



## VAYIKRA - AND HE CALLED

Leviticus 1:1 to 6:7  
Isaiah 43:21 to 44:23  
Hebrews 10: 1-18  
Romans 8:1-13

Reviewing our studies, we find in the first book, Genesis/*Bereshit* that it is full of personal testimonies of how the families of Yahweh walked in His principles. We learned about our identity as part of Israel through Yahweh's Covenants and our heritage with the King in His Kingdom. We also learned there is an order to His Kingdom, as a pattern for life emerged through the story of Noah. Yahweh first calls us and then has us prepare a dwelling place for Him, beginning with our separating from the unclean influences in our lives and in our surroundings. Noah did this before he started to build a dwelling place for Yahweh. The dwelling place, called an ark, was to be made according to the pattern Yahweh gave him and not according to Noah's own pattern. Upon completion and with everything in order, Noah and his family along with the animals boarded the ark. Now it was time for the protected voyage *over* the waters of tribulation and death. This vessel, guided in the safe hands of the Spirit of Yahweh, kept them separated from the realm of death. They were preserved in Yeshua for their deliverance. This is the same for us today. When believers walk in obedience to Yeshua's principles, they will be delivered from destruction and from those planning evil intent against them. Yahweh is jealous for those who love and obey Him as they carry His Testimony/constitution. It is obedience to His Word that will deliver us from the enemy. Notice, that it was those who believe but do not follow through on His word that tasted death and are lifted off the earth, not those who walked in His ways, His Bride (1 Peter 3:8-20).

In the second book of Moses called Exodus/*Shemot*, we see this same pattern emerge but in much more detail. The pattern given Noah of separating and building a dwelling place for Yahweh is now reinforced and referenced in a tabernacle called in Hebrew the *mishkan*. This pattern is so important to Yahweh that He dedicated thirteen chapters in His word/*Torah* to describe it. No other subject had such condensed focus as the tabernacle/*mishkan*. The tabernacle is the representation of Yeshua and guides our walk in His Kingdom.

The tabernacle was not for the nations but for believers. All are welcome, however the only way into the tabernacle is through the person Jesus Christ/*Yeshua Ha Mashiach* (Exodus 19:5-6; 1 Peter 2:9). The outer court that surrounded the tabernacle with all of its furnishings and activities was set in such a way as to teach the believer how to walk in Yeshua's Kingdom. The Bride is likened to the High Priest in Scripture. Her thought, attitude, speech and walk cannot be common

or carnal (Gentile) in nature but must reflect Yeshua and His Kingdom. It is here in the tabernacle that she learns to speak, act and walk as her King/Bridegroom would.

All in Yeshua have been given a choice. Yeshua redeemed His people to give them the opportunity to come into His court/tabernacle. When Yeshua offered Himself up in payment for our sin and guilt offering no hindrances were left. All believers now have access to His Kingdom. Up to that point, the twelve tribes could only enter the outer court, the area which surrounded the tabernacle and only under the aid of a Levite. As a *commoner*, they could not go past the brazen altar or enter the Tabernacle or the Holy of Holies. This was reserved only for the priests and the High Priest. Only those who emulated the King/Yeshua could enter into the tabernacle/*mishkan*.

The picture of the tabernacle makes known the lifestyle of the Bridegroom for the Bride, starting with the instructions of the *outer court* of the tabernacle/*mishkan*. These instructions reveal the nature and journey of the Bride from a position in the outer court (outside the tabernacle) to the inner chambers of His House for her.

📖 **Ezekiel 43:10-12** “Son of man, describe the temple to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern. And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the design of the temple and its arrangement, its exits and its entrances, its entire design and all its ordinances, all its forms and all its laws. Write *it* down in their sight, so that they may keep its whole design and all its ordinances, and perform them. This *is* the law [*instruction*] of the temple: The whole area surrounding the mountaintop *is* most holy. Behold, this *is* the law [*instruction*] of the temple.”

Understanding the tabernacle instruction is a critical maturing fact in the believer’s walk as it is a matter of holiness. If we miss this vital detail our walks may miss the fullness promised in His Word. We are given the same gift of the Gospel that was delivered to the Israelites on Mount Sinai. Sadly only a few will choose to walk the narrow walk. Not all Israel is Israel. In other words, not all believers enter in (2 Samuel 6; Matthew 22:14; Romans 9:6-13; Galatians 3:8).

📖 **Matthew 22:14** “For many are called, but few (*“are” is not in the original*) chosen [*choose*].”

📖 **Matthew 7:13-14** “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

📖 **Ezekiel 44:10-16** “And the Levites who went far from Me, when Israel went astray, who strayed away from Me after their idols, they shall bear their iniquity. Yet they shall be ministers in My sanctuary, as gatekeepers of the house and ministers of the house; they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister to them. Because they ministered to them before their idols and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity, therefore I have raised My hand in an oath against them,” says the Lord GOD, “that they shall bear their iniquity. And they shall not come

near Me to minister to Me as priest, nor come near any of My holy things, nor into the Most Holy Place; but they shall bear their shame and their abominations which they have committed. Nevertheless I will make them keep charge of the temple, for all its work, and for all that has to be done in it. But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near Me to minister to Me; and they shall stand before Me to offer to Me the fat and the blood,” says the Lord GOD. They shall enter My sanctuary, and they shall come near My table to minister to Me, and they shall keep My charge.”

This Ezekiel scripture is prophetic and speaks of the future, thus it is still applicable today.

In *Exodus* we see that the Israelites learned *how* to separate themselves from the unclean realm first physically, then in their thoughts, attitudes, behaviors and lifestyles when they received the pattern for life and built the tabernacle. In doing so, Yahweh separated them from their enemy and brought them out of Egypt as a Bride. He betrothed Himself to her and gave her His constitution/marriage covenant called the Gospel at Mount Sinai. The earthly tabernacle/*mishkan* represented the heavenly dwelling of Yahweh and was a shadow of the Tabernacle already prepared for His Bride. The priestly garments were also described as *the armor of Yahweh* and are the wedding garments of His Bride (Hebrews 8:1-2; Ephesians 6:10-20; Galatians 3:8).

