



KEDOSHIM - HOLY ONES

Leviticus 19:1-20:27

Ezekiel 20:2-20

Romans 13:8-10

Galatians 5:13-16

The teaching of Kedoshim is a continuation of the last study Acharei. Much of the background material for this study is in Acharei and may be found at www.sheepfoldgleanings.com

Believers are called a *royal priesthood and a holy nation* (Exodus 19:5-6; 1 Peter 2:9). Knowing the difference between clean and unclean, holy and unholy is imperative *if* believers are to walk in the priesthood. This teaching is for those who believe in the God/Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and for those learning to walk in His ways. *Kedoshim* is designed to bring holiness into the lives of those who are responding to the call of Yeshua, the Bridegroom. Leviticus is intended to show the believer how to have maximum life in Yeshua and build a sound foundation that increases their testimony in His Spirit life. Paul also exhorted believers in this.

“Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on [to wholeness], that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus/Yeshua Ha Mashiach has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things, which are behind, and reaching forward to those things, which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God/Elohim in Christ Jesus/Yeshua Ha Mashiach. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, Yahweh will reveal even this to you. Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind. Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern” (Philippians 3:12-17).

Honor Your Mother And Father And Keep My Sabbath

🌿 **Leviticus 19:2-3** “Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘**You shall be holy**, for I the LORD/Yahweh your God/Elohim am holy. **Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and keep My Sabbaths**: I am the LORD/Yahweh your God/Elohim.’”

Two of the foremost critical steps in the walk of sanctification leading to a life of holiness are respect for parents *and* observance of God's/*Elohim* Sabbaths.

The Phone Call

On a personal note, I was brought up in an alcoholic home and had plenty of justification and bitterness to prevent me from honoring my parents. My viewpoint of the world and family life was formed through that lens, which had caused my heart to become hard. My parents were generous materially but failed to show love in areas that I felt were essential. Innocently I started walking out the generational curses that took me into wrong places. I entered marriage early searching for that love I so deeply desired. Within three years I was alone and homeless with an eighteen-month-old son to care for.

After many years as a single parent, I remarried looking for love and a stable home for my son who was now six years old. It was a year later that Yeshua entered my life and for the first time an indescribable love and deep peace come into my heart. I began to grow on His foundation of true love, study His Word, and allow the Scriptures to nurture this gift of love to guide me each day.

Years later, during my prayer time, Yeshua asked me *to honor my parents*. That surprised me as I thought I loved them. However, He showed me I was keeping them at a distance, and my judgment of their lifestyle had formed a bitterroot that I continued to hold against them. The truth was, they were very hurting people and needed Yeshua's love as much as I did. My judgment of them was apparent and was causing alienation. That was not according to Yeshua teaching. He forgave me; now it was time to allow Him to heal my broken heart so that I might forgive my parents. As a result of His gentle conviction, I phoned my Mom and asked her to forgive *me* for *my* rebellious youth and how *I* had treated them. In my eyes, I was just trying to survive those years, but Yeshua directed me to share, and I obeyed. Little did I know this would change our lives and the lives of my parents forever. As I spoke the words of forgiveness, I heard my Mom weep. My act of forgiveness toward her was unconditional. She never knew what it was like for me to grow up under the alcoholic conditions in our family. When I heard her weep on the phone, it was as if Yeshua took what I had lived through all those years and washed my bitter heart clean. I then found myself truly able to *love* my mother and father.



Shortly after, my Mom was faced with a divorce. Her health was also quickly deteriorating due to her years of abuse. My husband Carl and I decided to sell our home and soon found a residence with a garden suite for my Mom and invited her to live with us. Even though Mom never fully recovered from the effects of alcohol in her life, those last years with her were full of joyful family times. I gained back the Mom I remembered as a little girl, and best of all, she recognized her need for a Savior and gave her life to Yeshua. Mom always looked forward to Friday night when Shabbat would start and often had tears in her eyes when she prayed the mother's prayer over her daughter. A year later, Mom died in the arms of her family, forgiving my Dad, who was also at her bedside.

The Date

My Dad passed away in 2010 at the age of ninety-one. I had the privilege of honoring him at his service and share part of it with you.

“...I am very thankful to my Dad for providing a great environment for growing up. But like many families, it had not always been sunshine. We too had our share of difficulties. However, I am very grateful there has been restoration and healing. It came about a few years after Mom’s passing when I knew I needed to practice the principle of forgiveness. Through family circumstances, I knew I was missing a relationship with my father and that unforgiveness on my part was keeping us from spending time together. With God’s conviction encouraging me, I took the big step to get to know my father, not in a superficial way, but with real depth of sincerity by spending one-on-one time with him.”

“To do this, I set about taking my Dad on dates. At first, it was awkward, but by faith, I would pick him up each week and take him out. He never knew where we were going; it was always a surprise. The dates turned out to be a great success, and each week he looked forward to them with great excitement. Some days he would find himself on top of a mountain hiking or having a picnic. Another time we would cross the border into the USA and find a quaint ocean side restaurant for lunch (we would call those our international trips). At other times we would just sit on the deck in the sunshine watching the boats go by. That was his favorite. Whatever the date, big or small, it was always a pleasure and a joy to be with him.”



“Over the years that Dad and I got to know each other we spoke of the difficulties and joys of our past and forgave where needed. He made peace with His Maker and forgiveness entered his life, as it had in mine. Together we shared depths of heart many do not experience in their lives. The renewed relationship between father and daughter took on a life of its own and transcended any past difficulties. We now lived for the dates!

“The dates went for several years, but in his last year, there was a role reversal. I was no longer taking my father on dates - he was taking me. Those were the sweetest of days...”

