Lessons From Martha-Ministering to YHWH

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Luka-Luke 10:38 Now it came to pass, as they went, that He entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received Him into her bayit.

Martha was a homeowner possibly a businesswoman very nervous, stressed out and full of anxiety. A worldly carnal believer, who never seemed to prioritize her life, so that she could minister to Yahshua, rather than seek all other things first.

39 And she had a sister called Miryam, who also sat at Yahshua's feet, and heard Hisword.

Unlike Martha, Miryam was ONLY preoccupied with sitting and ministering to Yahshua, so she could in turn receive personal rhema/personal words for her life. Knowing that these words and instructions came form Yahshua and not the world, her vision and view of life was that all emanated from Yahshua and if she prioritized sitting continually at His glorious feet and adoration, the oil of gladness, purpose and understanding would flow from His lips and His presence to her very fiber and being. Seeking His DESIRES led to a relaxed Ruach led purpose driven life! His purposes through her. How unlike Martha, meaning bitterness, same Hebrew root word as Marah!

40 But Martha was occupied with much serving, and came to Him, and said, Master, don't You care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Speak to her therefore that she help me.

Martha occupied with all the wrong things, looking for happiness by and from others. But like her sister, others in our life will always fall short of expectations and will disappoint us. So our hope and trust must never be in the performance, or lack of performance, or promises of others, but only in the Master Yahshua. Sitting at His feet is why you were born and why you are called a ROYAL PRIEST. You are called to minister at His feet. The feet of ROYALTY!

41 And Yahshua answered and said to her, Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things: CHILL OUT GIRL!

Instead of rebuking her, He COMMENDS Miryam and then He rebuked Martha. There was no need to rebuke Miryam, as she was doing the best and only thing a priest is supposed to do. Ministering adoration and love to her Master! Is that your favorite activity? Or are you so busy with the work and the projects YHWH has given you, that you have totally forgotten and grown cold to the Master Yahshua WHO IS THE "I AM" behind the work. HE is the one who called you and is actually doing the work. The cure for worry and anxiety in any of life's trying tests and situations is getting back to your first love and finding new means and methods to adore Him and minister to HIM, not yourself, or others, who can never fully and totally accept you, due to their human frailties.

For all Renewed Covenant priests-Ministering to Yahshua! All else is frivolous, temporal and not the reason we are allowed the privilege of being a ROYAL priest; meaning we have been chosen to minister to ROYALTY from before the foundation of the world and throughout all eternity!!! You and I will take this ministry with us, when we are absent from the body and present with the Master! Then we will join the heavenly malachim in like mission to the eternal King Moshiach from the House of David!

This is the most important thing a believer/priest can do; even greater than following Torah, for if we spend time with Yahshua first, all Torah both written and oral/personal directions, will flow in and from His enveloping Presence/panayim to your heart and then to your mouth!!!

And Miryam has chosen that tov part, which shall not be taken away from her.

Instead of rebuking her, He COMMENDS Miryam, after rebuking Martha. Miryam chose the TOV, or most tov/good part of her calling! To sit at His feet and not merely fill her head with worldly knowledge and concerns. People may rebuke you for not being busy enough with your own affairs, or even kingdom affairs, but remember, that the ONE and only ONE thing that truly matters, is sitting at His feet on and ongoing basis.

Yochanan/John 11

- 1 Now a certain man was sick, named El-Azar, of Beth Anya, the town of Miryam and her sister Martha.
- 2 It was that Miryam who anointed Yahshua with ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother El-Azar was sick.
- 5 Now Yahshua loved Martha, and her sister, and El-Azar.

20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Yahshua was coming, went and met Him: <u>but</u> Mirvam sat still in the bavit.

Again, Martha is shown to be anxious and all messed up in mourning. She has no peace and no eternal perspective, because she did not fulfill her main tov part of life as a believer. As in the other account, Miryam is where she always is. Alone in the house, seeking and waiting for the Presence/panayim of Yahshua to arrive. This time He also arrived physically. A double blessing for her.

21 Then said Martha to Yahshua, Master, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.

Martha again displays great anxiety and does not have a close personal relationship with Yahshua. This is an outright complaint not a prayer request!

22 But I know, that even now, whatever You will ask of YHWH, YHWH will give it to You.

She has TORAH knowledge, but no ORAL, or personal/rhema Torah guidance, as she has continually failed to spend time with Yahshua previously. Sadly, she represents most believers today!

- 23 Yahshua said to her, Your brother shall rise again.
- 24 Martha said to Him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection on the last day.

Doctrinal knowledge; head/knowledge.

- 25 Yahshua said to her, *I am the resurrection, and the chayim: he that believes in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:*
- 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?
 27 She said to Him, Yes, Master: I believe that You are the Moshiach, the Son of YHWH, who should come into the olam hazeh.
- 30 Now Yahshua had not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met Him.

Not knowing His heart due to failure to minister to YHWH beforehand, she actually slowed Him down in His intended purpose to raise El-Azar from the dead. When we do not put our ministry to Yahshua first and foremost, we can actually get in His way, as we are ignorant about His purposes and His timing.

32 Then when Miryam had come to where Yahshua was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, Master, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.

Rather than complain and grumble, she came to get Him. Martha came to slow Him down in another place. Miryam being led by the Presence of the Ruach, was led to the place to bring Him to the tomb. As can be seen, Miryam the one who sits always at Yahshua's feet, knew where and how to find Him. Falling at His feet was indeed a most familiar place.

39 Yahshua said, *Take away the stone*. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, said to Him, Master, by this time he stinks: for he has been dead four days.
40 Yahshua said to her, *Did I not say to you, that, if you would believe, you would see the tifereth of* YHWH?

Another rebuke of anxious and UNBELIEVING complaining Martha! She argues with Yahshua. That's what happens to anyone who does not spend daily time with Yahshua first and foremost, ministering to Him through love, affection and adoration. A spirit of discontentment, argumentation and unbelief sets in, as the invitation to minister to royalty is refused through neglect of duty.

Yochanan-John 12

- 1 Then Yahshua six days before the Pesach came to Beth Anya, where El-Azar was who Yahshua had raised from the dead.
- 2 There they made Him a supper; and Martha served: and El-Azar was one of them that sat at the shulchan with Him.

El-Azar's resurrection and Yahshua's miracle working power did not change Martha's attitude of anxiety, stress, business and poor priorities. She continued in her usual mode

of operation. More concerned with cooking and preparing then spending time at Yahshua's feet celebrating and rejoicing. Had she done that, she would have begun to change and be more like her sister Miryam.

3 Then Miryam took an alabaster of tov pistachio, very expensive, and anointed the feet of Yahshua, and wiped His feet with her hair:

Miryam also had not changed. She did not adore and love Yahshua more because of the miracle! No she loved Him anyway for being her Master and Savior; and she also continued doing what she had always done. The alabaster of very good pistachio was a special terumah-free will offering to Yahshua for raising her brother from the dead. There was no need for her to change. Rather it is those like Martha, most of us, if we are honest, that need to change.

And the bayit was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

<u>Close</u>-When we learn and are diligent about ministering to Yahshua on a regular ongoing basis, the house where we live, as well as the house of our bodies/temples will be filled with the oil of His presence, the oil of gladness, purpose, understanding, peace and deliverance. Confusion will then flee, as we find ourselves always in the midst of His will.

The choice is yours. Are you a Martha or a Miryam. Your future will be determined by your answer!