In the third book of Moses, *Leviticus/Vayikra*, Yahweh instructs those who have come into His Covenant/constitution how to walk in His Kingdom lifestyle using *the inner chambers of the tabernacle/mishkan* as a testimony for the birthing of a royal priesthood and holy nation (Exodus 19:5-6; 1 Peter 2:9). Only the priests were allowed to enter the tabernacle/*mishkan*, thus it is important believers understand the function of the tabernacle/temple (Ezekiel 43:10-12). Learning to walk in Yeshua’s courts brings correction and abundant life, which elevates one from the life of commonality to a life in the royal courts of His Kingdom. The book of *Leviticus* is where we gain wisdom and understanding of The King through *His Spirit Life*. This knowledge provides oil for the Bride’s lamp.

Also, the book of *Leviticus* sets forth wisdom, knowledge and understanding of Yahweh’s (613) *moral principles* – called commandments. These instructions govern life in heaven and on earth. Without these teachings life would cease to exist. With these principles the believer is given the opportunity to prepare his/her heart and live a life fitting for the coming of the King. These directions for Yeshua’s tabernacle/*mishkan* and His Kingdom (heavenly and earthly) are still in place today, and He is returning soon (Hebrews 8:2).

Recap: The second book of Moses *Exodus* gave the Bride the pattern of the tabernacle/*mishkan* beginning with the blueprint, then the gathering of all the materials, the building process and the completed structure so the builder (Yeshua) could say to the Bride, “*You can move in now!*” The third book of Moses, *Leviticus* is a detailed prophetic look at *how* to enter into Yeshua’s Kingdom (the tabernacle) and live in the Bridal Chamber (the Holy of Holies) to have eternal life.

🌿 **Matthew 7:24-27** “Therefore everyone who **hears these words of mine and puts them into practice** is like a wise man *who built his house on the rock*. The rain came down,

and streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against the house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But **everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice** is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

🌿 **Isaiah 66:1** “Thus says Yahweh: ‘Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest?’”

## The Five Offerings

Once the *mishkan* was built, Yahweh shared the instructions for the *continual offerings* that the Israelites were to bring before Him. The offerings reveal the heart of the people who serve Him. They are designed to lubricate the heart, to keep it humble, thankful and teachable toward Yahweh, and to lead the people into a redeemed lifestyle in His Kingdom. The principle of the offerings is to elevate the Bride and to keep her far from temptation and sin.

As mentioned earlier, offerings are different than tithes. *Tithes* are the ten percent portion of the full one hundred percent given us from Yahweh. Yahweh included the ten percent in our increase for us to offer back to Him. The remaining ninety percent is ours to keep and is where the *offerings* are derived from. Offerings do not come from tithes but from the believer’s own personal possession (the ninety percent) called the holy portion. It is imperative that Yahweh’s people understand this stage of the process as the Tabernacle is built on *offerings*.

Offerings are the Bride’s seed. The seed is the Word of Yahweh. The Bride sows seed by speaking the Word of God first in her own heart. The seed (word) sown (spoken) must confirm the pattern/word that is already written on her heart by Yahweh. After the seed roots and grows in her spirit, the Holy Spirit/*Ruach HaKodesh* will then work on her behalf in her physical life to produce abundance. Thus she becomes a doer of the Bridegroom’s word.

Blessing, prosperity and wealth rarely exceed personal development. Yahweh has provided wealth to flow to the next generations. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were all extremely wealthy. As offerings reveal the heart, we cannot give and think we will not have enough to *tithe* because the *tithe* we have is not ours to begin with but belongs to Yahweh. He owns it. Thus if we give, it will be multiplied back to us. This is a Kingdom principle of sowing and reaping. Yahweh will never run out or be poor as He is the owner of it all. On the other hand, an earthy carnal mindset holds his increase tightly and does not give, share or participate in the *tithes* or the *offerings*.

🌿 **James 1:22** “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

If it is a pure incorruptible seed of sowing, the *tithe* and then the *offering* will take root and bear much Godly fruit when it is sown using healthy rich heart soil. This is how the tabernacle is built today. If the seed planted does not match Yahweh’s Word it is by definition a corruptible, counterfeit seed, which will produce corruptible, counterfeit fruit along with useless brambles or weeds. This is foreign to Yahweh’s Kingdom design.

🌿 **Matthew 13:18-23** “Therefore hear the parable of the sower: ‘When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.’”

After the Israelites completed and then dedicated Yahweh’s dwelling, it was time to learn how to live with Him in His residence/Kingdom (1 Corinthians 6:12-20). This is the whole purpose of *Leviticus*. Contained within Yahweh’s loving instructions are His steadfast established principles and appointed times that He designed and predestined before Creation to give us maximum life with Him in His House/Kingdom. These instructions give us unlimited blessings and abundant life with Him. There are areas in the tabernacle/*mishkan* that are for common use (outer court) and areas that are holy (the holy and most holy areas) and both lead to a redeemed lifestyle if walked out properly. The book of *Leviticus* is directed to the priesthood, as they are the caretakers of the dwelling of Yahweh on behalf of the twelve tribes of Israel and the nations.

### The Priesthood – The Firstborn Son

Originally the priesthood was through the firstborn son. He is the King’s son and heir to His Kingdom. Adam was a firstborn son; so was Noah. They represented the King and acted on His behalf in His Kingdom on earth.

🌿 **Exodus 13:2** “Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast; it is Mine.”

Jacob had twelve sons who became the twelve tribes of *Israel*. Twelve represents Yahweh’s government.

🌿 “Israel is My son, My firstborn” (Exodus 4:23).