Today, in respect to my parents, I live with no regrets; all because Yeshua asked me to make a phone call that changed our lives forever. His plans are higher than our plans.

The Sabbath

Exodus 20:8-11 “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD/Yahweh your God/Elohim. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your

cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. For *in* six days the LORD/*Yahweh* made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD/*Yahweh* blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

🌿 **Isaiah 58:13-14** “If because of the Sabbath, you turn your foot from doing your own pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD/*Yahweh* honorable, and shall honor it, desisting from your own ways, from seeking your own pleasure, and speaking your own word, then you will take delight in the LORD/*Yahweh*, and *I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; and I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father*, for the mouth of the LORD/*Yahweh* has spoken.”

Righteousness and faith come through obedience to God’s/*Elohim* teaching and instruction. Walking responsibly in His commandments brings holiness into our lives. When believers obey, by putting action to His Word in their daily lifestyle, they walk in His Heavenly Kingdom here on earth. Sabbath is not just one or two hours in fellowship each week but lasts a whole twenty-four *joyous* hours. Honoring it will impart His great influence over our lives and the lives of our family that will affect the anointing we walk in for the next seven days. The Sabbath is the time God/*Elohim* gives us to celebrate with Him, as the Sabbath is made for man. Therefore, the Sabbath is to be honored wisely and purposefully thereby bearing fruit that glorifies His name in everything we do.

The weekly Sabbath also extends to all of God’s/*Elohim* Feast Days, including His Sabbath years. They speak of eternity and the Messianic Era. The Sabbath is a lifestyle that leads the Bride to her wedding (*More on Sabbath information in Leviticus studies Emor and Behar* www.sheepfoldgleanings.com).

Do Not Reap The Corners

🌿 **Leviticus 19:9-10** “Do not reap to the corners of the fields or gather a second time the grape harvest or grapes dropped after picking. Leave them for the poor and alien.”

Many today do not have farms or fields to plow, but we all have an abundance to share with others, especially the poor, the fatherless, and the widows and orphans among us. If we follow this commandment, we will not have the need for a social welfare system thereby restoring dignity and honor to the people and the land.

We felt the strength of this instruction “*not to reap the corners of our field*” when our local hospital called to inquire about our suite for a family whose son was going through chemo and given only two short weeks to live. Since the passing of my parents, we had the suite available to those in need. When the hospital approached us, the suite happened to be empty at the time. Immediately the scripture “*not to reap the corners of our field*” came to mind, and we knew this was a way we could honor it.

The family lived up the coast and traveled by ferry to visit their son. This journey was exhausting and quickly depleting them of finances. The suite seemed the viable answer, as it was close to the ferry and only a short drive to the hospital. When they arrived tears flowed knowing that complete strangers had taken them in and gifted them with a quiet retreat while going through this difficult time in their lives. We, on the other hand, had never seen so many occult symbols and tattoos all at one time. Thus, our hearts were convicted even more to extend the hand of fellowship. Our new family came to know this house as a house of prayer and warmed to the hospitality and love that surrounded them knowing this was the kindness of the Lord/*Adonai*. His love carried them through the hardest of days.

As the weeks progressed, their son continued to improve. He began to eat and gain weight. After a couple of months, he was strong enough to dress and go for short walks. Three months later the tests showed the tumor had shrunk fifty percent. His doctors were very encouraged. The family had tears knowing Yeshua was revealing Himself to them. A week later they were given the green light to continue their son's treatment at home. When leaving, the father opened his heart wanting the faith that we have. In the following months their son went in and out of remission but sadly died before the year was out. Through their loss, the family gained strength and comfort in The God/*Elohim* who was previously unknown by them.

 **Matthew 25:32-46** “All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I *was* naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You*, or thirsty and give *You* drink? When did we see You a stranger and take *You* in, or naked and clothe *You*? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to *You*?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.’ Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to *You*?’ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.’ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Laws Against Crooked Speech Leviticus 19:11-18

🌿 **Leviticus 19:11-18** “You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another. And you shall not swear by My name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God/*Elohim*: I am the LORD/*Yahweh*.”

Stealing, lying, deceit, and swearing falsely to one another profanes and dishonors God's/*Elohim* name. Defrauding, robbing, holding back wages, cursing the deaf (physically or spiritually), perverting justice, showing partiality, speaking slander, endangering a neighbor, hating our brother or seeking revenge makes our neighbor stumble and perverts God's/*Elohim* name. How? God/*Elohim* instructs us that every person is morally responsible for his or her fellow man. If we tarnish ourselves through dishonesty or lies, we are profaning the Name that we bear and are undermining the love of Yeshua for whom we are His messengers. Gossip, slander or talking behind another's back is called *lashon hara* in Hebrew. Slander harms our neighbor. Taking pleasure in belittling another is likened to shedding His blood.

The sages say evil talk kills three people: the speaker, the listener, and the one who is spoken about (Talmud, Erachin 15a).

A great Jewish teacher, Sefer Chofetz Chaim in the nineteenth century, spent his whole life teaching on the effects of our speech to one another. Daily we bless, or daily we curse our fellow man. It begins in the thoughts and attitudes of the heart that will eventually come to our speech. The unredeemed tongue, when let loose, unleashes a caustic defilement that can bring death. In contrast, a morally responsible humble talk releases a flow of blessing. Chofetz Chaim taught how to love our neighbor as our self through applying the Torah principles. This understanding is illustrated through the offerings mentioned in the first chapters of Leviticus. The offerings teach us how to elevate our brother higher than our self, and yes, at times this will be a sacrifice of praise!

Thou Shalt Not Murder *Lashon Hara* – Murder With The Tongue

🌿 **Leviticus 19:15** “You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor.”

