



TZAV - COMMAND

Leviticus 6:8 to 8:36
Jeremiah 7:21- 8:3; 9:22-23
Hebrews 13:10-16
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Romans 12:1-2

Tzav continues from the last study, Vayikra, which we recommend reading first, as it contains the background for the lesson on the offerings (www.sheepfoldgleanings.com).

The study of *Vayikra* introduces God's/*Elohim* five offerings, and *Tzav* gives the protocol for each. The offerings initiate a structure of holiness for life in the Tabernacle – the dwelling place of the Bridegroom. Those who walk in one accord with the God/*Elohim* of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob bring the offerings.

🌿 **Zechariah 8:23** “Thus saith the LORD/*Yahweh* of hosts/*Tzva’ot* in those days *it shall come to pass*, that ten men [*reference to the scattered ten tribes from the House of Israel*] shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt [*the tzitzit that is attached to the hem of the talet*] of him that is a Jew, saying, we will go with you: for we have heard *that God/Elohim is with you* (KJV).

🌿 **Ezekiel 47:21-23** “Thus you shall divide this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel. It shall be that you will divide it by lot as an inheritance for yourselves, and for the strangers who dwell among you and who bear children among you. They shall be to you as native-born among the children of Israel; they shall have an inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel. And it shall be *that* in whatever tribe the stranger dwells, there you shall give *him* his inheritance,” says the Lord/*Adonai* GOD/*Elohim*.”

The purpose of the book of Leviticus is not only to reveal God's/*Elohim* holy moral conduct for His people through the restoration of the priesthood and also to teach the Covenant understanding for our eternal inheritance (Hebrews 3:1). The Tabernacle/*Mishkan* holds the pattern for Life - Yeshua's image and Kingdom that the redeemed are to mirror in their daily walk and lifestyle.

🌿 **2 Timothy 1:9** "...who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus /*Yeshua Ha Mashiach* before time began."

The previous lesson of *Vayikra* introduced the five offerings. Three of which were volunteer offerings and two were required. The study of *Tzav* instructs the protocol for each of the offerings.

1. The Elevation - *Olah* Offering Leviticus 6:8-13

The *olah* was offered for impure thoughts or failing to perform a required action. The offering was to remain while the fire burned continuously throughout the night. Yeshua became our volunteer *olah* offering who willingly offered Himself on our behalf. The elevation offering is a picture of how our hearts are to be open, willing, and ready to walk in His will (Matthew 10:2, 26:42).

🌿 **Exodus 13:21-22** "And the LORD/*Yahweh* was going before them in a pillar of cloud by day to lead them on the way, and in a pillar of fire by night to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people."

🌿 **Isaiah 4:4 - 5:1** "When the Lord/*Adonai* has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the *spirit of judgment* and by the *spirit of burning*, then the LORD/*Yahweh* will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there *will be* a covering. And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain. Now let me sing to my Well-beloved a song of my Beloved regarding His vineyard: My Well-beloved has a vineyard on a very fruitful hill...."

The priest, dressed in white linen garments, would receive the *olah*. After the offerings were consumed on the altar, he would change his clothes and dispose of the ashes in a ceremonially clean place outside the camp. This Scripture prophetically describes the very procedure Yeshua, our High Priest, would travel on our behalf. Today, our willing offering becomes holy to Him. He receives our sin offering, covers our transgression, and disposes of it.

🌿 **Psalms 103:8-12** "The LORD/*Yahweh* is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. He will not always strive *with us*, nor will He keep *His anger* forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, *so great* is His mercy toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, *so far* has He removed our transgressions from us."

In all our considerations, what we do and whom we come in contact with through our speech or in action is to be fortified with the *olah* elevation. Encouragement of others is a sweet aroma ascending to God's/*Elohim* throne. How we approach others and interact with them is considered a holy act, as it is a reflection on how we approach God/*Elohim*. In learning the offerings, we are consciously choosing to separate from unclean thoughts, talk, actions, and associations to walk in an upright, holy lifestyle in our desire to fulfill this offering.

