Transcript – Elder Pong Sukkot

Chag semeach. First I want to praise and thank Yahweh to invite me and bring me to the wilderness with all the brethren in this place because every time that I am here, I am changed every, every, every time. And I believe that it's going to happen to every one of you.

Every time that I am here in the wilderness and in the class with Elder Don, I learn one thing that Elder Don said is about many, many people come to the wilderness and to the class and want to have more thing, deep, more thing about the last day, more thing about many, many knowledge. But one thing I impressed about is this school is made for repent. Before this, for me repenting is very basic.

But you know, I come to the class for three times and it take me for three times to understand it. And when I came back and learning about the basic lesson number two. I find it, it can teach and someone for all along the year. And I realize that I came back and teach about repent for Thai people. I realize that someone understand that they repent, but the real thing is they do not repent. So today I have to share something about repentance.

So we saw Genesis 3 verse 6 to 13. I did not read every word, every scripture.

[**Genesis 3:6-7** *And the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and the tree was desirable to make one wise. And she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. And the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed leaves of the fig tree, and made girdles for themselves.*

Genesis 6:8-10 *And they heard the sound of YAHWEH Elohim walking up and down in the garden at the breeze of the day. And the man and his wife hid themselves from the face of YAHWEH Elohim in the middle of the trees of the garden. And YAHWEH Elohim called to the man and said to him, Where are you? And he said, I have heard Your sound in the garden, and I was afraid, for I am naked, and I hid myself.*

Genesis 6:11-13 *And He said, Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat? And the man said, The woman whom You gave to be with me, she has given to me of the tree, and I ate. And YAHWEH Elohim said to the woman, What is this you have done? And the woman said, The serpent deceived me, and I ate.*]

But I know you all remember all this from Genesis 3, when Eve chose to bring the fruit and eat it and bring it to Adam. Then Adam eat it and He open their eyes. And he got some wisdom. One thing that he realized was that he's naked. He tried to hide it. And after that Yahweh try to call him. He hide from Yahweh. He said to Yahweh he fear, he's naked. At that time Yahweh knew it he, Adam, ate that fruit.

After then what happened? Adam blame Eve. Eve blame the serpent. I read it again and again and I find out this is our habit in sin. No matter what we do or no matter what we say, we always blame another people. We blame many, many people. One thing that I wonder about Adam, he did not want to say sorry to Yahweh. If he say sorry to Yahweh, maybe everything is clear and done. But the scripture doesn't record something about sorry.

Now you just ask yourself, when you do something wrong to someone or something, do you blame others or do you just realize you did something wrong? That's the human nature. We always blame another thing. We have many, many reasons to hide in our sin. That's what I want to tell you, that repenting is not easy to do. Now read it Ephesians 2:1-3:

[**Ephesians 2:1-3** *And He has quickened you also who were dead because of your sins and trespasses, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the will of the ruler of the authority of the air, the spirit which is active in the sons of disobedience, in those very deeds in which we also were corrupted from the very beginning through the lusts of our flesh, doing the things willed of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature the children of wrath, even as the rest.*]

These scriptures tell us that we do sin for three reasons. First, it's the way of the world. According to course of this world. Two, Satan. According to the view [will] of the ruler of authority of the air. Third, view of our thought. That like that scripture show. The world teach us all to do sin.

How the world teach us? Through what? TV program that we watch. Movie that we watch. The book that we read. Social around us. And yes, nowadays smartphones. This is more influence for us all and to make us do something sin. And yes, the one behind it is Satan. And one thing that we never think about it before, our thought, our thinking. Jeremiah 17:9.

[**Jeremiah 17:9** *The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is incurable; who can know it?*]

This verse show us ... this scripture show us that our thinking can deceive us. And when I came back and realized it. Many, many times I found that we are trapped in this, because we like, prefer to hear our thoughts. But we forget that thought is made from Satan, from the environment that Satan put for us all. It make us to be us today, that we do not think about or realize, that we can make something sin. Because our thinking is the way we choose. In Roman 7:13-23 **...**

[**Romans 7:13-15** *Did that which is good, therefore, become death to me? Far be it. But sin, that it might be seen to be sin, perfected death in me by means of that good Torah; that sin might be more condemned, by means of the commandment. For we know that the Torah is spiritual, but I am fleshly, having been sold under sin. For I do not know what I do. For I do not do the thing that I want; But I do the thing which I hate, this is what I do.*

Rom 7:16-19 *But if I do what I do not wish to, I agree with the Torah, that it is good. Now then, it is not I who do it, but the sin which dominates in me. For I know that it does not fully dominate me, (that is in my flesh) but as far as good is concerned, the choice is easy for me to make, but to do it is difficult for me. For it is not the good that I desire to do, that I do. But it is the evil that I do not desire, that I do.*

Rom 7:20-23 *But if I do what I do not desire, it is no longer I who do it, but the sin which dominates me. I find therefore that the Torah agrees with my conscience, when I desire to do good, but evil is always near, distracting me. For I delight in the Torah of Elohim according to the inward man; but I see another law in my members having warred against the law of my mind, and taking me captive by the law of sin being in my members.*]

