The Hebrew Bench of Three

The article, 'Constantine and the Bench of Three' by Ian Clayton, which is in lesson 6 of my Apostolic Leadership training, talks about the `beit din`[1] (בֵּית דִּין) in the early Hebrew church. The question arises, "Does that suggest that it should be reinstated today, as we divest ourselves of religion and try to recover what the 1st century believers we doing?"

In short, not unless Father specifically tells us to do it.

I don't like referring people to a lot of Ian's teaching, but he does has some important points to make which are essential for us to take onboard. Please refer to my article about Ian's teaching that's on my website.[2] He has a focus on Hebrew that's not in alignment with the Kingdom as it manifests on Earth today.

Interestingly, we already have the governmental bench of three in the form of our overseers, the Trinity.

It's important that you learn to filter out any Hebrew or Jeωish influences in whatever your hear or read. There's a strong push for Zionism among believers these days and it can appear in many forms from almost any one of them.

There's also the problem of believers mixing covenants[3] because they read the OT.[4] They see the New Covenant as an improvement on the Old Covenant. The two have little to do with each other, apart from the Trinity's desire to guide and bless their people, while they carryout Heaven's plan for them.

IMPORTANT: Hebrew things belong in the Israelite era, which is Old Covenant, not New Covenant.

Going Deeper

Addressing this question deeper, the first believers were Jeωs, so they naturally set up structures in their *ekklesias* which were Jeωish in nature. There was nothing wrong with them doing things like that if it worked towards our King's goal for unity of his people and for their safe oversight. Basically, if structures are put in place which don't work against what the Spirit is doing, he won't object. This was the case with the fledgling believers in the 1st century, and it's the same for us today.

Over time, the King planned for them to grow and mature in spiritual matters so that the Jeωishness they incorporated into the way the operated as an *ekklesia* would slowly be eliminated through revelation. This is precisely what's happened to all of us as we've been on a spiritual journey to becomes sons of the Kingdom. Nowhere in our past religious activity did Father criticise us for our worship of him and our service for him. Instead, he continued to receive our heart's intentions to do whatever we thought was good in his sight. During that time, however, the Spirit prompted us to make various changes, while Father kept drawing us into alignment with himself.

Here's an example of this process of growing to maturity in spiritual matters which brings about change. It's from what the Spirit released to Paul: The Ascension Gifts (AKA 'the Five-Fold Ministry'), including apostles and prophets, was only set up to assist sons until they were fully mature.[5] Once reaching maturity those overseers would no longer be required because the members of the *ekklesia* would all be like Jesus

1 – READ: "What is a Beit Din?" www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/3582308/jewish/What-Is-a-Beit-Din.htm
2 – "Personal Beliefs of Ian Clayton" (13-6-2017)
canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Personal-Beliefs-of-Ian-Clayton.pdf
3 – KCC MESSAGE: "Mixing Covenants" (20-6-2025)
canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/KCC-MESSAGE-Mixing-Covenants-20-6-2025.pdf
4 – "Its Dangerous to Mix the Covenants" (27-6-2025)
canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/Its-Dangerous-to-Mix-the-Covenants.pdf
5 – "…to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." (Ephesians 4:12-13 NIV)

of Nazareth (our prototype[6]), being in deep oneness with the Trinity. It's the same today. From that place of intimacy we'll know their heart and mind, we'll be totally aligned with their plans and purposes, and we'll be transformed through the reintegration of our body and soul with our spirit.[7] At that point, we won't need the oversight and input of that group of five overseers – they'll actually be redundant.

This is the reason why we should ignore what the first Jeωish believers were doing. They were the beginners who were learning to live the Kingdom life, while remaining culturally Jeωish. Today, we should not be copying other cultural groups or denominations, but listening to what the Spirit is telling us to do. For example, our King told us that he's looking to see a Kingdom Community on every street – and that includes all places around the world. That would be a clear demonstration that the Kingdom is definitely moving towards filling the Earth.

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