The Eyewitness Account - Neighbors

🌿 **Leviticus 19:16** “You shall not go about *as* a talebearer among your people; nor shall you take a stand against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD/*Yahweh*.”

A few years back a neighbor, who lived on the same side of the street two doors over, became the new block watch captain. She was very zealous in her newly appointed position and felt that everyone and everything on *her* street was now under her policing.

One time she called our local Municipal Bylaw officer complaining about a neighbor's dog - even though our neighbor did not own one. We all tried to get on with our lives and work around her controlling ways.

For years, each week we enjoyed a small bible study in our home. Once in awhile other visiting fellowships would join in, and we would swell, but that was not often. We also had fun hosting larger groups while celebrating the Feast Days. About the time, our neighbor became the captain; we hosted a Passover with just over forty guests. All cars were parked off the street so as not to inconvenience the neighbors. However, under the directives of this new block watch captain, Bylaws were informed we were hosting a large church group of over forty people in our home *on a regular basis*, which she said was growing each month exponentially. Bylaws directed her to take pictures of *all* the comings and goings and to report *all* activity back to them. For months, unbeknown to us, every movement on our property was noted and documented, including guest license plate numbers. This meticulous account, along with oodles of photographs, was then passed on secretly to Bylaws; complete with her running comments on what *she thought* was happening in our home. By the time Bylaw officers called us, they were in possession of a two-inch thick folder full of our neighbor's biased *eyewitness accounts*. We were not told what our neighbor said against us, thus, could not understand why Bylaws wanted to talk with us. As far as we knew a small weekly Bible study was quite acceptable and well within the laws of our local municipality. When we eventually spoke with Bylaws, they refused to allow us to share our side of the story as they already had all the reliable, undeniable evidence they needed. They trusted our neighbor's well-documented *eyewitness* report. Therefore, did not need our explanation.

Over the following months, I tried to have our testimony heard. I met with the manager of Bylaws who bullied and rebuked me throughout our meeting. I then made an appointment to speak with the general manager of our municipality. He too was closed. I then attempted to share our story with the mayor of our municipality, but Bylaws had just met with her when I arrived. All doors were closed to us, and as a result, we were slapped with fines each week. Even if no one was home, they assumed we must be meeting somewhere and ticketed us regardless. The bullying, intimidation, and outright lies went on for almost two years. With fines adding up to \$1500, we filed for adjudication.

I looked forward to adjudication so our side of the story could be heard. A dear friend had gifted us with a lawyer to help prepare and give us support. The legal fees for our defense came to \$9,000. The week of adjudication, by law, Bylaws must reveal their files to us. It was at this time we finally came to understand the extent of what our neighbor had done. Her false report made us even more eager to share our testimony. However, that never happened. At adjudication, the adjudicator read the municipal Bylaws report first and noted they were in violation of the law by issuing false charges against us that did not exist. They were all made up. As a result, the adjudicator threw the case out and canceled all tickets issued against us. We were set free.

A few months later, the mayor of our municipality chose not to run for another term and resigned. The manager of Bylaws opted to take early retirement along with the other Bylaw officer who aided and abetted her. And a year after, the general manager of the

municipality also retired. What of our neighbor? She was relieved of her duty as block watch captain and took a job, which keeps her outside the neighborhood during the day.

Eyewitness Account – Friends

 **Leviticus 19:17** “You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him.”

Michele was a very special friend. Not only did she embrace and value true friendships; she cherished them.

Our friendship was one of distance. Michele lived at one end of the continent, and I lived on the other. We first met at a Messianic conference in Orlando, Florida in 1999. Wanting to be helpful, she volunteered at the tape table I was working. She was a fast learner and rose to the challenge. I found Michele warm, with a wonderful sense of humor, and a glint in her eye. That day we became fast friends.

We stayed in touch through the conferences. Over the course of time, Michele moved up to the Pacific Northwest. On occasion, she was able to visit. It was always a delight to have her on home turf.

Then one day an event happened that challenged our friendship. A bad word was spoken against Michele, and the *reliable eyewitness* stated that I was the source of it. It was a dark day in our friendship when Michele came to me with others to ask if this word had indeed come from me. It was as much a surprise to me as it was for her. At the time, I knew who the source was but was not at liberty to share. All I could say to her was that I was not the originator and trusted all this to the care of the Holy Spirit/*Ruach*.

As the years passed, and because of our strong relationship previously, Michele chose to put aside this libelous account. She never lost her respect for me nor did she and I lose the integrity we shared. We saw each other at conferences and enjoyed fellowship, but ever since that issue, our friendship was never quite as close.

A few years later Michele developed health challenges, which could not be overcome. I kept in touch through her Caring Bridge postings. During that time I prayed earnestly then felt a clear leading to share what I knew about that troubling situation. At the time, I was protecting another person and could not reveal the truth of that source. With the path now clear for me to share, I prayed as I sent off a letter to Michele. It would be our first contact in several years. Many questions crossed my mind. How would she react? Would she accept my story? Were our integrity and friendship still intact?

It did not take long for Michele to respond. Even though she was in a lot of pain at this point, she wrote back a beautiful letter. With my additional information, she pieced the rest of the story together and was able to remove the false claims against us. That day we were both set free.

Here is Michele's response,

Hi Julie,

It is so good to hear from you my friend. I have always had a sense of our deep connection and a great love and respect for you.

I appreciate you sharing this painful episode from the past. It's very courageous of you to be so forthright in bringing it up at this point. I'm glad we can process it and put it aside.

When it first happened I was of course confused. I was not sure where the lies were coming from, but I knew you and your heart and your fruit. I came to a place of "cognitive dissonance" with it. I knew I could trust you, but there seemed to be "evidence" to the contrary. I decided to believe you anyway and trust that someday it would all be resolved.

