



Regaining Control Of Your Home  
A Prophetic Reminder To All Yisrael  
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Your worst nightmare has just happened.

After you and your husband have decided to finally and fully follow YHWH, or you as a single parent have decided to follow YHWH in Torah and Shabbat keeping, your teenage daughter, or son has now informed you that what you believe is not true. Moreover, they don't believe nor want to live the Torah honoring lifestyle you do.

Yet they drive your car, eat your food, use your home, use your cell phone and prepaid calling cards, enjoy the laptop you have given them and the car insurance you have paid for them. And still, they will not respect your desires for them to obey the weekly and annual Shabbat rules of rest that you've set **for your home**.

It has gotten so bad, that they have a new job and refuse to look for employment where they don't have to work on Shabbat. Neither are they willing to stop working on Shabbat, offering up a million different excuses why they have no choice.

Yet they come and go as they please, do what they want when they want and they are dishonoring YHWH and your Shabbat guarding lifestyle by blatantly ignoring your guidelines and parenting. You're at your wits end. You've done everything humanly possible to do and to be frank, you don't want to confront them, because you honestly and perhaps rightly believe that they will leave, run away from home, harm themselves, or do some other stupid thing.

So rather than confront the rebellion **in your home**, you let it go and let it slide. You've reasoned that it is better to have a child in rebellion than no child at all. It is better to have a strained relationship, than no relationship at all. If the truth be told, and you spoke to another Spirit filled believer, and if you were being honest, **you'd**

admit that your parenting by fear rather than by righteousness! You have sadly abdicated your parenting assignment given to you by YHWH, because of past bitter experiences and confrontations that still linger in your mind and unconsciousness realm. Or, perhaps because of other children who don't speak to you and you sure don't want to lose another one.

And anyway, you reason that they are now young adults and know right from wrong. After all, you have raised them right and now they have to make their own choices and learn from their own mistakes. After all, they perhaps just turned 18 and legally there is nothing you can do at this point, so you simply have **ABDICATED YOUR PARENTING ROLE AND TRANSFERRED AUTHORITY TO YOUR CHILD**. At least you reason they are home and not out somewhere else getting in trouble.

In this all too familiar scenario, found even in thousands of bible believing homes in all denominations, the parent has adopted the laid back attitude of Eli the High Priest of Israel, as seen in his parenting role with his children. This sad tale is being repeated in perhaps hundreds of thousands of believing homes (often making guidance counselors quite wealthy), where the parent uses all kinds of excuses, so as not to discipline, or so as not to be too harsh with their young adult child. Eli the priest, by abdicating his role as a parent, was himself in rebellion against YHWH, as are all those who follow his sorry example!

Rather than continue standing for righteousness, regardless of the consequences, stress and pressures and by so doing, seeking to represent YHWH's kingdom authority in their home, they have decided to simply let things go and "trust YHWH." Many such fearful attitudes by parents are sometimes cloaked in a religious term, or phrase that goes something like this.

'Well, only YHWH can change him or her, as she's almost 18, or she's 25. So I've just put them on the altar, or left them on the altar, so YHWH can deal with them!'

Friend, that is rebellion against YHWH on your part. YHWH NEVER instructed you to stop parenting, or leave your children on His so-called altar, for instantaneous miracles. He has never granted an allowance to us as believing parents to suddenly abdicate our role in our children's lives, just because they have turned 18 or, 21, or 35 for that matter. Here below are YHWH's views of a parent who refused to continue standing for righteousness, regardless of the age of the

child, regardless of the pressure and accusations by the child about your rigidity, stupidity, or the alleged nonsensical nature of your “cultish Jewish sect.”

Your alleged authoritarian rules have prevented them from doing their own pleasure on Shabbat as they would on other days. Now they strongly hate, or resent you and your beliefs! What to do? What does the Master Adonai Yahshua want us to do, other than praying?

Before we answer that, many of us need to confess our own rebellion against YHWH. Many of us have simply tossed in the towel, abdicated our authority requiring our children to honor their parents all the days of their lives, by actually obeying and respecting their parent’s rules, as long as these offspring live at home.