The first born from these tribes became Yahweh’s priesthood. At Mount Sinai during the incident of the golden calf, the firstborn *Sons of Israel* adulterated themselves before it thus setting aside their firstborn status *for a season* until the time of Messiah. At Mount Sinai Yahweh raised up one tribe, the Levites, to serve as a perpetual priesthood before Him. When Yeshua fulfilled the sacrifice for our sin and guilt He resurrected and began to rise up the redeemed firstborn in Him.

🌿 **Numbers 3:12-13** “I Myself have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of every firstborn who opens the womb among the children of Israel. Therefore the Levites shall be Mine, *because all the firstborn are Mine. On the day that I struck all*

*the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I sanctified to Myself all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast. They shall be Mine: I am the LORD.”*

Today, the firstborn *Sons of Israel* have been redeemed and restored through the death, burial and resurrection of Yeshua, the Messiah. The pattern and teachings given us in Leviticus are vital for the restoration of the priesthood. According to Scripture this priesthood will operate in the order of Melchizedek on earth representing Yahweh and His Heavenly Kingdom to the Nations (Exodus 19:5-6; 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 1:6; 5:10).

📖 **Exodus 19:5-6** “Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth *is* Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.”

Peter referred back to this quote from Exodus to believers knowing he was speaking to priests (the elect) in the Melchizedek order from the twelve tribes of Israel.

📖 **1 Peter 2:9** “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to Yahweh, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful Light” (Exodus 19:5-6; Revelation 1:6).

📖 **Revelation 1:5-6, 5:9-10** “and from Jesus Christ/*Yeshua Ha Mashiach*, the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us, and released us from our sins by His blood, and He has made us *to be* a kingdom, [*of*] priests to His God and Father; to Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy art Thou to take the book, and to break its seals; for Thou wast slain, and didst purchase for God with Thy blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. And Thou hast made them *to be* a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.” (NAS)

## Establishing Kingdom Order in our Lives

The *Abrahamic Covenant* establishes our redemption/salvation and the *Mosaic Covenant*, the words given to Moses at Mount Sinai, is our “*how-to manual*” describing how to walk in our redemption (the *Abrahamic Covenant*). The book of *Leviticus* is a part of the *Mosaic Covenant* and is our instruction booklet of how to live in the tabernacle/Kingdom with Yahweh. Without Leviticus (our instruction book), we will not know how to live in the Bridal Chamber, as it is the manual for life called *the Gospel*. Obeying Yahweh’s instructions/principles is in the *realm of life*, which leads to abundant blessings. Doing what He has asked us to do is called “*faith*” (holiness) (Hebrews 11). This is how He knows we love Him - when we *do* what He has asked us to do by walking in obedience to His Word/instructions which contains His love, His will and His purpose for our lives (John 13:34 -15:17).

📖 **John 5:46-47** [*Yeshua said*], “For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings [*Mosaic Covenant*], how will you believe My words?”

📖 **John 14:15** [*Yeshua said,*] “If you love Me, keep My commandments [*the Mosaic Covenant*].”

## Choose Life

If we choose not to follow Yahweh’s instructions for life, we incur the folly of our own choices and can likewise enter into the realms that bring death. It is our choice. In history, some taught Yahweh’s *loving* instructions in a manner that brought man’s legalism and death upon His people. This is called living under bondage (death) to the letter of the law (Matthew 23:4). Early church fathers like Marcion began to teach a two Deity principle stating that God and the Old Testament (Torah) were no longer valid now that they were under the New Covenant of Grace in Yeshua. They translated the word for Torah under a generic Greek term called *nomos* (law). In doing this they mixed *the law of life* (Torah), and *the law of sin and death*, and *man-made religious laws* into one all-purpose word - *nomos*. This made it hard for believers to discern which “law” the bible verse was referring to. That is how Yahweh’s loving instruction began to take on an unfavorable quality among the New Testament believers. Marcion taught that anything to do with the *law of the God of the Old Testament* was bad and the *law of Jesus in the New Testament* was like a “new” law and was good. But Paul in Romans 3:31 said,

📖 **Romans 3:31** “Do we then make void the law [*Torah*] through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law [*Torah – Yahweh’s loving teaching and instruction*].”

📖 **Matthew 23:23** Yeshua said, “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, *and have neglected the weightier matters of the law [Torah]: [which is,] justice and mercy and faith.*”

Being separated from Yahweh’s teaching and instruction for generations, the people began to see Torah as a strange thing, but Yahweh said He would bring us back to His loving kindness, His teaching and instruction, and restore us in the last days (Hosea 8:12; Amos 8:11-13; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 8:8-12) (Strong’s #H8451 Hebrew for *Torah*. #G3551 Greek for *nomos*). See [www.sheepfoldgleanings.com/Devarim/Words: Deuteronomy 1](http://www.sheepfoldgleanings.com/Devarim/Words:Deuteronomy1) for a study on the word: *nomos*).

## Grace or Redemption?

Yeshua did not tell His people to stop at the cross (at grace and forgiveness). The miracle of Yeshua’s walk on earth was in showing the sinner they are not only forgiven of their dishonor but that they are also a *redeemed* people. This is important because people can say sinners are forgiven and no longer sinners, but few actually show the redeemed *how to walk in a redeemed lifestyle*. For this they need to move passed the cross. Having this understanding is what drew thousands to Yeshua and not to the Pharisees.

In Leviticus we learn the walk of sanctification and redemption. We know Yeshua forgave our sins at the cross but what happens if we sin after the cross? At the cross Yeshua appropriated forgiveness for all past, present and future sin, but does this mean that if we sin after the cross we do not have to obey His instructions given so long ago at Mount Sinai? No! We are taught to repent and follow His prescribed instructions for restoration or that “new sin” will activate against us and separate our relationship with Him. This offer of forgiveness has graciously been

made for us through Yeshua's death. All that is left for us to do is to acknowledge our sin and be responsible for it through repentance and turn away from doing it again.

We also know that our walk as believers is more than a good-feely emotion. Love, if applied the way Yeshua taught us, is the grace of God that causes a life changing behavior in people's lives. What we lack in the body of believers is not a belief system but *how to walk in our redemption*.