Michele passed into Glory shortly after writing this letter. I strongly believe that what happened to us both was the reason why Michele requested I share at her memorial. Over the years, she had witnessed many incidences of division and broken relationships caused by an evil tongue/lashon harah. For her to ask our story of restoration be shared was key in the heart of Michele and the legacy she wished to leave behind. In life, Michele valued relationships. She was passionate about having them right and keeping short accounts. The integrity we both shared in Yeshua held the bond of time, and our friendship continued to strengthen through it all and will continue into Eternity.

Farewell my dear friend,
Always, Julie

Eyewitness Account - Picking Cotton

 **Leviticus 19:17-18** "You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD/Yahweh."

A few years ago a young college student living in an apartment off campus named Jennifer Thompson was attacked and raped. While the perpetrator held a knife to her neck, she reasoned that if she lived through this horrific ordeal, she was going to give an incredible *eyewitness account* of this man so the police could find him easily. A few days later she positively identified her rapist in a police line up. He was sentenced to life in prison. After, she was determined to get on with her life. She married, had children and prayed every day for her rapist's death.

Meanwhile, the man Jennifer accused, Ronald Cotton, continued to plead his innocence, but officials had such a compelling *eyewitness account* that his seemingly weaker testimony did not carry. While working in the prison kitchen one day a new inmate

arrived to work in the same area as Ronald. His looks strongly resembled Ronald's. Later Ronald heard through another inmate that this new inmate was indeed Jennifer Thompson's perpetrator and that he had also raped another woman that same night. Bringing this to his lawyer's attention opened Cotton's case, but at the hearing, the courts committed him to a *second* life sentence.

About the time of the O. J. Simpson trial, DNA was new evidence being admitted to court. It had not been used up until this time. Ronald suggested his new lawyer look into it. His DNA revealed his innocence and after eleven years in prison was pronounced a free man.



Jennifer did not take this news well. So sure was she of her eyewitness account that it took her a while to accept. Two years later, to stop the nightmares, she asked if Ronald would meet with her at a church. She said how sorry she was. Ronald took her by the hand and forgave her by saying, "*Let's get on with our lives.*"

That forgiveness freed Jennifer's heart. Today, Jennifer Thompson and Ronald Cotton have a deep friendship that has changed both their lives. They travel together on speaking engagements, and their testimony has changed the way police conduct eyewitness procedures. Their amazing story is recorded in a New York bestseller called, *Picking Cotton – Our Memoir of Injustice and Redemption*.

To see more go to:

60 Minutes interview: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LkBiaI9PSQU>

Picking Cotton website: <http://www.pickingcottonbook.com/about.html>



The True Witness of Yeshua – The Ministry of Reconciliation

As believers, we are commanded to reconcile with our brother or sister. How can we worship Yeshua, who forgave us, if our brother or sister has something against us or we hold something against them? We are to leave no stone unturned and reconcile before coming to the altar. Have we dishonored people in the past? If we sense an estrangement with a brother or sister, it is up to *us* to seek him or her out to try to reestablish right order once again.

📖 **Matthew 5:23-26** “Therefore if you [*believer*] 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. Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.”

What happens if someone speaks a bad report about a person in the congregation and the whole congregation turns their back on that person, but the report is untrue? Has anyone gone to that person to personally hear his or her side of the story? If not, then the *whole congregation* comes under judgment. We are given Scriptures that teach us the proper protocol.

🌿 **Matthew 18:15-17** “Moreover if your brother [*believer*] sins against you, [*first*] **go and tell him** his fault [*not in an email*] **between you and him alone**. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But [*second*] if he will not hear, take with you - one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’ And if he refuses to hear *them*, [*third*]**[then you can] tell it to the church...**

Too often we hear of sad stories like the above when the Scriptural order is not followed. In this particular story, we found that someone wanting to be helpful spoke on *behalf of another person without that person going to the said person directly*. In the retelling of the story, the original context became lost, thus, no longer resembled the initial account. Furthermore, the congregation went along with this false tale before the *said* person could testify the truth. Meanwhile, the damage had been done. Has this happened in your fellowship?

What happens if a person feels they have been hurt by another but refuses to let that person reconcile with them? If the wounded person rejects reconciliation, *they* close the door. By not allowing settlement they further injure themselves. Bitterness, unforgiveness, retaliation, resentment, envy, and jealousy keep the door closed.

If the wounded person is not willing to accept the offer of reconciliation, then the person providing reconciliation has completed their scriptural obligation and is now released and set free from any guilt or condemnation attributed to that situation. It is now behind them. They are set free able to move on with their life. However, the person who chose not to reconcile is still accountable before God/*Elohim*. Rejecting reconciliation reveals contempt not only against the other person but also toward Yeshua. Unforgiveness toward others will block the blessings in *their* life.

There are times that a person may not be aware they may have caused a hurt with another and often a misunderstanding stands in the way. In any case, restoration should be the goal of *every believer* as they are called to be *Repairers of the Breach*. Yeshua has given all believers the ministry of reconciliation.

🌿 **Isaiah 58:12** “Those from among you shall build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.”

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

How To Forgive

Corrie Ten Boom: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3cfp51vLZb4>



Forgiveness and repentance are not optional. These are commandments and instructions *for life and health*. We cannot choose to refuse. There is no personal preference here. Forgiveness and repentance are *the keys* that open prison doors locked deep within the heart. We are called to extend an opportunity to the person offering forgiveness ***as soon as possible*** and not leave it for months or possibly sometime in the future. Life is found in obedience to the principle Yeshua gave us and by approaching our brother or sister *personally with an open, willing heart*. Our freedom is only realized in the person Jesus Christ/*Yeshua Ha Mashiach* (Matthew 18:15-17; Matthew 5:23-26; Luke 17:3-4; Galatians 6:1).