Scripture tells us the following in First Samuel 2 (from the RSTNE):

12 Now the sons of Eli were sons of Beliyaa; they knew not יהוה.

13 And the kohen’s custom with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the kohen’s eved came, while the meat was cooking, with a three-pronged hook in his hand,

14 And he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; so that all that the flesh-hook brought up the kohen took for himself. So this they did in Shiloh to all the Yisraelites that came there.

15 Also before they burned the fat, the kohen's eved came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give the meat for the kohen to roast; for he will not have cooked meat from you, but raw.

16 And if any man said to him, Let the fat burn first, and then take as much as your being desires; then he would answer him, **No; but you shall give it to me now: and if not, I will take it by force.**

17 Therefore the sin of the young men was very great before YHWH: for men despised the offering of YHWH. [Or the eternal things of YHWH]

22 Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did to kol Yisrael; and how they had relations with the women that assembled at the door of the Tabernacle of the congregation.

Do you let or allow your children to fornicate in your home, afraid to confront them as YHWH’s ambassador? Do you allow them to come to the assembly half naked with cell phone in hand during service?

23 And he said to them, Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil

dealings from all the people.

24 No, my sons; for it is not a tov report that I hear: for you make YHWH's people to transgress.

Eli knew they were wicked, but chose to do nothing about it and continued in the ministry, as if all was still kosher!

25 If one man sins against another, the judge shall render mishpat for him: but if a man sins against YHWH, who shall help him? Nevertheless they listened not to the voice of their abba, because YHWH would kill them.

At that point Eli stopped pressing the issue and “he left them on YHWH’s altar.” Sound familiar? **Only problem was their behavior had already defiled the altar upon which Eli had laid them!!**

26 And the child Schmuel grew up, and was in favor both with YHWH, and also with men.

27 And there came a man of Elohim to Eli, and said to him, This says YHWH, *Did I not plainly appear to the bayit of your abba, when they were in Mitzrayim in bondage to Pharaoh's bayit?*

28 *And didn't I choose him out of all the tribes of Yisrael to be My kohen, to offer upon My altar, to burn incense, to wear a shoulder ephod before Me? And didn't I give to the bayit of your ahvot all the offerings made by fire by the children of Yisrael?*

29 *Why do you deal wrongly with My sacrifice and keep My offering, which I have commanded in My dwelling; and honor your sons above Me, to make yourselves fat with the best of all the offerings of Yisrael My people?*

**Many of us do the same thing, thinking we are walking in peace with our children, rather than realizing we are involved in rebellion against YHWH by abdication of our duties and our lack of action!**

30 Therefore YHWH Elohim of Yisrael says, *I said indeed that your bayit, and the bayit of your ahvot, should have their halacha before Me le-olam-va-ed: but now YHWH said, Be it far from Me; for them that honor Me I will honor, and they that despise Me, shall be lightly esteemed.*

31 *See, the days come, that I will cut off your arm, and the arm of your abba's bayit, that there shall not be an old man in your bayit.*

32 *And you shall see an enemy in My Dwelling Place, despite all the wealth which*

Elohim shall give Yisrael: **and there shall not be an old man in your bayit le-olam-va-ed.**

**33 And any of the men of your bayit, whom I shall not cut off from My altar, shall still consume your eyes, and grieve your lev: and all the increase of your bayit shall die in their youth.**

**34 And this shall be an ot to you, that what now comes upon your two sons, on Hofni and Pinchus; in one day they shall die both of them.**

35 And I will raise up for Myself a faithful Kohen, that shall do according to that which is in My lev and in My mind: and I will build Him a sure Bayit; and He shall have His halacha before My anointing le-olam-va-ed. <sup>1</sup>

36 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left in your bayit shall come and crouch before him for a piece of silver and a piece of lechem, and shall say, Put me, I ask you, into one of the Kohanim's offices, that I may eat even a piece of lechem. <sup>2</sup>

**So what SHOULD we learn here? That abdication even in the case of young adult children, or even adult children, is always wrong!** You and I as Nazarene Messianic Yisraelite Torah keepers represent YHWH and His kingdom first, foremost and forever. Mattityahu/Matthew 6:33-34 reminds us thus:

**33 So you seek first the malchut of YHWH, and His tzedakah; <sup>3</sup> and all these things shall be added to you. <sup>4</sup>**

**34 Take therefore no thought for tomorrow: for tomorrow shall take thought for the things of its own: Sufficient for one day is the evil of that day.**

