin was in not being hospitable to the guests and being a temple prostitute is the sin, not loving another man. His message was taken hook-line-and-sinker by many, especially those in bondage to homosexuality. I Corinthians 6:9 says,

Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of Yahweh? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with men, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of Yahweh.

In this verse, "effeminate" means "catamites," those submitting to homosexuals. In I Corinthians 5:11, Paul says,

But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother who is sexually immoral...

Now whether this lie told in this book was so easily accepted out of true ignorance and trust in the "man of God" or simply to justify sin, only Yahweh knows.

Another reason for the rampant ungodliness among many prison "Christians" is due to a misunderstanding of the Brit Qadasha's message. As most readers know, many in Christianity believe the "law" was given only to show we could not keep it so that when Jesus came and "took it to the cross" we wouldn't try any longer to keep it.

Deuteronomy 30:11 says,

For this commandment which I command you this day, it is not too hard for you neither is it far off."

In Matthew 5:17, Yahshua said,

Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets...

Again many preachers and Bible studies provided to inmates teach this fallacy. Most Christians believe the only "law" they are obligated to obey is to love God and their fellow man. Whether their acceptance of this lie is through true ignorance or for a desire to justify sin, only Yahweh knows.

Along these same lines, since these people don't understand the need to obey the law and are taught that obeying it equates to trying to earn salvation, they don't even try. Then those who do try find that their sin has them bound with very strong fetters, more commonly known as addictions. For many of us, letting go totally of our past behavior and taking on a new personality can be very difficult, if not impossible for some. For some, it may seem easy but even Paul /Shaul said he found it difficult. Totally yielding our whole lives to Yahweh is probably the single most difficult act we can commit, but not impossible.

Another reason why many don't serve Yahweh is because not many of their peers do. As anyone who has ever read anything about psychology or human behavior knows, one of a human's basic needs is to feel like they belong to a peer group. On our unit of 2000+ inmates, there are around ten that I know of who are attending Messianic Services or are trying to keep Torah and they are spread out all over the unit, so they do not have any fellowship with fellow believers except twice per month for a couple of hours. Therefore, the sometimes find friends who may not be positive motivators. Most of them are scared of what their "home-boy" may think of them.

The last reason is that there is no where we can go besides our Messianic Services to escape the filth in this prison. Everyday, all day long, the televisions are on full blast blaring their trash into our ears. Ear plugs don't even drown out this filth nor do they drown out the nonstop putridity spewing out of other inmates' mouths. It is easy for those who used to be a major part of homosexuality to get caught up in the drama, but they want to separate themselves.

So now that you can better see the world of prison from our point-of-view, I hope it will help you know how to better pray for us.