2. The Meal - *Minchah* Offering Leviticus 6:14-23

The regulation for the volunteer meal offering was given in two parts. First, the *minchah* was to be made of fine flour along with oil and incense. No yeast or honey was added to this offering. Its form was either as a baked cake or wafer (called *challah*), fried, cooked in a griddle or pan, and then broken. Secondly, a tenth portion of the offering was removed. Called the memorial portion, it was placed on the altar and completely consumed. The memorial offering represents Yeshua, who is our memorial portion before God/*Elohim*. The remainder of the offering, the ninety percent, was considered most holy. Only those consecrated could consume it, therefore, belonged to the priests.

The royal priesthood of Yeshua may eat the remaining portion of the *minchah* offering, as Yeshua is the *memorial portion* who offered Himself completely thus, has made the remaining part of the offering *holy*. Today this holy portion is offered to the Bride of Yeshua, those who have sanctify themselves and walk a consecrated lifestyle – they are His royal priesthood (Exodus 19:5-6; 1 Peter 2:9) (*Please see the last study Vayikra for more information on consecration www.sheepfoldgleanings.com*).

- ✿ **1 Corinthians 11:24** “And when He [*Yeshua*] had given thanks, He broke it and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in *remembrance of Me*’” (Luke 22:17-19).
- ✿ **1 Corinthians 11:27** “Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord/*Adonai* in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.”
- ✿ **John 6:51** Yeshua said, “I am the *living bread* that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread also which I shall give for the life of the world is My flesh.”
- ✿ **Revelation 19:7-8** “Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready. And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.”

- ✿ **Romans 12:1** “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God/*Elohim*, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God/*Elohim*, which is your reasonable service.”

In Yeshua’s memorial offering, He redeemed, renewed, and restored the Covenant made initially with His people at Mount Sinai making way for His redeemed people to be sanctified, as a royal priesthood and holy nation before Him. It is only through a walk of obedience to our Marriage Covenant that allows His people to partake in the *holy portion/minchah* today. The memorial is our reminder always to keep our Covenantal vows with Him *holy* (Hebrews 8:8-10; Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 5:46-47).

- ✿ **Leviticus 6:18, 27** “Whatever touches [*the minchah offering and the sin offering*] will become holy.”

- ✿ **Psalm 116:12-17** “What shall I render to the LORD/*Yahweh* for all His benefits toward me? I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD/*Yahweh*. I will pay my vows to the LORD/*Yahweh* now in the presence of all His people. Precious in the sight of the LORD/*Yahweh* is the death of His saints. O LORD/*Yahweh*, truly I *am* Your servant; I *am* Your servant, the son of Your maidservant; You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD/*Yahweh*.”

- ✿ **Acts 10:11-16, 24, 28** At the sixth hour of prayer (*12 noon*) Peter “saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet [*talet/torah scroll*] bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth. In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. And a voice came to him, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ But Peter said, ‘Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean.’ And a voice spoke to him again the second time, ‘What God/*Elohim* has cleansed you must not call common.’ This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again. And the following day they entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends. Then he [*Peter*] said to them, ‘You know how unlawful it is [*in rabbinic law*] for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. *But God/Elohim has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean.*”

4. The Sin – *Chatas* Offering

Leviticus 6:24-30

The sin offering regulation is required for those who recognized any dishonoring or offending traits within their heart. Before they can participate in the fellowship offering, repentance is necessary to restore a breach of consecration. Those who have a willing, open, and honest heart offer it. Once presented, the offering is rendered *holy* before God/*Elohim*. Those who confess their sins regularly know that repenting is not an act of punishment or judgment. It is an act of deliverance and restoration that brings

sanctification, healing, and wholeness mending a right relationship with our heavenly Father.