In Luke 19 Yeshua had dinner with Zacchaeus and his friends. They were sinners and stayed in their sin because others had not cared enough to explain to them what sin was. Even the Pharisees stayed away. Yeshua took the time to sit among them to describe dishonor in such a way that did not make them feel uncomfortable or guilty but encouraged *them to take responsibility for their own sin*. Yeshua would have given the people *principles* behind what sin was and the *grace* to learn how to cleanse themselves of their sin. This made all the difference and created miracles that changed people's lives.

The principles taught by Yeshua were from the *Mosaic Covenant* listed in the book of Leviticus. Not one person at Zacchaeus' dinner had heard of this before. Yeshua shared the spiritual food for the *salvation of their souls* and then shared *how to have eternal life by choosing to sin no longer* (circumcising sin from their hearts).

Redemption is not about leaving people at forgiveness. It is about washing the body of guilt and sin (Ephesians 5:26). Without the redemptive application, grace and forgiveness have no power and fall flat. After Yeshua healed the people, time and time again he said, "*sin no more*." He could only say this if they had been taught what sin was and had the understanding and self discipline through the power of the Holy Spirit to walk away from it and not touch it again. If the explanation of what sin is and how one is to take responsibility to cleanse ones self *is missing*, then there is *no Gospel message* (no grace). That is called being religious - a form of godliness but denying its power (2 Timothy 3:2-5). Yeshua taught us to cleanse the people of their sin, not leave them in it. Yeshua was teaching from Moses (Leviticus) from where we learn the importance of the Gospel/redemption message that leads to eternal life. This is the goal of our faith/salvation (Micah 6:8). No one can come into the presence of The Lord in a sinful state. Try as we might, it just does not work that way.

"*What is sin and how is sanctification applied*," is what we need to ask. We need to move past the cross and give the sinner something to work with so they can grasp how to cleanse themselves. This is why the book of Leviticus is so crucial for believers today. When Yeshua met that one time with Zacchaeus and his friends, sin was the first message. He was very clear, teaching them in love and giving them the right tools to help make restitution. A distinct explanation of the sin is imperative to understand how to begin the walk of redemption. This is what the Gospel message is all about; otherwise we practice greasy grace (a form of religion/godliness but denying its power 2 Timothy 3:2-5). Yeshua, at the dinner with sinners, not only gave the principle of the sin of dishonor but He added *direction* that if followed would bring about the change in people's lives called *eternal life*. Eternal life is the goal of a redeemed people walking out a redeemed lifestyle.

The idea that one could be *responsible for their sin* was revolutionary in Yeshua day. No one had taught like this before. Yeshua literally placed the opportunity to *choose life* or *choose death* right into the hands of the people. Since the foundation of the world, Yeshua has made the way for us by the shedding of His blood, the offering for our sin. He then imbued us with the power of His Spirit to overcome temptation (Revelation 13:8). After the cross it is *now up to the people to be responsible for their sin, as they have been given the power and authority to actively resist temptation and sin by obeying His word*. To obey the instruction (directions) would bring about their freedom from the entanglement of sin and enter them into eternal life.

Knowing this caused Zacchaeus and the people with him to delight in repenting as we see by his reaction. Here he was, a dishonest tax collector. When he understood the principles of life spoken at Mount Sinai through Moses and that he had sinned against God and against his fellow man, and that he could do something about it, he *gladly repented*. He *joyfully took responsibility for his sins and made restitution* by paying back four times the amount plus one fifth for what he had robbed by his dishonest gain. Zacchaeus had a heart transformation and through the grace he had been shown his world changed (Luke 19:8).

Sadly today we do not see many people weeping over their sin or repenting, as many do not know what sin is. We get the impression today that many hope the church would embrace and support them in their lifestyle of sin, which is now named tolerance, diversity, open-mindedness, progressiveness, socially correct and sameness. How far is grace extended before sin is called *sin*?

People are looking for answers. *What is sin and how do we take responsibility for it to make it right before God?* This is the whole Gospel message of grace, love and forgiveness that is written in the Torah that leads to eternal life (Matthew 23:23). Have we forgotten or have we watered down the Gospel message like Yeshua noted to the seven churches of believers in the Book of Revelation? Where is our courage to converse with people the way Yeshua communicate about sin so that people will want to react the way Zacchaeus did? Too often we are worried about our image or offending the sinner. Often times believers use an inordinate amount of grace, which seems to be what holds the sinner back from repenting and taking responsibility for their sin. My hope and prayer is that we would not use carnal love, but really “*love*” people as Yeshua loved them. This is what Yeshua said about his love,

 **John 14:21** “*He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.*”

## The Book of Leviticus - *Vayikra*

Yeshua revealed to us His kingdom principles and how to have eternal life through the use of prophetic pictures. One of these pictures is the tabernacle. The tabernacle announces the embodiment of the Living Torah and reveals Yeshua’s life and love to His people. It is also where we find Spirit Life. With this picture we enter the study of the book of Leviticus.

Leviticus opens with the five offerings called *korban* in Hebrew, which means *to come near to Yahweh*. The offerings are: the *elevation/burnt offering*, the *meal/grain offering*, *fellowship / peace offering*, *sin offering* and *guilt offering*.

## The Five Offerings - *Korban*

### Leviticus 1

Who brought these offerings? The Sages say, “*The offerings effectiveness depended upon the high moral and spiritual character of those who live by the discipline of His Word - Torah.*” The purpose of the offerings was to bring an unclean status of the soul into a clean status and to bring a redeemed people into a holy lifestyle. If we examine the reasons behind each type of sacrifice we cannot fail to note that the sacrificial service was clearly meant to serve Yahweh beyond the outer court of the tabernacle/*mishkan*. The offerings are to prepare a people to meet with Him in the Holy Place.

