

Notes: May 23 2015

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

1. Meet and Greet
2. Introduction (if new people)
3. Ma Tov
4. Open in Prayer for service
5. Liturgy – Sh'ma +
6. Announcements
7. Praise and Worship Songs
8. Message
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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 Reveals Who He Is On Shavuot

Technically, tomorrow, the first day of the week is Shavuot. Today is erev Shavuot.

Tomorrow, on this day, we recognize two things as believers in Yeshua.

1. The giving of Torah

By the grace of Adonai, He has revealed His wisdom, insight and ways.

By no means was He ever required to do so. There were times throughout history that He had regretted ever creating us...

Gen 6:5 Adonai saw that the people on earth were very wicked, that all the imaginings of their hearts were always of evil only.

Gen 6:6 Adonai regretted that he had made humankind on the earth; it grieved his heart.

Or when Israel submitted to idolatry after leaving Egypt...

Exo 32:9 Adonai continued speaking to Moshe: "I have been watching these people; and you can see how stiffnecked they are.

Exo 32:10 Now leave me alone, so that my anger can blaze against them, and I can put an end to them! I will make a great nation out of you instead."

If it were not for Moshe to interceded...

Exo 32:11 Moshe pleaded with Adonai his God. He said, "Adonai, why must your anger blaze against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and a strong hand?"

Exo 32:12 Why let the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intentions that he led them out, to slaughter them in the hills and wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger! Relent! Don't bring such disaster on your people!

Exo 32:13 Remember Avraham, Yitz'chak and Isra'el, your servants, to whom you swore by your very self. You promised them, 'I will make your descendants as many as the stars in the sky; and I will give all this land I have spoken about to your descendants; and they will possess it forever.' "

Exo 32:14 Adonai then changed his mind about the disaster he had planned for his people.

Where would we be today had Moshe not interceded?

It would be a much different world.

In the first place had Moshe not conveyed this stark truth regarding those that came before Him and the Covenant made with them directly, we would have no way or no hope. Death would be imminent and final. Why?

Because the God whom we serve today, who keeps His Word and His promises, would not have kept this promise and therefore would have been deemed by His own Word to be a liar.

How could we have been redeemed by the One who would redeem us IF He had transgressed His own word?

Exo 20:16 (20:13) "Do not give false evidence against your neighbor.

Was it a test for Moshe or was it really going to happen?

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It says Adonai changed His mind.

Yet He revealed His mitzvots, His instructions in spoken word, first, heard by all.

Then in writing, He gave them to Moshe, who would then give them to Israel, to be His people, His own unique treasure.

He didn't do this once, but twice with Israel.

A gift what no other people has ever received.

There is great debate about Torah today among believers.

- Its oppressive
- Its bondage
- Its legalism

To the point, when Sha'ul is speaking about Torah in Romans 8, he speaks of two:

Rom 8:2 Why? Because the Torah of the Spirit, which produces this life in union with Messiah Yeshua, has set me free from the "Torah" of sin and death.

The Torah of the Spirit is what many understand as the New Covenant writings. When Yeshua said...

Joh 14:15 "If you love me, you will keep my commands;

Where in stark contrast they relate the torah of sin and death to be the 5 books of Moshe.

Rom 7:8 But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, worked in me all kinds of evil desires — for apart from Torah, sin is dead.

Yet in just the verse prior, Sha'ul makes the following statement:

Rom 7:7 Therefore, what are we to say? That the Torah is sinful? Heaven forbid! Rather, the function of the Torah was that without it, I would not have known what sin is. For example, I would not have become conscious of what greed is if the Torah had not said, "Thou shalt not covet."

But, what many don't realize when they have accepted this stance, it is not Torah, but sin itself that does this.

Yet the New Covenant writings are the addendum to Torah. They provide us with further insight from the author.

Earlier this week, Matthew Weiner, creator of "Mad Men" gave an interview after the series finally. He conveyed additional insight regarding the final episode and what he had intended to convey.

It was the author who can best provide insight. Anyone else is providing commentary.

Anyone else can only draw a conclusion based on the text that has been provided by the writer.

The second dynamic we are recognizing today is...

2. The giving of the Ruach Ha Kodesh

What happened at this time, some 2000 years ago was the empowerment of the New Covenant Adonai would establish through Israel as conveyed to Jeremiah...

Jer 31:31 (31:30) "Here, the days are coming," says Adonai, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Isra'el and with the house of Y'hudah.

Jer 31:32 (31:31) It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day I took them by their hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt; because they, for their part, violated my covenant, even though I, for my part, was a husband to them," says Adonai.

Jer 31:33 (31:32) "For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Isra'el after those days," says Adonai: "I will put my Torah within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Jer 31:34 (31:33) No longer will any of them teach his fellow community member or his brother, 'Know Adonai'; for all will know me, from the least of them to the greatest; because I will forgive their wickednesses and remember their sins no more."

Jer 31:35 (31:34) This is what Adonai says, who gives the sun as light for the day, who ordained the laws for the moon and stars to provide light for the night, who stirs up the sea until its waves roar — Adonai-Tzva'ot is his name:

Jer 31:36 (31:35) "If these laws leave my presence," says Adonai, "then the offspring of Isra'el will stop being a nation in my presence forever."

and Ezekiel...

Eze 36:25 Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your uncleanness and from all your idols.