The *chatas* offering, which represented sin, was not for consumption. It was taken outside the camp and wholly burned. Yeshua became our *chatas* offering when He was crucified outside the camp for the sins of the *whole Israelite community*. He is the Ram of Consecration and also became our Red Heifer offering (Exodus Chapter 29; Numbers Chapter 19).

🌿 **Hebrews 13:10-16** “We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus/*Yeshua* also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God/*Elohim*, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God/*Elohim* is well pleased.”

🌿 **John 6:53 –58** “Jesus/*Yeshua* said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man [*supreme Messianic name for Yahweh in the flesh, Yeshua*] and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me. This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate, and died, he who eats this bread shall live forever.’”

5. The Guilt – *Asham* Offering

Leviticus 7:1-10

The regulation for the fifth offering, the *asham*, was also considered most holy. If a believer walked in any dishonoring thoughts or actions, those unclean ways would bring contamination incurring guilt that would bear a consequence. Yeshua fulfilled the *asham* requirements past, present, and future. However, He asks His people to be *accountable for their sin* so that guilt will not come upon them over and over again. Many people, even though they are *born again*, still walk under the condemnation of guilt, as they do not understand the protocol for the *asham*. That is particularly the case if believers have sinned *after* becoming *born again* (*More on the asham/sin offering in the previous study Vayikra www.sheepfoldgleanings.com*).

Throughout Leviticus, Scripture instructs *believers* how to walk in a holy, consecrated, priestly lifestyle. Why? Remember, the Levites served *the outer court*, but only the Levitical *priests* were allowed to serve *in the Tabernacle*. The Tabernacle is only for the consecrated as it is all about holiness. Paul, in his letters, taught that believers represent

the temple today. That is why he continually exhorted believers not to be carnally minded. We are to take *off* corruption, as we are a *holy* people. Believers are to maintain their temples in a sanctified and redeemed manner by the blood of Yeshua. Therefore, must not *mix* unholy or dishonoring ways in thought, deed or lifestyle (1 Corinthians 3:16).

Yeshua's salvation gifted His Bride with the Wedding Covenant, which cannot be broken, stolen or lost. Through His death and resurrection, He has been faithful to keep the Covenant on our behalf. Throughout the New Testament/*Brit Chadasha*, Paul urged *believers* to walk in Yeshua's holy lifestyle, patterned by Moses. Why would he teach this to *saved* believers? Man's theology teaches that salvation and eternal life are interchangeable. Yet, they are two separate matters in Scripture. We cannot lose our salvation (Covenant), but eternal life is about consecration. Thus, Paul's teaching was not about salvation but sanctification for the redeemed. Many are taught in replacement theology that the Jews did the offerings as a form of works for salvation. However, that is not true. The Jews received salvation through the Covenant of Abraham (Isaiah 63:8-16) and obeyed the offerings for sanctification and redemption that leads to holiness and eternal life. If the church only understood this, they would know that the offerings are still applicable today, not only for those circumcised (the Jew) but also the uncircumcised (those who come in from the Nations). All believers are to bring the offerings, throughout each generation, as the offerings are prophetic and reveal eternity. In Galatians, this point is made very clear to believers (Exodus 19:5-6; Romans 4:8-13; 1 Peter 2:9; Galatians 6:7-8; Revelation 1:6; 5:10; 20:6).

Galatians 6:7-8 “[*Believers*] Do not be deceived: God/*Elohim* cannot be mocked. A man [*believer*] reaps what he sows. The one [*believer*] who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap *destruction*; the one [*believer*] who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap *eternal life*” (NIV) (Romans 2:7-8; 6:19-23; 1 Timothy 6:11-12; Titus 1:1-3; 3:1-7; 1 John 3:15).

The same Torah principle that caused Esau to cry out as he gave up his birthright is seen here again in Hebrews. Scripture reveals that God's/*Elohim* word never changes, even through the generations, regardless of what man tries to do with them (Genesis 27:34-35).

🌿 **Hebrews 12:14-17** “[*Believers*] Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God/*Elohim*; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.”