### Elevation Offering: *The Olah* A Volunteer Offering

#### Leviticus 1:1-17

In Hebrew the elevation offering is called the *olah*, meaning: to cause to ascend up to Yahweh as a flame and smoke ascent by burning. In Greek *olah* is *holocausta*, which conveys its meaning as being wholly burnt. The elevation offering is also called the burnt offering. The *olah* is first brought to atone for impure or dishonoring thoughts. These unclean thoughts can influence the body; hence may tempt many to be led astray emotionally and/or physically. This is why Yahweh designed the *olah* as a volunteer offering in the tabernacle. The second case for the *olah* is for failing to perform a required instruction of Yahweh.

✠ **Romans 7:23** “But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my *mind*, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.”

This first offering promotes the heart and mind to help keep them purified thus preserving the tabernacle. The *olah* was brought, like the offerings of material for the tabernacle, from a *willing heart*. “*Those whose heart was willing and whose heart moved him to bring to Yahweh.*” The *olah* was not to be brought with a hard heart or under duress. Conditional offerings would not be acceptable to Yahweh (Exodus 35:5, 21; Isaiah 1:11-20).

The person bringing the offering would bring, according to their financial status, a male bull, a sheep or goat, a dove or pigeon to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. There he would place his hand on the head of the animal. By doing this the man offering the *olah* would transfer his *sin* to the animal and the animal would die in his place to be atonement for the dishonor. It is interesting to note that his hand was placed on the head of the animal, as the mind is where the soul of man is and his other hand would draw a knife across the throat of the animal, cutting the main artery of life-giving blood to that animal. The man would then have to watch the life of that animal drain out and the animal die before him. If it were a male from the herd, the priest would catch the blood in a bowl and sprinkle it on all four sides of the bronze altar. If a sheep or goat were offered, the blood was sprinkled on the north side of the altar.

The animal *olah* offerings could only cover the sin, not take it away permanently. Today it is only Yeshua's sinless blood offered as an *olah* on our behalf sprinkled on the altar in the heavenly tabernacle that cleanses us. Yeshua's blood not only covered our sin but also took it away once and for all. Now it is up to us to keep our temples clean (1Corinthians 3:16).

🌿 **Hebrews 7:27, 9:12** “Unlike the other high priests, he [*Yeshua*] does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.”

The Israelites were commanded to place two logs always on the brazen altar morning and evening. The two wood pieces can represent the two ends of a torah scroll. The fire represents Yahweh's word, as it is the altar that cleanses the sin from within the offering. Animals represent people in Scripture. His Word is a consuming fire. Our sin is atoned and totally taken away by the sacrifice of Yeshua. Upholding and obeying His word day and night refines us by fire. The two logs can also represent the Two Houses of Israel, the House of Israel and the House of Judah, who are the two mouthpieces/witnesses of Yahweh's word. If we continue to offer ourselves on the altar, the sinful nature of the soul will burn away making us fit for life in the Bridal Chamber (Acts 10: 9-29; Jeremiah 23:29; Revelation 6:9; Isaiah 44:15-20).

🌿 **Zechariah 13:9** “I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are my people,’ and they will say, ‘Yahweh is our God/*Elohim*.’”

🌿 **Luke 3:16** “John answered them all, ‘I baptize/*mikvah* you in water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize/*mikvah* you with the Holy Spirit/*Ruach HaKodesh* and with fire.’”

The *olah* was washed, skinned, cut in pieces and placed on the fire of the altar to be burned whole, causing it to go up in smoke – a pleasing aroma to Yahweh (Leviticus 1:13,17).

### Does the *Olah* Apply to Believers Today?

Positively! The elevation offering is still in effect today. Since the tabernacle is in us and we are ministering priests before Yahweh, what would the offering be today? The *olah* is how we elevate each other before Yahweh. When Yahweh dwells in us and we fellowship with each other, Yahweh dwells in our midst. This becomes the elevation/*olah* offering. It is all about how we treat people. This reveals our approach to Yahweh. Treating others well is the elevation offering. When we come face to face with others we come presence to presence with Yahweh as Yeshua dwells *within* us.

🌿 **Matthew 18:20** Yeshua said, “For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

Elevation offerings first come from within, from the heart. Before we can love and elevate others we first need to love ourselves. If we have self-respect it will also cause us to respect others and inspire others to respect themselves. Self-abasement will not elevate others or ourselves; it will in fact destroy us. Life comes from serving others. If we are depressed serving others will literally deliver us from death to life. To elevate and inspire people brings blessings into our own lives as well as the lives of others. Doing so without adding burdens or guilt to anyone is the heart of the *olah* offering. Serving people with care and sincerity, with respect for one another will resurrect the dead. Manipulation of people by emotions, speaking superficially, sarcastically, with harshness or evil intent causes a death process in ourselves as well as those we treat in this manner.

Reaching out to people, treating them lovingly, politely and elevating them higher than ourselves - this is the *olah* offering today. Loving our neighbor as our self is obeying Yahweh's principles that govern His Kingdom. Even if that person has harmed us in the past, the choice is still ours to forgive and love unconditionally. Herein lies a true test of our character that promotes moving on to higher ground in our walks with Yahweh. This is the first sacrifice in His Tabernacle that presents us with the option: will we first offer ourselves as an *olah* a freewill offering to Yahweh?

### Meal Offering: *The Minchah* A Volunteer Offering

#### **Leviticus 2:1-16**

The meal offering, called *minchah* in Hebrew, also known as the grain offering, is a freewill volunteer presentation, a gift of gratitude before Yahweh. It was made of fine flour, oil and incense. The *minchah* was a very labor-intensive procedure. The seed was planted in a prepared field, cared for until harvest time then threshed to remove the chaff, crushed and sifted before being presented as a pleasing aroma before Yahweh. No yeast or honey was present in this offering.

📖 **Leviticus 2:11** “No grain offering which you bring to Yahweh shall be made with leaven, for you shall burn no leaven nor any honey in any offering to Yahweh made by fire.”

The priest took a handful of flour from the portion offered and burned it on the altar. This small amount (a tithe) was called the *memorial offering* and represented Yeshua. He is the Bread of Life and He is our memorial offering. The remainder of the meal offering belonged to the priesthood and is called *the most holy portion*.