Our role as parents is to remember constantly that we must stand for the kingdom in the face of all our children's rebellion and threats. Not only are we to stand in YHWH's place as an elohim/mighty one over our children, but also we are to stand for His TZEDAKAH, or righteousness in all matters. Just because our children are old enough to drive, or buy alcohol, doesn't mean that YHWH relieves us of the role to constantly model, speak, exhibit, and DEMAND their own righteous compliance to YHWH's clearly written guidelines found in Torah. **Even if they don't respond the way we want, we must be steadfast, unmovable, unshakable, always abounding in the work and principles of the Master Yah! We are not responsible for their response, only for our proactive duties performed before YHWH!**

<sup>1</sup> Messiah, the promised Kohen HaGadol – High Priest – that would be given to all Yisrael as a faithful Mediator.

<sup>2</sup> Entry in to the Renewed Covenant priesthood will depend fully on Yahshua choosing and supplying the needs for His priests.

<sup>3</sup> A correct perspective and longing to serve YHWH for Yisrael's restoration, leaves little time for seeking other activities.

<sup>4</sup> If you have the right message you have His promise of abundance. If abundance is missing it is also possible that you have the right Eloah but the wrong message.

As a general rule, we can determine if we are abdicating our role as guardian, parent and YHWH's personal ambassador to our children, by examining the following general criteria.

- **Does the child live under my roof, or someone else's roof?** -If they live under your roof, you MUST not allow them to violate the house rules, by breaking Shabbat, working on Shabbat, mocking the holy things of Torah (fornication, drugs, partying, s.a.tanic music and lyrics) and other such things, for which YHWH will and does hold YOU eternally accountable. Now if your child is in rebellion against YHWH and His Torah and does not live under your roof, then obviously you have far more limited authority and thus you would not be seen as abdicating your role.
- **Is your child tied to you financially?** -If your child drives YOUR CAR, which is paid for by YOUR INSURANCE and uses the LAPTOP you bought them and enjoys the CELL PHONE and calling privileges that are under YOUR NAME, you still have authority over that child, whether they are under, or outside of your roof. USE IT! YHWH demands that you USE that authority in order to lead, guide, discipline and disciple that child, **regardless of age**. Don't make the same FATAL mistake that Eli made, thinking that he had no ongoing authority over his adult children. That may mean you have to cancel and remove all those "paid in full" privileges, if they continue in their anti-Messiah and anti-Torah lifestyles, dishonoring you and YHWH (one warning is sufficient and then take action). Don't cry wolf and yet fail to follow through!

This is love, but of course a little of the tough love variety. You've tried the sweet candy type already. Didn't work; did it?

While it may be true you will not change them, or make them, Shabbat keepers, or holy vessels by these actions, what will happen and what is the more important result is that you will be a good ambassador of the kingdom of YHWH and of your King, Messiah Yahshua, so that their rebellion is isolated before YHWH and your righteousness is displayed before YHWH as well.

**Do not be afraid of confrontation with your child, for if you give in and succumb to fear, or their manipulation and wind up abdicating your authority; then remember how severe YHWH's judgment and correction can become in the future.** That alone ought to motivate you and I to do the right thing now,

BEFORE HE PRONOUNCES an end to the rebellion we have allowed in our home, by removing our children from His presence. Remember Eli's children died and none of Eli's descendants lived a long life.

Failure to discipline and disciple your growing, teenage, or even adult children now, can lead to a severe generational curse upon your grandchildren and great grandchildren, as YHWH visits you and your children with judgment. **Their judgment will soon come for dishonoring their parents and yours for abdication of your duties, thinking it was spiritual to live in peace at any and all costs, as you simply “put them on the altar” and went on a prolonged vacation from parenting.**

- The only scenario where you no longer have kingdom authority over your children is where they are completely out of the house and have NO FINANCIAL TIES TO YOU. In other words, they are not dependent upon you for anything financial and are fully self-sufficient, financially and materially. In this situation, because you don't have your roof over their head and because you have no car keys, or laptops to retrieve from them that you paid for, at this and only at this point are you to “put them on the altar” and seek YHWH in intense fasting, prayer and worship.

If this last scenario is the one you find yourself in, you must begin to relish the primary role that you have. That being that you still are YHWH's child and that His parenting skills are perfect towards you and that He will parent you, until He takes you home to be with Him in His home.