🌿 **Hebrews 6:4-6** “For it is impossible for those [*believers*] who were once enlightened [*born again*], and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God/*Elohim* and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to

repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God/*Elohim*, and put Him to an open shame.”

Hebrews 6:4-6 is warning Yeshua’s saved people to be finished mixing the profane with holiness. Our eternal position is at stake. This Scripture takes us beyond salvation into the walk of redemption and holiness. An example of a trespass can be the mishandling of the holy in an ordinary or profane way, sharing critical thoughts about a neighbor with others, using negative body language. Acting in an ill manner will bring guilt upon us. To cleanse, *we* are called to take the initiative, be accountable, and offer up an offering of repentance as listed through the offerings here in Leviticus. Yeshua paid the price in full for our sin and guilt offerings. He took our place and died our death to redeem us. But since salvation, we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory. Those new sins Yeshua also paid atonement by paying it *forward*. It’s waiting for us. If we do not apply His offering for sanctification, then the new sin is still active and not covered until we repent (Romans 3:23).

🌿 **1 Corinthians 11:27-30** Paul said to believers, “Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep [*died*].”

Watch Our Thoughts and Words - *We Reap What We Sow*

When we first came into Yeshua’s Kingdom, as newly born believers, we learned that what we say has a tremendous impact on our lifestyle and environment. As God’s/*Elohim* disciples and Bride’s in waiting, we are learning, through sanctification, that we are representatives of His word. Therefore, we are not to represent any other kingdom, especially the old kingdom He delivered us from (*the realm of death/the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil*). James goes into great detail to help believers understand that what we sow we will inherit – either eternal life or destruction. The choice is ours. The instructions are here for us to follow. If we sow good seed, we reap a harvest of blessings. If we sow weeds, we choke Yeshua’s life leaving many to wonder where His blessings are?

🌿 **James 2:5-13** “Listen, my dear brother [*believer*]: has not God/*Elohim* chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you have insulted the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? Are they not the ones who are slandering the noble name of him to whom you belong? If you really keep *the royal law* found in Scripture [*Torah, the instructions of Yeshua’s gospel given at Mount Sinai*], ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’, you are doing right. But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet

stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. For he who said, ‘Do not commit adultery’, also said, ‘Do not murder’. If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker. Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives “freedom,” because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment!” (Leviticus 19:18, Exodus 20:14; Deuteronomy 5:18, Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 5:17).

Torah (God/Elohim’s teaching and instruction) is mercy.

The Covering

Yeshua, as our High Priest, has made the sin and guilt offerings on our behalf. Therefore, His life covers our life. Thus, we are seen in His Image. We see this testimony with Adam and Eve (Leviticus 7:8).

🌿 **Genesis 3:21** “Also for Adam and his wife the LORD/Yahweh God/Elohim made tunics of *skin* [*the sacrificial offering of blood*], and clothed [*covered*] them.”

🌿 **Leviticus 7:8** “The priest who offers a burnt offering for anyone may keep its *hide* for himself.”

Yeshua’s covered His Betrothed with garments of His sacrifice that are prophetic and eternal. When Yeshua redeemed and covered His people, He sees us in His righteousness. That is why, if a believer sins *after*, they need to *appropriate* Yeshua’s covering through repentance (the offerings), otherwise they will die in their sin.

🌿 **John 8:24** “Therefore I said to you that you [*believer*] will die in your sins; for if you do not believe [*be doers of His word*] that I am *He*, you will die in your sins.”

🌿 **Hebrews 10:19-22** “Therefore, brethren [*believer*], having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus/Yeshua, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God/Elohim, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil [*guilty*] conscience and our bodies washed with pure water [*so we will not die in our sins*].”

🌿 **1 Peter 2:24** “who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness - by whose stripes [*reference to His instructions for life that are written on a Torah scroll*] you were healed.”