📖 **Luke 22:19** “And He [*Yeshua Ha Mashiach*] took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body which is given for you; do this in *remembrance* of Me.’”

There were different ways one could prepare the *minchah*. First, the unleavened dough could be baked in the oven as a cake or wafer. Secondly, prepared over the fire in a griddle then *broken* in pieces (representing Yeshua's body that was broken for us). The third manner was to cook the *minchah* in a covered pan.

🌿 **Isaiah 53:5** “But He [*Messiah Yeshua*] was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.”

Only during the Feast of Pentecost/*Shavuot* was the *minchah* offering made *with* yeast and honey. This is called *the firstfruits offering*. The offering was to be made with crushed heads of new grain and roasted in the fire along with oil and incense. The *memorial* portion was also removed during the presentation, and all where symbols of Yeshua.

🌿 **2 Corinthians 9:10-11** “Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have *sown* and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while *you are* enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.”

### The Salt of the Covenant

🌿 **Leviticus 2:13** “Season all your grain offerings with *salt*. Do not leave the Salt of the Covenant of your God out of your grain offerings; add salt to all your offerings.”

As children of Yahweh we are joined to Him through a Covenant of Salt (Numbers 18:19; 2 Chronicles 13:5; Matthew 5:13). Salt is a preservative that prevents decay and corruption. It is eternal, purifying, never changing and abiding forever. Salt is the very symbol of Yahweh’s character and reliability – His faithfulness. The term *Covenant of Salt* is indicative of the everlasting nature of the Covenant relationship between the children of salt and their Creator Yahweh.

The qualities found in salt are the same qualities found in the character and attitude of the priesthood, the Bride of Yeshua.

🌿 **Matthew 5:13** Yeshua said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty again? It is good for nothing anymore, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.”

🌿 **Mark 9:49-50** “For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt. Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another.”

🌿 **Colossians 4:6** “Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.”

The teaching of salt reminds us that we are never to lose the flavor of Yeshua in us. Believers are to be preservers of Yahweh’s Word. His Torah is to be shared with the Spirit of Life. If Torah is studied or shared without His Spirit there is no life in it. We must worship in Spirit (Yeshua) and in Truth (Torah: His teaching and instruction). The world religions in Yeshua’s day were known by the temporal and shifting doctrines and short-term commitment of the worshipper to the

particular god that was in vogue at the time. It is Yahweh's desire to be sealed with us in an eternal Covenant relationship seasoned with salt.

- Salt also symbolized hospitality. Yahweh's people should be the world's most hospitable people.
- Salt also heals. In the past, when you settled a dispute with your neighbor you would then invite the person into your home to share a dish of salt. Each of you would lick your finger, dip it in the salt and then eat the salt together. This was the symbol of friendship that healed the rift. This is why the offerings we make to Him are salted, to heal any innocent violation or offence we have made to Yahweh or our fellow man.
- Salt is pure, germs cannot live in it; in the same way, believers also are to be pure. Salt purifies; as such, believers are called to be the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13). They purify the world by not accepting false philosophies, dishonest ways of doing business, selfish desires, etc.
- Salt added for the flavor and satisfaction of a meal represents how believers should add spiritual interest, hope and excitement to other people's lives. Salt produces thirst; the believer should produce spiritual thirst in those around them.
- Lack of salt in the diet leads to an energy graveyard; a month without salt and a person would die a slow agonizing death. You consider the (spiritual) analogy! Sodium regulates the passage of nutrients into the cells. Without it, nutrients cannot enter your cells and you have malnutrition and exhaustion no matter how good your diet. Without Yahweh we would be spiritually starved and morally exhausted.
- Salt is Life: One of the best ways to maintain health is to replenish it with natural organic elements contained in *real sea-salt or Himalayan salt*, not synthetic substitutes. Without salt we run out of electrolytes and without electrolytes our batteries die out. Just a *small* amount each day recharges the cells and energizes the mind and body.
- Salt Baths: The antiseptic and hygienic healing powers of salt-water baths are well known from the ancient world to modern times. They are rich in minerals and microelements and have wonderful therapeutic properties. The healing properties include rehabilitating the skin, the immune system, circulatory system, respiratory system and much more. People come from all over the world to sit and enjoy the therapy that comes from the high content of salt from the Dead Sea. There are also therapeutic cosmetic companies who sell the mud and cosmetics made from the Dead Sea for their healing qualities.
- At Hebrew weddings the Covenant of Salt is shared between the bride and the groom in response to the covenant they were making between each other held for them in eternity with Yahweh.

## Do We Participate in the Meal Offering Today?

Yes we do. The *minchah* is the communion between Yahweh and ourselves and represents the Bridal Covenant relationship we have with Yeshua - *The Bread of Life*. Coming on the Sabbath to *break* the unleavened bread with Him continually reminds us of the betrothal commitment we made and the Covenant that is between us. During Shabbat, people bring their meal offering to share with one another. They take great care in its preparation, as it is an offering to Yahweh. The meal offering always accompanied the elevation offering as a memorial of thanksgiving to Yahweh. Today, we purpose to serve each other and bless Yahweh.

✠ **Acts 20:7** “Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight.”

## Fellowship/Peace Offering: *The Shelamim* A Volunteer Offering

### **Leviticus 3:1-17**

*Shelamim* is a Hebrew word from *shalem* or *shalom*, meaning a peace, friendship or fellowship offering to Yahweh. This was brought as a freewill offering in thanksgiving for the peace, friendship and fellowship they experienced with Yahweh and His faithfulness to fulfill His Covenant with them. It is a volunteer offering of praise and blessing to Yahweh. This offering was an animal (male or female from the herd). The lives of the animals were substituted for those of the Israelites.

## Do We Participate in the Fellowship Offering Today?

Yes, the fellowship/peace offering is still in place today. It is to be *a lasting ordinance for the generations to come*. We are called to assemble to come near to His Presence. This is a volunteer offering of the heart where brothers and sisters come together in peace as a group to praise and worship and offer thanksgiving to Yahweh. Staying outside the assembly/*ekklesia* of Yahweh on the Sabbath (with no fellowship) does not constitute keeping the fellowship offering.

