



## The Soft Heart of the Lord

A few weeks ago, I was in a major spiritual battle which has greatly abated due to the Lord's intervention. I was attacked by a spirit of fear (*not related to coronavirus*), the likes of which I have not experienced in a long time. Fear was trying to rob me of my intimacy with the Lord. Fear blocks intimacy like nothing else. It is a barrier that prevents His perfect love from becoming rooted and established in our hearts. After several weeks of struggling, the Lord intervened and for a moment He appeared to me one night. As I tangibly experienced His loving presence in my room, I immediately felt the strong desire in the Spirit to put my head on His chest like John the Beloved. At once, I saw Yeshua's physical heart inside His chest. What I saw was life and heart-transforming! Yeshua's heart was completely SOFT! There was absolutely no hardness in it at all!

I thought of the scripture, "Today, if you hear His voice, harden not your heart as in the provocation." *Psalm 95:8; Hebrews 3:15*. I knew immediately that Yeshua never hardens His heart. NEVER. Not once did He harden His heart as He continually heard the voice of His Father, always doing the Father's will which He said was His food. Even on the cross, through all the excruciating pain and suffering, He committed Himself to His Father without ever hardening His heart. Truly He is tender-hearted at all times. Even when He rebukes, even when He judges in righteousness, His heart never hardens. Yeshua can always be touched by our infirmities. ALWAYS.

For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. *Hebrews 4:15*

How shall I give you up, Ephraim? how shall I deliver you, Israel? how shall I make you as Admah? how shall I set you as Zeboim? my heart is turned (*Heb: hafach/changed*) within me, my repentings (*Heb: nichum/solace/consolation/sigh as being sorry*) are kindled together. I will not execute the fierceness of my anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I am God, and not man; the Holy One in your midst: *Hosea 11:8-9*

God's soft heart can be turned (*changed*). He can repent (*sigh as being sorry*) out of His great love.

This revelation of the softness of Christ's heart is the secret to true intercession. As intercessors, Moses and Paul and many others came to know experientially that He could be moved upon, touched and changed. Miriam, His mother, knew His soft heart. Mary of Bethany laid hold of it. Mary Magdalene refused to let go of it. John the Beloved rested his head upon it.

After He revealed His soft heart to me, I knew why multitudes drew close to Him, pressing through crowds and all hindrances in order to receive the help and healing they needed, even when His words sounded like a NO. Knowing His heart from the womb, His mother told the servants at Cana, "do whatever He tells you," for she knew His heart was touched and that He could not refuse to provide the needed miracle of wine for the wedding

guests. The Canaanite woman was willing to bow down like a dog to eat the children's crumbs that fell from the Master's table for she discerned the soft heart behind His "hard" utterances. They all perceived the heart that ALWAYS remains touchable. All of these and countless others recognized the tender heartbeat behind His words, casting aside all hindrances. Yeshua's soft touchable heart cannot be compared to any other. It is irresistible, now and forever.....

But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

While it is said, Today if you hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

The human fallen heart can harden. Sin hardens the heart. Because Jesus NEVER sinned, His heart was never hardened by sin's deceitfulness. Our human heart can harden if we are not careful to stay connected to His heart by hearing and heeding His voice, and if we allow irritation and bitterness to enter in and taint it. *Hebrews 3:13; 15*

The fears coming upon us in these end times will become fiercer. The love of many will wax cold (*Math. 24:12*). The only thing we will have is the soft heart of our Lord which is pleasant to touch and easily entreated. The key to overcoming fear in these last days is to know His soft, calm and gentle heart. Not only is it our resting place, but it is the foundation that makes it impossible for fear to enter and lodge. Staying in intimate union with Yeshua's love casts out fear and keeps it out.

Beloved, let us become deeply bonded to Yeshua's love in these last days. Let it be our solid foundation. It will be the only thing that will keep us when everything else fails. It is critical to intimately know the soft heart of Christ, not from the head, but experientially in the heart. Yeshua uncovers His soft heart to those who are willing to have their own hearts softened and all the hard places removed. He reveals His heart to those who are willing to have their own hearts changed forever.

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