3. The Fellowship – *Shalam* Offering

Leviticus 7:11-21

The instruction regarding the *shalam* or shalom *voluntary* offering was placed last in the regulation section, after the directives for the required sin and guilt offerings, because the

shalam offering is for the restoration and fellowship between God/*Elohim* and man. This offering is an expression of thanksgiving for His Faithfulness. The sin of dishonor, whether intentional or unintentional, separates man from his Heavenly Father. For a correctly restored reunion, *after every sin, man needs to be established once again, especially after having become born again.* The rules and regulations for restoration are in the *shalam* instructions. The *fellowship* offering also incorporates the *thanksgiving* offering. Both are served together. One is without yeast (the fellowship offering), and the other is with yeast (the thanksgiving offering) and both are served with salt and oil.

There has been some question among fellowships as to which bread to serve on Shabbat. Firstly, believers gather to remember the cup of the Blood Covenant of Yeshua's offering, which represents His Likeness and our response to His Likeness. The cup is served with the *grain* or *meal offering*. The meal offering is unleavened bread (*matzo*) made without yeast or honey and served with salt representing the Salt Covenant. The grain offering is for those with consecrated hearts who bear the Fruit of the Spirit as a witness (born again) (Galatians 5:22-26; Ephesians 5:9). (For more information on Likeness, see the first study in Leviticus called www.sheepfoldgleanings.com).



- 🌿 **Exodus 23:18** “You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leavened bread.”
- 🌿 **Luke 22:19** “And He 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.’”
- 🌿 **Leviticus 2:11** “No *grain offering* which you bring to the LORD/*Yahweh* shall be made with leaven, for you shall burn no leaven nor any honey in any offering to the LORD/*Yahweh* made by fire.”

Secondly, the *fellowship* or *peace offering* is also presented on Shabbat. Within the fellowship offering is the *thanksgiving offering*. The thanksgiving offering is made with yeast usually in the shape of a braided baked loaf.

- 🌿 **Leviticus 7:11-13** “This is the law of the sacrifice of *peace offerings* which he shall offer to the LORD/*Yahweh*: If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer, with the sacrifice of thanksgiving, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, unleavened wafers anointed with oil, or cakes of blended flour mixed with oil. Besides the [*unleavened*] cakes, as his offering he shall offer *leavened* bread with the *sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offering*.”



In our home, we serve unleavened bread/*matzoh* (no yeast or honey) for the *remembrance sacrifice* and *grain offering* on the Friday night/*Erev Shabbat* with salt and oil. On Shabbat day, if there is a mixed crowd of believers, none believers, or those who have yet

to consecrate themselves we serve the *thanksgiving offering* made with *leavened* bread, which includes a side dish of salt and oil to dip.

The only time the *grain offering* is made with *leaven* is during the Feast of *Shavuot*/Pentecost. There, two leavened loaves are required for the wave offering (Leviticus 23:16-17).



Eat No Fat Or Blood

Fat

🌿 **Leviticus 7:22-25** “And LORD/*Yahweh* spoke to Moses, saying, ‘speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘You shall not eat any fat, of ox or sheep or goat [*biblically clean animals*]. And the fat of an animal that dies *naturally*, and the fat of what is torn by wild beasts, may be used in any other way; but you shall by no means eat it. For whoever eats the fat of the animal of which men offer an offering made by fire to LORD/*Yahweh*, the person who eats *it* shall be cut off from his people.’”

Fat in Scripture represents not only the physical fat but also what produces fat such as spiritual sickness. If our thoughts dwell on sin long enough, they can become one with our flesh.

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

Impure thoughts can poison the body by producing over-secretions of chemicals that can lead to an imbalance, which in turn produces fat. Fear, stress, and anxiety can be the underlying causes of obesity and disease. Fat can also refer to pride in Scripture. When Scripture instructs us not to eat fat or blood, it’s not only about the physical abstinence but also the ending of spiritual abuse, including emotional, psychological, and verbal.