✿ **James 3:6** “The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.”

✿ **Psalm 19:11-13** “Moreover by them [*God’s/Elohim word given at Mount Sinai through Moses called: The Torah containing His laws, statutes, and commandments for life*] Your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. Keep back Your servant also from *presumptuous sins*; let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression.”

The Second Greatest Commandment

✿ **Leviticus 19:18** “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

In John 13:34 to 15:17, John quoted Yeshua teaching the people *how* to “*love your neighbor as yourself*.” Yeshua quoted Leviticus 19:18 when He gave this *new* commandment to them. It was not a *brand new instruction* but one that Yeshua was making new to them *again*. Yeshua’s disciples would have known the Scriptures from an early age and would have recognized Leviticus 19:18. He was teaching them *what* this love was. Love is when people not only *talk* about God’s/*Elohim* kingdom but they *walk* in His commandments by keeping them as a *lifestyle*. This walk reveals their redemption and consecration. Anyone can say they have the emotion of love, but if there is no physical action accompanying their word, then their word is a false word that is spurious, carries no weight, and will fall flat.

✿ **John 14:21** “Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me.”

Yeshua’s commandments were spoken to believers at Mount Sinai (Deuteronomy 29:14-15; Isaiah 63:8-12). These commandments in Leviticus are also Yeshua’s commandments for us today (John 5:46-47). “*You are my friends if you do what I command*” (John 15:14). When Yeshua said, “*This is my command: Love each other*,” He was revealing

Himself as the word of God/*Elohim* in the flesh. Where two or more are gathered in *His Name*, Yeshua is in our midst (Matthew 18:20). When we elevate our brother, it is Yeshua in our midst who is elevated (*The word new as in “New” Testament or “New” Commandment is Strong’s word G2537 kainos, meaning “re-newed” not “brand new”*).

The Teaching On Clean And Holy Versus Unclean And Unholy

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Laws Regarding Mixing

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All of God’s/*Elohim* teachings that govern the earth were put into effect before Creation. The instruction against mixing God’s/*Elohim* seed (plant or animal) in Hebrew is called *kilayim*. Mating different animal species, crossing an animal gene with a plant gene, genetically altering seed (GMO) or wearing clothing woven with two species of materials (*shaatnez*) are categories that oppose God’s/*Elohim* order on the earth and corrupt His design. In Leviticus 19 to change what God/*Elohim* made is forbidden. Today gene hybridizing has become a standard and very lucrative practice. There is order to God’s/*Elohim* design, and man’s improving upon it will bring disorder not only in their lives but also to the environment.

For years people have enjoyed creating new blooms and colors within a particular plant species but when people cross boundaries such as mixing flora (*plant species*) with fauna (*animal species*) then man trespasses against God’s/*Elohim* instructions. Clean and unclean practices do not mix. Today, because of the unclean practice like mixing dead animal carcasses with feed grain for animals and birds, we have diseases such as swine and avian (bird) flu, SARS, anthrax, and mad cow disease. An abnormal protein called prion causes mad cow disease. Mad cow disease is called Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) a rare form of irreversible dementia in humans. Prions are not destroyed by cooking and are fatal. In an Alzheimer’s report these infected prions from animals can affect humans by infiltrating the brain; perforate it with holes that lead to death. Factory farming came along in the 1960’s. Before that time, our food was raised on the family farms or ranches around the country. Cows grazed on mixed grasses, small shrubs, and herbs from the open field. Mad cow disease and the deadliest strain of E. coli did not exist at that time. People enjoyed rare steaks and steak tartare (ground raw beef) with little fear. Chickens were also raised pecking on mixed field greens along with grubs and other delicious bugs.

Today commercially raised beef is penned in a small dirt corral and fed grain-based products such as soy and corn. They are injected with growth hormones, antibiotics, and

other chemicals to bring them to slaughter weight faster. Commercially raised chickens are raised in a warehouse type barn with a cement floor in very cramped conditions. They are fed grain that contains hormones and antibiotics. These tampered meats eventually end up on dinner tables and in restaurants across America and worldwide. Swine flu and other related diseases have roots in pig byproducts. Other conditions originating from unclean practices in regards to animals are smallpox, tuberculosis, malaria, measles, cholera, and AIDS. God/*Elohim* warned us not to mongrelize our foods. Today we have a growing list of diseases in the human body all due to our lack of knowing His instructions for our health. All this adds to the cost of our health industry as well as attributing to millions of deaths throughout the world.

🌿 **Hosea 4:6** “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.”

🌿 **Deuteronomy 28:58-62** “If you *do not* carefully observe all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, THE LORD/*Yahweh* YOUR GOD/*Elohim*, then the LORD/*Yahweh* will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary plagues - great and prolonged plagues - and serious and prolonged sicknesses. Moreover He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you. Also every sickness and every plague, which is not written in this Book of the Law, will the LORD/*Yahweh* bring upon you until you are destroyed. You shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of heaven in multitude, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*.”

Many people are returning to God’s/*Elohim* word and searching the Scriptures to see what His ways are for a cleaner healthier lifestyle. Understanding what He considers edible food for us, including good biblical farming practices, are two very critical Torah principles necessary for the perfect balance of our health and environment today (*For an in-depth study on GMO, please refer to Shemini Leviticus 9:1 to 11:47 www.sheepfoldgleaning.com*)

🌿 **Deuteronomy 28:1-2, 9** “Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*. The LORD/*Yahweh* will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* and walk in His ways.”