How is our approach to Yahweh, His Sabbath, His Feast days and our neighbors? Do we approach with arguments, quarrels or unfinished business called unforgiveness? Do we come grumpy, sloppy or with selfish or envious motives toward our neighbor? Do we entertain negative or unclean thoughts and judgments toward others? Have we spoken harshly or unkindly to family or friends in the name of righteousness? Approaching Yahweh in a sinful nature contaminates the whole camp, ourselves included, as we have touched the unclean realm that brings death. When we come to fellowship and worship in that spirit, what type of *fellowship gift* are we offering and will it be accepted before a holy God? Yahweh has us bring the fellowship offering to check our hearts before approaching Him. These are considerations in respect to the soul. Leviticus is set out to show us how to approach a holy God in His House and with others in a holy manner.

The separation that has existed between the Two Houses of Israel is beginning to weaken. Those who show a humble and contrite spirit towards others are bringing down the wall of hostility that has existed for generations. Forgiveness, healing and restoration are the true heart of the remnant, the Bride of the Messiah. The Bride prepares herself by making reconciliation. With this, the House of Israel and the House of Judah become one in the Messiah. They are being brought together under the instruction of the Holy Spirit/*Ruach Ha Kodesh* and are receiving healing by returning to Yahweh's teaching and instructions. Together again in the Father's hand, they in turn will bring healing to the Nations (Ephesians 2:14-22).

📖 **Ezekiel 37:15-19** “Again the word of Yahweh came to me, saying, as for you, son of man, take a stick for yourself and write on it: ‘For Judah and for the children of Israel, his companions.’ Then take another stick and write on it, ‘For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and *for* all the house of Israel, his companions.’ Then join them one to another for yourself into one stick, and they will become one in your hand. And when the children of your people speak to you, saying, ‘Will you not show us what you *mean* by these?’ - say to them,’ Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Surely I will take the stick of Joseph, which *is* in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will join them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand.’”

📖 **Matthew 5:23-24** “Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”

Yes, difficulties may arise between brothers who are returning to Torah. However when we put aside our differences, encourage each other and practice what we are learning through the meal offerings and the elevation offerings in our communication – this will bring healing and health to the whole body of Yeshua.

Scripture specifically says that if *our brother* has something against *us*; we are to go to him to reconcile. Many believers today are waiting for the offender to come to them but this is not scripturally correct. Yeshua asks *us* to seek the one who has been hurt by us (whether right or wrong) and *settle it quickly* through forgiveness before *we* can bring *our* offering before Him. Some believers have approached the offended one with a heart of reconciliation, but if the one hurt is not ready to forgive or refuses to receive the peace offering at that time, then the believer has fulfilled their scriptural obligation and can move forward to approach the altar with their gift. This is our peace offering, a sacrifice, and a gift of worship to Yahweh. May we put into practice the offerings Yahweh is teaching us today.

📖 **2 Corinthians 5:18** “Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ/*Yeshua Ha Mashiach*, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation”

Loving one another can be contagious; this is an aroma before Yahweh. May we firstly practice this in our own homes with our own families and then in our congregations and see if the situations that may have bothered us before begin to change. It is a question of the heart. Elevating our brothers, breaking bread together and fellowshiping in Yahweh's Name, if done

in the right heart of Torah, is health and blessing to all. This is the *freewill offering gift* we bring to Yahweh.

The first three offerings are all *voluntary* offerings from the heart. They are the *heartbeat of the Tabernacle*. If we give willingly, from a pure clean heart, we bless Yahweh, others and ourselves. This is the key behind the offerings. May we become true servants of Yahweh and serve one another by blessing, in our word and action at all times, our fellow man.

## Fat and Blood

📖 **Leviticus 3:17** “This is a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live: *You must not eat any fat or any blood.*”

Right at the end of the teaching for the three volunteer offerings, Yahweh commands us not to eat anything with fat or blood in it. He also adds that this will be a commandment for all generations, which means *this principle is still in place today*. Yeshua’s death and resurrection was not synonymous for “*do away with Torah and all the Torah principles*” We cannot throw the baby out with the bath water. We need the principles that hold the universe together and we need the principles of morality just as much as we need the principles that rule and regulate the temple maintenance like food and clothing. None of these have changed. Man tried to change Yahweh’s instructions through theology but He has not changed nor have His laws. If we ingest fat or blood our behavior and attitudes will alter before Yahweh, potentially bringing a hardening of heart upon us, thus we will cease to bring our freewill offerings to Him (More on this in the next study – *Tzav*: Leviticus 6).

## Sin Offering: *The Chatas* A Required Offering

### **Leviticus 4:1-5:13**

The sin offering, or *chatas* in Hebrew, is the first of the two *required* offerings we are to bring before Yahweh. The *chatas* is required to atone for *unintentional sin* resulting from carelessness or laxness, and is to be accepted as a personal responsibility for our lack of judgment that defiles the Tabernacle (ourselves included). This was offered by the priests and the congregation, as well as by individuals. When the sacrifice was offered for a priest or the congregation, a bull was slaughtered. The blood was applied in three ways, first sprinkled seven times in the Holy Place, toward the veil, in front of the Holy of Holies. Secondly the blood was smeared on the horns of the golden altar of incense and, thirdly, the blood was *poured out* on the ground at the bottom of the brazen altar where the fat and kidneys were burned. The remainder of the bull was burned outside the camp to complete the atonement for *unintentional sin*. In an offering for a leader, in which case a male goat was required, or an individual, when a female goat/lamb or bird was to be offered, the blood was placed only on the brazen altar. It was a *required* offering since *no one* in Israel was without sin.