🌿 **Proverbs 16:17-19** “The highway of the upright is to depart from evil; he who keeps his way preserves his soul. Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall. Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.”

Fat contains critical elements. There are good fats and bad. God/*Elohim* designed our body to function on what *He* describes is food for us. Our body represents the living temple of God/*Elohim*; therefore, as priests, we are responsible for the upkeep. He imparted His instructions to bless and give us a long life. If we bring contamination into our temples, *we* (not the enemy), leave ourselves open to sickness, disease, and even death. The choice is ours. Obedience brings the blessings.

🌿 **Proverbs 3:1-2, 4:20-27** “My son, do not forget my law [*instruction*], but let your heart keep my commands; for length of days and long life and peace they will add to you. My son, give attention to my words [*they are wisdom, understanding and*

knowledge to you]; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; for they *are* life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it *spring* the issues of life. Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put perverse lips far from you. Let your eyes look straight ahead, and your eyelids look right before you. Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established. Do not turn to the right or the left; remove your foot from evil.”

- ✿ **Proverbs 15:30** “The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, and a good report makes the bones healthy.”
- ✿ **Proverbs 16:24** “Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.”
- ✿ **Proverbs 17:22** “A merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones.”

Blood

- ✿ **Leviticus 7:26-27** “Moreover you shall not eat any blood in any of your dwellings, *whether* of bird or beast. Whoever eats any blood, that person shall be cut off from his people.”

Blood in Scripture is for atonement. If believers consume blood, they go against its created purpose. In Leviticus 17:11 life or the DNA, is in the blood. All organs contain blood, but this Scripture is referring to the *circulator blood* that travels through the arteries and veins of the body. Circulatory blood supplies vital nutrients to the organs and tissue in the body, and also initiates the cleansing and removal of toxins and impurities. Therefore, the blood is both clean, containing the *life source*, and unclean.

If the *lifeblood* is not drained while the animal is killed, it will coagulate and remain in the cavity. Even Satan believes the life (DNA) is in the blood. In pagan rituals, they drink the blood of their offerings, as they believe that life will continue to live in them even after it dies. If God’s/*Elohim* people do not heed what He says is food and eat that which is not of Him or do not remove the *circulatory* blood, they will expose themselves to things such as animalistic characteristics, mindsets, fears, instincts, and behaviors that can lead to idolatry and the occult, as well as incur health issues and even death. That is why believers are warned not to consume the blood, or they will render themselves unclean (unsanctified). Scripture refers to one who brings a blemished offering or participates with the unclean in anyway, as one who has joined themselves with the abominable, therefore, are called abominable in Scripture (Leviticus Chapter 11; 18:22; 20:13; Deuteronomy 17:1-4; 18:9-12; 22:5; 24:4; 25:16).

- ✿ **Deuteronomy 25:16** “For all who do such things, all who behave unrighteously, *are* an abomination to the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*.”

🌿 **Ezekiel 33:25** “Therefore say to them, thus says the Lord/*Adonai* GOD/*Elohim*: ‘You eat meat with blood, you lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood. Should you then possess the land?’”

“Does This Mean We Cannot Eat Meat?”

People can purchase Biblically Koshered meats if available. Kosher labeled meat is processed under rabbinic supervision, and butchered and bled according to Scripture. If people have limited access to Kosher bleed meats, they can buy a good quality meat such as grass-fed organic. Soak it in cold salted water, drain, rinse and dry well before preparing (Acts 15:20-21, 29; 21:25).



Halal Versus Biblical Kosher



Halal is not Biblically Kosher. As the Muslim population expands, Halal grocery products and animal slaughters are becoming more widely circulated throughout the western world. Halal is a slaughter similar to kosher but with an added difference.

