



“Anointed People Cling to THE Anointed ONE”

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Devotion and Discussion Questions

Key Texts (TLV): 1 John 2:18-28; Jn. 14:6; Jn. 15:4-7; Acts 2:36; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; 11:3-4

There are moments when the pressure around us is not necessarily to do something *wrong*, but to slowly drift from what we have heard from the beginning. It may not feel like rebellion at first. It may feel like a new perspective, a fresh idea, a more reasonable way to think, or a quieter way to avoid conflict. But John writes with urgency because he knows that the danger is not only out there in the world; the danger is when people who once seemed to be among the people of God begin to pull others away from the Son.

Through John, the Holy Spirit warns us, “*Children, it is the last hour. Just as you heard that the anti-messiah is coming, even now many anti-messiahs have come—by this we know that it is the last hour*” (1 Jn. 2:18). It’s not to make us fearful or suspicious of everyone around us. It is meant to wake us up and anchor us. The people of God are not called to chase every voice, every spirit, every new teaching, or every impressive claim. We are anointed people, and anointed people cling to THE Anointed ONE – Messiah Yeshua.

1. MANY VOICES WILL TRY TO PULL US AWAY FROM MESSIAH

John begins this section with a sober warning: “*Children, it is the last hour*” (1 Jn. 2:18). He says that just as they had heard the anti-messiah is coming, even now many anti-messiahs have come. In other words, the spirit of opposition to Messiah was not only something future and dramatic. It was already working in the world, already showing up through false teaching, false claims, and people who denied the truth about Yeshua.

He writes, “*They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us*” (1 Jn. 2:19). That is painful language, but it is also clarifying language. Not everyone who uses spiritual words belongs to the truth. Not everyone who once stood near the community actually remained in Messiah. The test was not simply whether they had been around the people of God, but whether they remained in the truth of the Son. The question is not whether a voice sounds spiritual; the question is whether it confesses Yeshua as the Messiah and points us to remain in Him—to abide in Him.

2. THE LIE ALWAYS ATTACKS THE SON

John does not leave the issue vague. He asks, “*Who is the liar if not the one who denies that Yeshua is the Messiah?*” (1 Jn. 2:22). Then he says plainly, “*This one is the anti-messiah—the one who denies the Father and the Son*” (1 Jn. 2:22). The lie John is confronting is not just a minor disagreement or a secondary difference of opinion. It strikes at the center. It denies who Yeshua is, and in denying the Son, it cuts a person off from the Father.

That is why John says, “*No one who denies the Son has the Father; the one who acknowledges the Son also has the Father*” (1 Jn. 2:23). This is the dividing line. You cannot

bypass Yeshua as Lord and still claim to know the Father. You cannot reject the Son and still hold on to the God of Israel. Yeshua is not an optional addition to faith, like a spoiler on your car. He is the promised Messiah, the Anointed One, the way to the Father. As Yeshua Himself said, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life! No one comes to the Father except through Me"* (Jn. 14:6).

3. LET WHAT YOU HEARD FROM THE BEGINNING REMAIN IN YOU

John's exhortation is simple and strong: *"As for you, let what you heard from the beginning remain in you"* (1 Jn. 2:24). That word "remain" is so important. It means to dwell; to abide. Stay. Continue. Do not loosen your grip on the truth that was delivered to you. Do not somehow "graduate" from the Good News. Do not move beyond the Son. If what they heard from the beginning remains in them, John says, *"you also will remain in the Son and in the Father"* (1 Jn. 2:24).

And John reminds them, *"Now this is the promise that He Himself has promised us—eternal life"* (1 Jn. 2:25). This is not a small issue. This is not merely about being right in an argument. This is about eternal life. But John does not write as though they are helpless. He says, *"You have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know"* (1 Jn. 2:20). The Spirit of God teaches, guards, and anchors the people of God in the truth. So John says, *"Abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming"* (1 Jn. 2:28).

CONCLUSION

John is not trying to make the believers paranoid. He is calling them to discernment, faithfulness, and confidence. There will always be voices that try to offer a version of faith without the fullness of Yeshua. There will always be teachings that sound enlightened, spiritual, or compassionate, while quietly denying the Son. But the people of God do not need to be tossed around by every persuasive voice. We have heard the truth from the beginning, and we are called to let that truth remain in us.

The call is not complicated: abide in Him. Remain in the Son. Cling to the Anointed One. Do not trade the eternal promise of life in Messiah for a teaching that sounds new but leads away from Him. The same Spirit who anointed you is able to keep you, teach you, and lead you in truth. And when Yeshua appears, may we be found remaining in Him, confident before Him, and unashamed at His coming.

If your heart has drifted, if your confidence has been shaken, if other voices have become louder than the truth you heard from the beginning, then today is a day to return. Bring your confusion, your questions, your weariness, and your divided affections before ADONAI. Ask the Holy Spirit to anchor you again in the truth of Messiah. Confess where you have loosened your grip, and receive again the promise He Himself has promised us—eternal life. Yeshua is the Anointed One, and we are anointed people who belong to Him. So remain in Him. Trust Him. Cling to Him. And let His truth remain in you.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. John says that many anti-messiahs had already come. What kinds of teachings or voices today try to sound spiritual while pulling people away from the truth of Yeshua?
2. Why is denying the Son not just a small theological difference, but a denial of the Father as well?
3. John says, *“Let what you heard from the beginning remain in you”* (1 Jn. 2:24). What are some practical ways we can guard the truth of the Good News in our daily lives?
4. In a world filled with podcasts, social media, opinions, influencers, and endless information, how can we discern whether a voice is leading us closer to Yeshua or away from Him?
5. Where do you personally feel the most pressure to loosen your grip on what you have heard from the beginning, and what would it look like to abide in Him there?

CLOSING PRAYER:

Avinu Malkhenu, Our Father, Our King, we thank You for sending Your Son, Yeshua the Messiah, the Anointed One. We thank You that in Him we know You, in Him we have life, and in Him we have the promise of eternal life. Guard our hearts from every voice that would pull us away from the truth of who He is.

Holy Spirit, teach us to remain in what we have heard from the beginning. Keep us from drifting. Give us discernment without fear, confidence without arrogance, and faithfulness without compromise. Help us abide in Yeshua so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away in shame.

B'Shem Yeshua, In the name of Yeshua, amen.