

Notes: June 23, 2018

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

1. Shabbat Shalom – Service Begins
2. Prayer for America and it's Leadership
3. Children's Song:
4. Children's Lesson:
5. Children's Blessing and Dismissal to Class
6. Welcome, Announcements, and Prayer
7. Matovu
8. Drash –
9. Name of God For the Week:
10. Liturgy
11. Prayer
12. Worship in Music and Dance
13. Rabbi Stephen's Message: *Beit Yeshua vs. Beit Hillel and Beit Shammai*
14. Kiddush

Children's Blessing:

Transliteration: *Ye'simcha Elohim ke-Ephraim ve hee-Menashe*

English: *May God make you like Ephraim and Menashe*

Transliteration: *Ye'simech Elohim ke-Sarah, Rivka, Rachel ve-Leah.*

English: *May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.*

Introduction: Adonai's Progressiveness

There is a term that is being used frequently today...Progressive

For which I have two definitions:

1. happening or developing gradually or in stages; proceeding step by step.
2. a person advocating or implementing social reform or new, liberal ideas.

In today's American culture there is a move, originating from left of center on the political spectrum

**New Progressive movement of America** - originated back in 2010 with the “Occupy WallStreet” movement has continued with the election of what are identified as “more progressive” Democratic candidates such as Elizabeth Warren. The face of this movement could be identified as Bernie Sanders, an independent senator from Vermont.

There is a fundamental difference when it comes to core economic issues when relating a liberal Democrat and a progressive Democrat.

Traditional “liberals” in our current political climate are those who focus on using taxpayer money to help better society.

A “progressive” are those who focus on using government power to make large institutions play by a set of rules.

In other words, not just increased taxes for the government to spend is the answer, but more taxes and government involvement is the answer. In other words the government will take care of everything. Hence, going back to 2016, what were some of the things Bernie Sanders advocated –

- free college tuition for public universities and colleges
- job growth through infrastructure programs funded by the government (tried by Obama and didn't work)

To name just two.

**Progressive Rock** - bands who abandoned standard [pop](#) traditions in favour of [instrumentation](#) and [compositional](#) techniques more frequently associated with [jazz](#), [folk](#), or [classical music](#).

Growing up, I was into progressive rock, more specifically the fusion with classical music. There was a greater depth to the music than what you would identify as pop rock. It was the introduction of a different style of music into another style where the term

## **Progressive Conservative Party of Canada**

A political party that was center-right on the political spectrum

The term progressive is widely used to not only identify, but differentiate from an established norm.

Progressive Democrat vs. Democrat

Progressive Rock music vs. Rock music

Yet, when we talk about the progressiveness of Adonai, we are not differentiating between established norms but rather the nature by which Adonai has revealed Himself, His plan and His purpose for our lives.

The Progressiveness of Adonai...

Yeshua may have been identified as a progressive because based on one of the definitions

1. a person advocating or implementing social reform or new, liberal ideas.

He was one who advocated and social reform within Judea...Yet not a new radical change, but rather a return to the foundational structure of Adonai. He had not come at that time to implement these changes, but bare in mind these changes Yeshua advocated will be implemented upon His return.

Many of Yeshua's teachings and confrontations revolved around the Traditions of the Elders or Oral Law. He was advocating social reform to the leaders, not of Torah but of tradition.

**Mat 11:28** "Come to me, all of you who are struggling and burdened, and I will give you rest.

**Mat 11:29** Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

**Mat 11:30** For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Judaism speaks of the "yoke of Heaven," the commitment any Jew must make to trust in God, and the "yoke of the Torah," the concomitant commitment an observant Jew makes to keep the generalities and details of *halakhah*.

Yeshua speaks of his own easy yoke and light burden. These two are sometimes contrasted in a way implying that in comparison with Judaism, Christianity offers "cheap grace." But this saying of Yeshua's must be put alongside remarks such as at 10:38 ([Luk 9:23-24](#)).

The easy yoke consists in a total commitment to godliness through a lifestyle that is grounded in Torah as confirmed through the New Covenant and empowered through the Ruach ha Kodesh (Holy Spirit).

It at once requires both no effort and maximal effort—no effort, in that the necessary moment-to-moment faith can not be worked up from within but is a gift of God ([Eph 2:8-9](#)); and maximal effort, in that there is no predeterminable level of holiness and obedience sufficient to satisfy God and let us rest on our laurels.

Contrast Yeshua's yoke with what He conveys to the P'rushim and Torah teachers:

**Mar 7:6** Yeshua answered them, "Yesha`yahu was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites — as it is written, 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far away from me.

**Mar 7:7** Their worship of me is useless, because they teach man-made rules as if they were doctrines.'

**Mar 7:8** "You depart from God's command and hold onto human tradition.

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## Progressive Revelation

Revelation - the divine or supernatural disclosure to humans of something relating to human existence or the world.

Little by little, Adonai reveals to us,

- His plan for His creation
- His way of life for His creation

We see glimpses throughout Scripture of Torah and the foundation given to Israel. None is more prevalent than the Passover itself...

From Adam and Eve and Adonai's sacrifice in covering their transgression, yet not exonerating them from the consequences of their transgression.

**Gen 3:21** Adonai, God, made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

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Adonai providing a ram for Avraham, is sparing the life of Yitzchak.

**Gen 22:13** Avraham raised his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in the bushes by its horns. Avraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering in place of his son.

**Gen 22:14** Avraham called the place Adonai Yir'eh [*Adonai will see (to it), Adonai provides*] — as it is said to this day, "On the mountain Adonai is seen."

Both provide a glimpse into the future. As Adonai reveals His redemptive plan for His creation and in dealing with the transgression of the adversary, Adonai pulls the curtain a little further with the Exodus from Egypt as concluded through the Passover.

When was the case in Genesis 3 and Genesis 22, Adonai was the provider. So to, with the Passover, a lamb would

### **Progressive Sanctification**

**Sanctification** is the act or process of acquiring sanctity, of being made or becoming [holy](#).

As we have been studying Leviticus, a phrase is used by Adonai when conveying many of His Mitzvot to them as the reason behind following them.

“Be Holy, because I am Holy”

In other words – Be dedicated or consecrated to God.

In essence Adonai is teaching Israel through Moshe His ways and how to be a goy kadosh – A holy nation.

Yet as we look at the timeframe of this, when Adonai delivered Israel from Egyptian slavery were they fully sanctified?

Adonai called them His first born...

**Exo 4:22** Then you are to tell Pharaoh: 'Adonai says, "Isra'el is my firstborn son.

**Exo 6:6** "Therefore, say to the people of Isra'el: 'I am Adonai. I will free you from the forced labor of the Egyptians, rescue you from their oppression, and redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.

**Exo 6:7** I will take you as my people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am Adonai your God, who freed you from the forced labor of the Egyptians.

Yet in preparing them to become a goy kadosh, it did not happen overnight.

In a similar manner, Adonai called you / invited you to Yeshua. This is the initial sanctification, being made holy by Adonai.

Go back to when you first accepted Yeshua as your Messiah / Savior. How much did you know about Adonai's ways?

How much did you learn after you after your decision to follow Him?

Adonai sets you apart when you accepted, but then you had to grow into His sanctification. How many of you, after you became a believer were convicted by Scripture and through the Ruach ha Kodesh, to give up things from before you became a believer?

How many of you are still doing this today?

We become sanctified when He calls and we answer, an initial sanctification. But, then we need to grow into His Sanctification – Be Holy, because I Am Holy.