Firstly, during the slaughter, Sharia Law states that the animal must first be blessed by an Islamic priest/*Imam*, who dedicates the kill to Allah, the god of the Muslims. During the kill, the Imam pronounces ‘*Bismillah Allah-hu-Akbar*’ over the animal, which means, ‘*In the name of Allah, who is the greatest.*’

Secondly, Islam declares, “*There is no God but Allah, who never produced a son, nor had a companion, nor needed a protector. Praise his greatness.*” Therefore, Sharia Law is not comparable, as *Yeshua Ha Mashiach* is the Son of God/*Elohim* and the Spirit of the Holy One/*Ruach Ha Kodesh*.

Thirdly, after Islamic prayers are spoken over the animal, the kill now becomes a *ritual slaughter*, therefore, is a sacrifice made to an idol. Scripture states eating anything dedicated to any god other than the God/*Elohim* of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, is idolatry and an abomination before Him (Revelation 2:14, 20).

🌿 **Numbers 25:2-3** “They invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. So Israel was joined to Baal of Peor, and the anger of the LORD/*Yahweh* was aroused against Israel.”

Fourthly, purchasing or consuming Halal products (innocently or knowingly) is in effect giving power to Allah, the god of the Muslims over and above God/*Elohim* and His Covenant for your life. This will also include the sanctioning of all Islamic ideologies. Innocently, many have come into agreement with Islamic Sharia Law through their dietary processes. Islam means *submission* or *slave of Allah*.

There are growing numbers of meat markets, supermarkets, restaurant chains, and even

schools selling or using Halal/Sharia Law certified products unbeknown to the consumer. Whole Foods, Trader Joes, Subway restaurants, McDonald's, KFC, Campbell soups, Costco, Walmart, Nando's, Domino's Pizza are selling Islamic controlled Halal products on their premises, many without the consumer's knowledge, as labeling is not mandatory. Next time you are in the supermarket, check the label. Halal symbols can be on products you least expect like a spice jar or a vitamin supplement *(For a fuller list, see reference below).*

🌿 **Exodus 20:3** “You shall have no other gods before Me.”

🌿 **Act 15:20-21** “...write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood. For Moses has had throughout many generations those who preach him in every city, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath” (Acts 15:29; 21:25).

🌿 **1 Corinthians 10:19-21** “What am I saying then? That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything? Rather, that the things which the Gentiles [*Nations*] sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God/*Elohim*, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons.”

🌿 **Revelation 2:14** “But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.”

🌿 **Revelation 2:20** “Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.”

🌿 **Zechariah 13:2** “It shall be in that day,” says the LORD/*Yahweh* of hosts, “*that* I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no longer be remembered. I will also cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from the land.”

The Meat Board Of New Zealand

Over thirty years ago, to help bolster their export sales, the Meat Board of New Zealand made an agreement with Iran. At the time European markets were slow, and Iran was looking for a halal source. From an economic and business standpoint, New Zealand decided Iran would be a good match and offered their services. The farmer had no choice. The Board agreed to supply Iran 200,000 tons of lamb over a four year period and began converting freezers licensed for halal slaughtering for their use. Iran in response sent Muslim Imams and slaughter men proficient in sharia law to process all New Zealand lamb. When Iran failed in their obligations, the Meat Board exported halal meat to other

Muslim countries in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia. Now New Zealand is one of the largest exporters of halal lamb and beef in the world today.

Scripture warns against slaughtering animals to a false god. The New Zealand Meat Board used legal authority to institutionalized idolatry through the means of a levy required by the farmer on all meat for export. Living on an island meant they would have to comply with the tax. This action perpetuated the infrastructure for the New Zealand Meat Board while eliminating trade barriers to promote New Zealand beef and sheep meat. Since initiating the program, New Zealand suffered setbacks with farmers needing subsidies to keep their industry viable, notwithstanding the severe droughts they have had to endure. 2013 was reported as the worst drought in thirty years. Young people have left the land in droves in search for a better life.

When people submit to a *religion*, they give the god of that religion power over them. God/*Elohim* warns us not to do mix with other gods and their practices or curses will come upon them and overtake their land.