📖 **Romans 3:23** “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

## Guilt Offering: *The Asham* A Required Offering

### Leviticus 5:14-6:7

The guilt offering was called *asham* in Hebrew and spoke of the covering of guilt. The *asham* was a *required* offering. A person who *unintentionally* misappropriated, for personal use, sanctuary property would be held responsible and was viewed as guilty regardless of his intention. Secondly, the *asham* was brought when there was a doubt as to whether a sin had been committed or not. And, thirdly, the *asham* was for an intentional trespass against Yahweh in that one lied under oath, defrauded his fellow man by cheating, stealing, lying, and/or did not return lost property to his neighbor. In so doing he was guilty and his sin was before Yahweh. He offered a bull and made restitution for the full amount plus added a fifth as a blessing. Basically every case of *asham* involved some inherent status destruction of some sort, rather than a simple mistake.

### Do We Participate in the Sin and Guilt Offerings today?

Yes. Yeshua appropriated the sin and guilt offering for us *today* but it is our job to activate His appropriation into our life just as the Israelites did in the temple times. Through Yeshua's death and resurrection the way has been made clear for us to approach a Holy God. If we have sinned against our neighbor, that is toward Yahweh as well. We need to repent. If we have made a vow to Yahweh or to a person, that which was spoken becomes holy and belongs to the sanctuary. If we do not follow through on the vow or intend to uphold it, then that which was holy is rendered unclean. By our thought or deed we contaminate not only ourselves but the interaction with our fellow man also, bringing defilement into the sanctuary. This is why vows and oaths are very serious in Yahweh's Kingdom. We must be very careful that what we promise and how we speak to each other is fulfilled, as this inherently affects our walks and His Tabernacle on a physical and spiritual level.

- An example of the importance of truthful words in scripture is Ananias and Sapphira, who sold a piece of property and promised or vowed the amount they received to Yahweh. In the process they decided not to give the full amount promised, but held back a portion for their own personal use. Once given to Yahweh *it becomes holy*. Ananias and Sapphira defiled the offering with their unclean thoughts and deeds, thus bringing death upon themselves (Acts 5:1-11).

Our words are powerful in the universe as Yeshua lives in us. What we speak will come towards us. Speak blessing and receive blessings, which enable the body, soul and spirit to prosper. Speak curses or negative words and receive the fruit of poverty and destruction physically, emotionally and/or spiritually. Many are sick among us enslaved by their thoughts and mouths. Their hearts have been deceived and do not magnify the truth behind the image they were made in. What we sow, we reap.

*“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he”* Proverbs 23:7 KJV

Bringing an offering in an unworthy manner is not a freewill offering. There will be consequence if we do, and in so doing we will have misappropriated *Yahweh's property*. If we are believers

and we speak behind people's backs or share negatively about our neighbor, this is a sin of dishonor before Yahweh. If we lie by manipulation of words, body language or in wrong deeds to an individual or in business transactions this is a sin before Yahweh. If we vow to give the whole tithe and do not, we lie and rob Yahweh. If we are in Covenant and called to serve as a royal priesthood to minister in Yahweh's House we need to make a distinction between clean and unclean thoughts and practices. If we want our prayers answered, we suggest looking very carefully at our heart practices in light of these offerings.

✠ **Romans 3:20-25** "Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, *through the law (Torah)* we **become conscious of sin.**"

✠ **Hebrews 10:2-22** "For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins, because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Therefore, when Yeshua came into the world, he said: 'Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased.' Then I said, 'Here I am - it is written about me in the scroll - I have come to do your will, O God' (Psalm 40:6-8).

"First he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them' (although the law required them to be made). Then he said, 'Here I am, I have come to do your will.' He sets aside the first (the sacrificial system) to establish the second. And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Yeshua the Messiah once for all."

"Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest [*Yeshua*] had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy."

"The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: 'This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds' (Jeremiah 31:33). Then he adds, 'Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more' (Jeremiah 31:34). And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin."

"Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Yeshua, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the House of Yahweh, let us draw near to Yahweh with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water."

**In closing:** We live in a world deficient of a sense of purity and holiness. It is full of compromise, loose morals, and *lawless living*; a society *devoid of Torah*. Today, through a return to Scripture, we are being shown a better way. Today we are those twelve living stones Moses

assembled in the desert being fitted together to form the Tabernacle of Yahweh. Yahweh is calling to us from within the tabernacle between the cherubim to draw us closer to Him in our hearts. We are called to be in this world but not of it.

✠ **1 Peter 2:5** “You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to Yahweh through Yeshua.”

✠ **Romans 8:5-15** “Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Yeshua, he does not belong to Yeshua. But if Yeshua is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Yeshua from the dead is living in you, he who raised Messiah from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.”

“Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation-- but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of Sonship. And by him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’”

*“Return, O Virgin Israel, return.”*  
(Jeremiah 31:21)

## Prayer of Repentance, Redemption and Eternal Life

**Confession:** “I believe that the Messiah/*Yeshua Ha Mashiach* is the promised Son of Yahweh, the Messiah of Israel. He was crucified for my sins, was buried and arose the third day according to the Scriptures. I believe He is ascended up into the heavens and all power in heaven and earth is given unto Him. I believe He has promised to return and all that believe in Him are immersed into His Name will receive remission of sins, the gift of the Holy Spirit/*Ruach Ha Kodesh* and citizenship in the Israel of Yahweh (the land of our inheritance). I receive and confess this day Yeshua of Nazareth as my personal Lord and Savior.”

“Lord God, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, I ask You now to forgive me of my disobedience, iniquities and transgressions. I ask You to forgive my forefathers for turning their backs on Your Torah. I forgive all those who hurt me physically, spiritually and emotionally. I ask that all evil influences be bound and not permitted to operate in my life according to Torah, and that your Holy Spirit be loosed to operate in my life according to Torah, to rule and reign in my life, and to

help me walk out Your will. I ask this in the name of my Lord and Savior, Yeshua Ha Mashiach (Yeshua the Messiah). Amen.”

Once you have prayed this prayer, we suggest a *mikvah* (an immersion in water), and an anointing of oil for status change from the unclean realm to the clean realm.

*To be continued...*

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