Only in this last scenario, are you relieved of your parenting role, because obviously there is nothing left for you to do except allow YHWH to deal with your child, as He responds to your petitions, which He will.

YHWH's concern is not with those believers that are in the final category, but those (most of us) who merely abdicate their parenting role, due to some bad counsel, or some wrong thinking, where society and others have told them that it is ok to do nothing and allow teenage and young adult children to learn their own lessons. **As long as they are under your roof, you have priestly control over that home and all who dwell in that home.** And if you refuse to use that priestly authority that Yahshua has given you NOW, just prepare yourself for the sword that will follow your offspring in generations to come.

This is not a light matter. You know that! YHWH does NOT hold you accountable for your children's decisions and actions, but He DOES in fact hold you accountable for not requiring and demanding the HONOR that the bible commands your children to have towards you. **Respect is not only earned, but is DEMANDED BY THOSE WALKING IN KINGDOM AUTHORITY, BECAUSE YOU ARE USING YAHSHUA'S OWN DESIGNATED AUTHORITY!!!**

In my home, that means that I have had to re-establish order, divine order and kingdom authority by doing the following:

- I have taken the car keys every Friday night until Sunday.
- I have taken her cell phone every Friday night until Sunday.
- I have taken her laptop every Friday night until Sunday.
- I have forbidden her working on Shabbat as long as she is under my roof.

Now while these actions may, or may not bring her to Torah compliance, they are not a mere waste of time, or a display of anger, or authoritarian rule. No! Not at all! I am doing what I can and what I am supposed to do and now YHWH can and will do the rest.

**He will see me as a well pleasing and faithful ambassador, even to my own children, even though my children may not agree with me, understand me, or even like me. Sadly, the "like" part is not in the equation when it comes to kingdom parenting, as far too many parents in this sick day and age are more concerned about being friends with their grown children, than they are being YHWH's steadfast and faithful ambassador to their children, by being unmovable and unshakable in both their faith and their actions.**

Now you have to decide how to handle your own children. I have only given you an example of how to do so. But one thing is for sure; you cannot simply continue to do nothing and abdicate your assignment, and turn your eyes the other way and make believe that that will please YHWH, or get Him to change your child. YHWH will surely do what only He can do, if you simply do what your supposed to do regardless of their age.

Remember the guidelines that determine just how strong your parenting should be. Determine whether their actions are under, or outside of your roof. Determine

whether you have financial bonds that can be used as incentives to make them honor your requests. Those factors will go a long way to determine both how and with what strength you are to act.

**Finally, if your child knows Yahshua, but attends a church and does not follow Torah, while that's not good, that's not a determining factor to how you should respond.** Again it all comes back to what is their attitude when they are home on Shabbats and the feasts, or the annual Shabbats, or during spring and winter breaks.

**Do they HONOR you by following the house rules, even though they may disagree and not be willing to understand you?** The issue is not whether they go to church, or follow Torah, but their attitude while they live at home. Is their attitude submissive, respectful and honoring? **The overriding principle for a child to follow towards their parents is HONOR and RESPECT. If they walk in honor and respect, then you can be sure they will obey your rules, at least while under your roof, which is really all you can ask. YHWH alone, through your prayers, must do the great changes and move the great mountains that still need to be moved!**

**And remember your main guiding principle is not to change your child to your views, but to ENFORCE THE KINGDOM LAWS IN YOUR OWN HOME, YOUR OWN TABERNACLE AND UNDER YOUR OWN ROOF!**

If you do these things and follow these few simple steps, you will war a good war and fight a good spiritual fight, as a faithful soldier and ambassador of YHWH's kingdom, even on your own home front! Meditate and take to heart Yahshua's own words in Mattityahu/Matthew 10:

*34 Think not that I am come to send shalom on the earth: I came not to send shalom, but a sword.*<sup>5</sup>

*35 For I am come to set a man at odds against his abba, and the daughter against her eema, and the daughter-in-law against her eema-in-law.*

*36 And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.*

*37 He that loves abba, or eema more than Me is not worthy of Me: and he that loves son, or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.*

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<sup>5</sup> To divide Yisrael based on loyalty to the King not by two-house division any more.

Selah, ve shema Yisrael.