🌿 **Deuteronomy 28:15-16, 20-22** “But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: ‘Cursed *shall you be* in the city, and cursed *shall you be* in the country. The LORD/*Yahweh* will send on you cursing, confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have forsaken Me. The LORD/*Yahweh* will make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you from the land which you are going to possess. The LORD/*Yahweh* will strike you with consumption, with fever, with inflammation, with severe burning fever, with the sword, with scorching [*droughts*], and with mildew; they shall pursue you until you perish.’”

The Scripture in Deuteronomy sets the background for God’s/*Elohim* instruction to cleaning the land in Joshua 3:10.

🌿 “And Joshua said, ‘By this you shall know that the living God/*Elohim* is among you, and that He will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Hivites and the Perizzites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Jebusites” (Joshua 3:10).

As believers commit their hearts and minds solely unto God/*Elohim*, cleansing the land is vital. What we put into our body by way of food, thought, deed, action and even by association, is key to the priesthood of Yeshua. His priesthood is called to be a *holy* priesthood. He wants to dwell with us in a *Holy House/Tabernacle/vessel*. If the intended Bride of Yeshua eats fat or blood in her food or consumes items offered to idols, they must ask themselves: “*Is this the Bride the Groom will return for?*” As God/*Elohim* asks us a question in Isaiah 66:1-2, we too must ask ourselves the same question.

✿ **Isaiah 66:1-2** “Thus says the LORD/*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? For all those *things* My hand has made, and all those *things* exist,’ Says the LORD/*Yahweh*. ‘But on this *one* will I look: On *him who is* poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.’”

The Groom is looking for a Bride made in His Image and not in the likeness of another god. We will see how important this issue is as we continue through the book of Leviticus. The very fact that every time we read about the teaching on *fat* and *blood* in Scripture, the instructions for the consecration of the priesthood follow. In Leviticus, these two teachings parallel each other and form a pattern for consecration throughout Leviticus. Believers will come to learn that there is a correlation between what they feed their minds and put in their mouths that will dictate the outcome of their *eternal* walk. Believers must decide if what they are eating or participating in is priesthood material or not, *as it is all about sanctification*.

✿ **Malachi 4:4-6** “Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD/*Yahweh*. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”

The Ordination Of Aaron And His Sons Leviticus 8

With the procedures for the offerings complete, God/*Elohim* now directs Moses to bring Aaron and Aaron’s four sons, along with the anointing oil, the bull for the burnt offering, the two rams and a basket containing bread made without yeast, to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. Moses gathered the whole assembly to witness the consecration while he washed and dressed Aaron in the High Priest garments and Aaron’s sons in their linen robes. The bull was offered for any sin of dishonor/*chata*s. When its blood had consecrated and made atonement for the altar, they took the bull with its hide, flesh, and offal and burned it outside the camp. Moses then used the anointing oil to anoint the Tabernacle, the altar, before anointing Aaron and his sons.

Two rams were presented next. The first ram was for the elevation/*olah*/burnt offering, which was completely burned on the altar. The second was called the ram of consecration. Its blood was applied to Aaron and his son’s right ear, right thumb, and right big toe. Next, the *minchah* was offered. An unleavened bread in the shape of a cake (*challah*) that was waved as a waved offering along with the right thigh and breast. Then, Moses sprinkled Aaron and his sons with the blood from the altar and with the anointing oil. At the completion of their sanctification and ordination, a meal of the holy offerings was served. They stayed at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting *a full seven days*.

🌿 **1 Timothy 2:1-8** Paul said, “I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God/*Elohim* our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God/*Elohim* and one mediator between God/*Elohim* and men, the Man Christ Jesus /*Yeshua Ha Mashiach*/the Messiah, who gave himself as a ransom for all men - the testimony given in its proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle - I am telling the truth, I am not lying - and a teacher of the true faith to the Nations. I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.”

🌿 **Romans 12:1-2** “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God / *Elohim*, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God/*Elohim*, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God/*Elohim*.”

Shabbat Shalom
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