Law Regarding Mixing Fabrics

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Wearing appropriate textiles are also important especially if it is next to the skin – the body’s largest organ. God’s/*Elohim* instructions say to use natural fibers with no mixture. Cool fabric such as cotton and linen are derived from plant sources. A warm fabric such

as wool stems from an animal. Studies done in the early 1980's found that 89% of people could not distinguish between polyester from natural fibers like cotton, wool or silk. The study also found that people were more interested in the appearance of the apparel than the origin of fiber content. Manmade textiles like polyester came about in the 1940's and 1950's and soon became popular for its wrinkle, wear and tear resistance. Polyester is derived from petroleum, which is toxic. Toxicity is not entirely removed during the manufacturing process but is trapped within the fibers. This toxicity enters the body via moisture. Polyester clothing does not allow the body to breathe thus causing the body temperature to rise and overheat. Perspiration is the moisture that can release the toxins from polyester into the blood stream via the skin.

The manufacturing of polyester became more and more popular around 1960-1970 when it achieved a silk like appearance. It was also during this time that health issues began to rise substantially. Polyester has many hidden costs to our health and environment. Synthetic clothing is associated with reproductive disorders like reduced sperm count and behavioral changes as in the 60's sexual revelation. Synthetics can be responsible for skin disorders such as rashes, redness, itching, dermatitis, and certain types of cancers. Man-made imitation fibers are not only toxic to humans but also serious on the environment. They are not biodegradable, are hard to recycle, and very expensive to produce. Beside the hazardous air pollutants and toxic waste in its production, our air, soil, and plant life are all affected.

These various laws in Leviticus 19 are designed to protect and at the same time reveal the condition of our hearts. The question remains. Will we be obedient toward God/*Elohim* in what we say, and in our love and service to Him? Does He have full fellowship with us in all matters of our life or do we choose the shopping cart experience and walk down the aisles of God's/*Elohim* kingdom picking and choosing which commandments we want to keep according to what *we feel* is right for *our* lives. These mixing/*kilayim* laws are made for the sanctification of the heart. They are not only about the physical mixing, but more about the things we mix pertaining to the heart called *compromise of lifestyle*. Guarding over our response to these instructions is what keeps the heart clean before our *holy God/Elohim*.

🌿 **Revelation 19:8** “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.”

The Law Of The Trees

🌿 **Leviticus 19:23-25** “When you come into the land, and have planted all kinds of trees for food, then you shall count their fruit as uncircumcised. Three years it shall be as uncircumcised to you. *It* shall not be eaten. But in the fourth year all its fruit shall be holy, a praise to the LORD/*Yahweh*. And in the fifth year you may eat its fruit, that it may yield to you its increase: I *am* the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*.”

Trees often correspond to people in Scripture. It takes approximately three and a half years, the length of Yeshua's ministry on earth, to walk out a redeemed lifestyle by

progressive revelation before believers start to see actual fruit developing in their lives. During this time, they learn a good foundation of protocol to God's/*Elohim* teaching and instruction. In the Bible, the priesthood had a five-year internship before beginning their duties in the temple at the age of thirty. This instruction was fashioned after God's/*Elohim* mixing/*kilayim* laws.

Many believers remember their first year in Torah. It is like walking in a mixed bag of clean and unclean, as the heart is still in an uncircumcised state. During the next three years, believers learn to overcome and lay aside that old uncircumcised heart (sinful nature), to surrender all in their pursuit of gaining God's/*Elohim* knowledge of holy lifestyle in His Kingdom. After three years of Torah study, the believer's conduct becomes more stable. In that fourth year, their fruit is considered holy. The fifth year, the fruit is edible. Those who study through five Torah cycles then began to teach and lead others, thus able to tend those still green and young in their walk. The tree described in Leviticus is a picture of our walk through the progressive revelation of His Torah that will also help bless others in His lifestyle of *holiness* (1 Chronicles 23:24; Isaiah 55:11; Mark 8:24).

Laws Against Witchcraft

🌿 **Leviticus 19:27-29** “Do not practice divination or sorcery. Do not cut the hair at the sides of your head or clip off the edges of your beard, cut your bodies for the dead or put tattoo marks on yourselves or give your daughters to prostitution.”

David Wilkerson: *Spiritual Witchcraft and Rebellion In the Church*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VK2JS-4aEgs>



Tattoos And Piercings

🌿 **Leviticus 19:28** “You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor tattoo any marks on you: I *am* the LORD/*Yahweh*.”

The purpose of the list in Leviticus 19:27-29 is to reveal occult origins and practices, which were as prevalent in their day, as they are in our day. God's/*Elohim* people are called a royal priesthood and a holy nation. The need to understand clean practices is elementary in our pursuit of a sanctified lifestyle. Today tattoos are the fad, as is cutting the body, and piercings in unusual places. Some pagan customs have become so acceptable today that many believers do not realize they are forms of idol worship and occult practices. Our skin represents the surface of a Torah scroll. To mark it with permanent stains or cuttings is to render the Torah scroll unclean, thus bringing defilement to the temple and profaning God's/*Elohim* Name. Other than for a Nazarite vow or the cleansing from a leprous skin condition, a man was not to shave his whole

head or conceal the borders of his beard. That practice originally came from the occult. God/*Elohim* asks us not to participate.

Various Laws

- 🌿 **Leviticus 19:30** “Observe my Sabbaths and have reverence for my sanctuary.”
- 🌿 **Leviticus 19:32** “*Rise in the presence of the aged, showing respect for the elderly!*”
- 🌿 **Leviticus 19:33-34** “When an alien lives with you in your land, do not mistreat him, treat him as a *native born*.”