It explain that something that we fight with our thought, our thinking. The word said we know that make something good, but we can't do something good, because sin is covering us all. The real repentance is cooperate with the Holy Spirit. Yahweh sent the Holy Spirit to us to help us. In John 14:15-16 …

[**John 14:15-16** *If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will petition the Father, and He will give you another one which will end the curse, that He may remain with you forever,*]

The scripture said that Yahweh sent His Holy Spirit to stop sin and curse. And yes, if we are here and follow the Holy Spirit, we can stop that curse in our life. And then we can follow Torah better and better by the helping of the Holy Spirit. But many are going to have some question. I try and try and again and cannot do it. Yeah, it's not easy. But I found out one key to help us. That thing is in 1st John 1:8 -10.

[**1st John 1:8** *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous that He may forgive us the sins, and may cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.]*

You have to confess. You accept and confess something that you have done. Somebody don't accept it, so they miss opportunity to change your life. That's why confessing is not happening. The scripture said if we say we are not sin, you make Yahweh a liar. So the key is you have to confess.

We were born in sin. You just accept it and confess it. You have to have a real confession. Because you don't do that. If you don't do that. You just don't start first step to change your life. Yahshua said He come to find somebody the sick. You think about, if you go to see doctor and you say to doctor, “I'm okay, I'm fine.” How can doctor can heal you? I found it's very hard.

That you can turn and see something bad in your life is hard to accept. You know it's to die to yourself. Do you remember the day that you baptism? You have to walk into the water by yourself. You do it by yourself. Confess and repent. You accept and confess that you are sin. After that you came out of the water and take the Holy Spirit. In Romans 8:1-11 ...

[**Romans 8:1-3** *There is therefore now no condemnation to those in Yahshua Messiah, who do not walk according to flesh, but according to Spirit. For the Law of the Spirit of life which is in Yahshua Messiah set me free from the law of sin and of death. For the Torah being powerless, in that it was weak through the flesh, Elohim sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,*

Rom 8:4-6 *so that the righteous demand of the Torah might be fulfilled in us, those not walking according to flesh, but according to Spirit. For the ones that are according to flesh mind the things of the flesh. And the ones according to Spirit mind the things of the Spirit. To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace;*

Rom 8:7-9 *because the mind of the flesh is enmity towards Elohim; for it is not subject to the Torah of Elohim, for it is not possible to be so. And those being in the flesh are not able to please Elohim. But you are not in flesh, but in Spirit, since the Spirit of YAHWEH dwells in you. But if anyone has not the Spirit of Messiah, this one does not belong to Him.*

Rom 8:10-11 *But if Messiah is in you, the body indeed is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of the One having raised Yahshua from the dead dwells in you, the One having raised the Messiah from the dead will also make your mortal bodies live through the indwelling of His Spirit in you*.]

This scripture said about following the Holy Spirit, not follow your flesh. That mean you have to bring your free will to the Holy Spirit and follow him. This is the important part. Do you remember in the Eden? The wisdom that Adam and Eve take it, that when they face the problem they try to fix it by themselves? And this whole world is the result from Adam and Eve. They prefer to keep free will in themself. No matter what happens, they try to fix it out by themself.

Are you like that or you come and fix some problem or do you seek Yahweh first? Seek Yahweh first and then you find something a little bit from Yahweh. And then you bring your free will to Yahweh. That's the real repent. The Holy Spirit come to our life to fix some problem in our life and have more solution in our life. Do you believe it? Do you believe that the Holy Spirit can help you with everything? No matter what you find, some problem in your life. What do you choose? Are you going onto the internet, search for something to fix your problem? Do you read textbook, are you looking for many influencers on Google or on YouTube? Or do you choose to go back to Yahweh in your life?

And when Yahweh bring the way to fix the problem to you. You dare to bring your decision to Holy Spirit and follow Him. Did you believe in resurrection? Do you believe? Yes. If you believe it. You don't fear anymore about dying. Don't fear about the dying. And do you believe that the Holy Spirit can fix many, many problem in your life? That's the thing that we have to confess and repent.

Smartphone is nothing to you now. AI nothing to you now. Do you believe that Holy Spirit is smarter, better than all that stuff? And you know the Holy Spirit is in you. Why you always try to fix the problem by finding something out there? Do you believe that He can make you overcome everything? Because Yahshua overcome the world. And I want to say it again. He is in you. The real repentance is to get rid of everything that's in your thinking, your thoughts that's not the same way as Yahweh, that is not the same way as the Torah. And choose new ... the new way that Yahweh teach us all through the Torah.

And finally, you have to make it every day. Make it every single day until you're echad with Yahweh. Do you remember that last year that I share something about the mirror? Do you remember that a little story about little child that put his finger into the plug, the electric plug? First, that we are like that little boy, little child that try to put his finger in the plug and Yahweh hit you like a parent. Don't do that. And when you practice to do, obey Him every single day until you grow up, you will never put your finger in that plug again. That's the meaning of you have the same thought like Yahweh, Echad.

Shabbat Shalom, Chag semeach!