Eze 36:26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit inside you; I will take the stony heart out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Eze 36:27 I will put my Spirit inside you and cause you to live by my laws, respect my rulings and obey them.

Eze 36:28 You will live in the land I gave to your ancestors. You will be my people, and I will be your God.

The infilling of the Ruach Ha Kodesh once reserved for The High Priest, The Prophets and The King, Adonai, in His wisdom and grace poured out His Ruach upon all man kind.

The power of the Spirit of Adonai, would be poured out on the nations as well.

Act 15:7 After lengthy debate, Kefa got up and said to them, "Brothers, you yourselves know that a good while back, God chose me from among you to be the one by whose mouth the Goyim should hear the message of the Good News and come to trust.

Act 15:8 And God, who knows the heart, bore them witness by giving the Ruach HaKodesh to them, just as he did to us;

Act 15:9 that is, he made no distinction between us and them, but cleansed their heart by trust.

We are the recipients of the Wisdom of Adonai through His instructions and the Power through His Spirit, enabling us to live by them.

Regardless of what people try to tell you, Scripture is extremely clear about its position in our lives and the impact it should result in.

I say should, because there is a great battle that goes on within us.

Just yesterday I received this call out of the blue. When I saw the area code, being Tennessee, I thought it was a colleague who was calling to continue our conversation from earlier this week. Needless to say, I told Jeri after the phone call, that I wished I hadn't answered it.

Needless to say, if I didn't answer it, I wouldn't be sharing it with you today.

A gentleman called me to ask about Scriptures referring to satan. I went into the details, but needless to say, he asked, yet spent the first 20 minutes of the phone call giving me his opinion. Needless to say, the conversation was not productive, yet in this gentleman's words – he believes the words of Jesus rather than what man says about Isaiah 14 or Ezekiel 28, yet out of this gentleman's mouth came the following words:

"I don't believe that Messiah is God"

I responded, wanting to clarify what he had said - so you are saying that Jesus is not God.

He affirmed what I had said.

Needless to say, my initial thought was that this gentleman has bigger issues than who satan is.

It was interesting because during our conversation he said that he would stand at judgment having not called Yeshua a liar, based on the passage that he referenced during our conversation - John 8:44.

Yet does not believe in the deity of Yeshua.

Rom 10:4 For the goal at which the Torah aims is the Messiah, who offers righteousness to everyone who trusts.

Joh 14:9 Yeshua replied to him, "Have I been with you so long without your knowing me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Joh 14:10 Don't you believe that I am united with the Father, and the Father united with me? What I am telling you, I am not saying on my own initiative; the Father living in me is doing his own works.

Joh 14:11 Trust me, that I am united with the Father, and the Father united with me. But if you can't, then trust because of the works themselves.

So, let us be mindful of Psalm 1 and the reality of the wisdom conveyed by the Psalmist as directed by Adonai.

Psa 1:1 How blessed are those who reject the advice of the wicked, don't stand on the way of sinners or sit where scoffers sit!

Psa 1:2 Their delight is in Adonai's Torah; on his Torah they meditate day and night.

Psa 1:3 They are like trees planted by streams - they bear their fruit in season, their leaves never wither, everything they do succeeds.

Psa 1:4 Not so the wicked, who are like chaff driven by the wind.

Psa 1:5 For this reason the wicked won't stand up to the judgment, nor will sinners at the gathering of the righteous.

Psa 1:6 For Adonai watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The wicked are doomed, only if they choose never to turn to Adonai.

And the wisdom Adonai conveyed through Isaiah:

Isa 55:6 Seek Adonai while he is available, call on him while he is still nearby.

Isa 55:7 Let the wicked person abandon his way and the evil person his thoughts; let him return to Adonai, and he will have mercy on him; let him return to our God, for he will freely forgive.

Isa 55:8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways are not my ways," says Adonai.

Isa 55:9 "As high as the sky is above the earth are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isa 55:10 For just as rain and snow fall from the sky and do not return there, but water the earth, causing it to bud and produce, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater;

Isa 55:11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth — it will not return to me unfulfilled; but it will accomplish what I intend, and cause to succeed what I sent it to do."

Isa 55:12 Yes, you will go out with joy, you will be led forth in peace. As you come, the mountains and hills will burst out into song, and all the trees in the countryside will clap their hands.

Isa 55:13 Cypresses will grow in place of thorns, myrtles will grow instead of briars. This will bring fame to Adonai as an eternal, imperishable sign.

Shavuot is a joyous time. A Feast unlike the others. All of Adonai's Feasts are unique, yet it is at Shavuot that Adonai reveals Himself unlike any other time. On Shavuot, we received Torah. In receiving Torah, we were permitted to enter the mind of Adonai through His mitzvots. In some cases, He provides us with the reasons behind why He is instructing us, while at other times He responds as a parent would to a child "because I said so." It is through Israel's unique relationship with Adonai and the receiving of Torah that we can have a relationship through Yeshua, because of what I had stated prior from Romans 10:4

Shavuot is a powerful time. It is at this time that Adonai pours out His Spirit upon mankind, to the Jew first and equally to the nations. The same Spirit that brought forth the creation of the world, including us now resides in us.

It is during this Feast that we have the opportunity to truly know Adonai. This is where and when you can truly see what His will is and how it relates to our lives.