Who Is Israel?

Today, as Joseph/Ephraim is returning to the God/*Elohim* of their forefathers, the term “Gentile” is no longer appropriate or Scriptural. All twelve tribes with their companions are returning and becoming *naturalized* citizens in God’s/*Elohim* Kingdom.

- 🌿 **Ezekiel 47:21-23** “Thus you shall divide this land among yourselves according to the [*twelve*] 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 GOD/*Elohim*” (James 1:1; Hebrews 8:8-10; Revelation 21:21).

God’s/*Elohim* Word *will be fulfilled* as spoken through His prophets long ago. Who can truthfully claim their ancestry today? All records were destroyed with the destruction of the Temple. Today, DNA tests are available but what good are they if one’s walk does not match their confession? It would be better not to know. Therefore, today, if you are in Yeshua (the King of Israel), and attempting to keep His ways while living outside the land of Israel, you are no longer called an alien, a stranger or a gentile but recognized as a full citizen in the commonwealth of Israel and known as *part of Israel*, according to the Scriptures (Exodus 12:48-49; Ezekiel 47:21-23).

Today many have been taught they *must* identify with one of the tribes of Israel or at least the two houses of Israel. That teaching has caused much division and heartache in the body of believers. There are some who say God’s/*Elohim* name should be said one way and others who say it must be said another. On and on it goes. Just like with the Churches. Many denominations feel theirs is the only one. Some won’t even associate with you if you are not a Baptist, a Presbyterian, a Dutch Reformer, a Lutheran or a Roman Catholic. Whether you identify with a tribe or Messianic Judaism or Messianic Israel or Ephraim or Joseph, or say His name right or wrong *should it be a point of contention?* That criteria in fellowships has caused much concern, disruption, fighting, and even dis-membership among believers today. If a fellowship were full of believers representing countries like India, Asia, Israel, Britain, Africa, or the Arctic you would see

it in their features and skin color. Would you question or be upset if they were not all yellow skinned from Asia or black from Africa? Why then are we doing this in the body of *believers*? Would Yeshua be pleased with our behavior? Who's to say what our brother should be? The point is we are all *believers*. The destiny of each one of us is in Yeshua's hands. We are all on the journey of progressive revelation in Him. He alone has the answer. Our job is not to critique, dictate or dispute but be *the peacemaker as we are all part of Israel in Yeshua*.

Dishonest Scales

🌿 **Leviticus 19:35-36** “Do not use dishonest standards when measuring length, weight or quantity. Use honest scales and honest weights.”

Leviticus 19:35-36 has as much to do with people as it does with commerce and trade. Favoring one person over another by a standard of looks, status or position is the use of dishonest scales. Prejudice against a color or race is the dishonest scale of racism. Devaluing a neighbor because of poverty or lack is a dishonest scale. Favoring one Israelite tribe over another is a dishonest scale. It is all called slander/*lashon hara* in Scripture.

🌿 **Luke 6:37-38** “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you” (Isaiah 65:6-7).

Guarding Over Our Children

🌿 **Leviticus 20:1-5** “Any Israelite or any alien living in Israel who gives any of his children to Molech must be put to death, he has defiled my sanctuary and profaned my holy name.”

This is the second warning God/*Elohim* has given us to guard over our children and not give them over to occult practices or sacrifice them to the god of Molech (Leviticus 18:21). Our children are a gift, and as parents, we are the guardians of His gift. We are to teach God's/*Elohim* ways, laying the foundation that will guide and protect them all the days of their life and be there long after we are gone. Government-run schools are a relatively new addition in history. Schools and colleges were initially Biblically based. The curriculum and textbook was the Bible. The standard was God's/*Elohim* and He was the center of all their activity.

Over time, these institutions became secular with much worldly influence. Today the God/*Elohim* of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is not allowed in schools. Prayer routinely began the mornings but was exchanged for screening against weapons and drugs. Our society currently rationalizes sexual orientation and gender equality (LGBT) as a better way to attain self-realization, peace, and love in the world while God's/*Elohim* moral standards are labeled and set aside as old-fashioned and no longer relevant.

🌸 **Pink Day** or **Pink Shirt Day** is the celebration of sexual diversity in our society. It started in 2007 when a young transgender boy was bullied for wearing a pink shirt on the first day of school. It is now a movement that uses this as a platform for “anti-bullying” when in reality *Pink Day* is a transgender promotion campaign (<http://www.dayofpink.org/en/info>).

Today this has led to transgender mayhem.

This next article is for a mature audience and can be disturbing for children.

As gender identity ordinances and bathroom battles sweep the nation, ordinary Americans have had to confront the question of whether their long-standing beliefs about the sexes are based on biology or bigotry. Emily Zinos, a mother of five wrote,

The belief that one’s internal sense of self determines maleness or femaleness and that subjective feelings take precedence over an objective physical reality constitutes a severing of mind from body. Our sex is who we are: it can’t be amputated from our body like a limb. Schools across the country are reducing themselves to pawns in a political movement whose claims are highly questionable, unscientific, and harmful to children. Public schools have a duty to serve all children, but a school cannot serve children and a totalitarian ideology all at once.

Under “the gender inclusion policy law,” parents are now being told that students from kindergarten to fifth grade will be taught (through insipid children’s books and propaganda framed as anti-bullying activism) that gender identity, sex, and gender expression are all free-floating concepts. Parents are also told (by school lawyers) that free speech creates a “hostile environment” when it critiques the transgender issue.

So, what can parents expect to see if they sit back and allow gender identity to trump biological sex in school policies? First, schools will teach children to accept an ideology that is predicated on the lie that biological sex plays second fiddle to a self-proclaimed, subjective gender identity, and that the sex of one’s body is mutable or even irrelevant.

This ideology will inevitably find its way into every aspect of a school and make a deep impression on the developing minds of children. For example, girls, under the regressive mandates of anti-bullying and gender inclusion policies, would have to agree to call boys in their locker room “girls,” effectively losing their rights to free speech and privacy from males. And science—particularly biology—would die a quick death at the hands of a concept that necessarily eradicates observable facts about human sexuality. Gender ideology in the curriculum is a lie enshrined as truth.”

Second, institutionalizing gender ideology will require that schools ignore the evidence that it causes real harm to children. You can’t extol the virtues

of gender ideology and question its soundness at the same time. By celebrating transgenderism as a valid identity, schools are promoting a body-mind disconnect that may very well bring on the gender dysphonic state, they were attempting to prevent. They are building a school-to-gender-clinic pipeline that will feed this new pediatric specialty with young patients.

There are now more than thirty gender clinics specializing in youth across the United States, and the young patients who are under their care are often given bone-destroying puberty blockers at eleven, potentially sterilized with cross-sex hormones at sixteen, and permanently mutilated by plastic surgery soon after that.

Schools that endorse and celebrate transgenderism as valid are endorsing child abuse.

This is another form of dissecting the unborn and aborting except it is outside the uterus. The enemy is after our children.

Enough Is Enough!

Recently, in South Africa, Angus Buchan (Faith Like Potatoes) said, “*Enough is enough!*” and put out a call for a national day of prayer called “It’s Time.” Tired of the corruption in government and immorality among the people, and refusing to be intimidated into submission to current worldviews, they recognized the urgency of the hour. “*If my people, who are called by My Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and forgive their sin and heal their land*” (2 Chronicles 7:14). Over one million people responded and cried out petitioning the God/Elohim of Israel to intervene and save their people and their country from the corrupt government and immorality that is spiraling out of control. Angus addressed the masses gathered; “*You will not sleep with anyone until your wedding night!*” Cries of “Amen” followed.

The example set in South Africa should be the example set right across the land. “*The great need of the hour is not a political debate, but urgent, passionate prayer. God’s people and especially leaders need to humble themselves and pray and seek the face of the Lord for the healing of our nation.*”

“*If You Stand For Nothing, You Will Fall For Anything*”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfO1veFs6Ho>



Homeschooling is steadily on the rise because of the growing immorality in the school system, and has been rising especially over the last ten years as families opt out of the Molech system and bringing their children home. Families are being strengthened, as parents participate in their children's "whole" education - all based on the Word of Truth.

Holy Living Leviticus 20:9-21

🌿 **Leviticus 20:7-8** "Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*. Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the LORD/*Yahweh* who makes you holy."

God/*Elohim* once again outlines holy living to give us a better understanding of His ways. He is as faithful to the curse as He is to the blessing. Obedience to His word brings the blessing and disobedience will bring a curse. As believers we need to encourage one another to uphold the vision God/*Elohim* has given us for our marriage, our children, our families, our neighbors, and our community - for the Nations.

🌿 **Proverbs 29:18** "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he."

These Next Verses Hold *The Key To All Of Leviticus*

🌿 **Leviticus 20:22-26** "Keep all my decrees and laws and follow them, so that the land where I am bringing you to live may not vomit you out. You must not live according to the customs of the nations I am going to drive out before you. Because they did all these things, I abhorred them. But I said to you, you will possess their land; I will give it to you as an inheritance, a land flowing with milk and honey. I am the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*, who has set you apart from the nations. You must "therefore" make a distinction between clean and unclean animals and between unclean and clean birds. Do not defile yourselves by any animal or bird or anything that moves along the ground - those which I have set apart as unclean for you. You are to be holy to me because I, the LORD/*Yahweh*, am holy, and I have set you apart from the nations to be my own."

A holy lifestyle depends on our not mixing the clean with the unholy practices physically and/or spiritually.

Yeshua's Priesthood – The Bride

Leviticus 20:22-26 states that the walk of the priesthood of Yeshua rests entirely on what a believer *allows into their temple* (physically and spiritually). If a believer indulges in an ungodly mix with the holy, that action will bring levels of compromise into the heart and render that person unclean and defiled. If they choose to walk in unrighteous ways, *they* will cause *their own* lack, decrease, and poverty. The choice is up to us. Believers are called to separate from carnal, unclean, and immoral ways (Romans 8:7; 1 Peter 2:9).

- ✿ **Romans 8:6-8** “For [*a believer*] to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God/*Elohim*; for it is not subject to the law of God/*Elohim*, nor indeed can be. So then, those [*believers*] who are in the flesh cannot please God/*Elohim*.”
- ✿ **Hosea 4:6** “My people [*believers*] are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because they rejected knowledge, I also reject you as my priests: because you have ignored the law of your God/*Elohim*, I also will ignore your children.”
- ✿ **Hebrews 12:14** “[*Believers*] Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord”

Believers receive salvation and redemption through Yeshua. He has bridged the gap for our lack of understanding. Now that we have read and studied the ways that can bring separation from God/*Elohim* and what causes defilement among His people, it is now up to us to reject and protect against that which adversely affects our lives. The walk of redemption is not for salvation purposes but consecration and sanctification. True repentance of the heart is a sweet aroma before Him. There is no condemnation for those who walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh (Romans 8:1). May we be people who wholeheartedly return to Yeshua, who loves us deeply and died for *all* our sins and washed us *clean*.

- ✿ **Isaiah 66:1-2** “This is what the LORD/*Yahweh* says: ‘Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be? Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?’ declares the LORD/*Yahweh*. ‘This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word.’

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