

Notes: Shabbat – February 11, 2012

Start: 10 am

**Order of Service:**

Meet and Greet  
Introduction (if new people)  
Announcements  
Open in Prayer for service  
Liturgy – Shema  
Praise and Worship Songs  
Message  
Time of Prayer  
Aaronic Blessing  
Kiddush  
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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: Have The Ways of Adonai Changed – Part 1

An interesting Midrash from this week's Parshah regarding the acceptance of Torah.

“When other nations were asked to accept Torah, they declined after they had learned that its commands would contradict with their national practices and lifestyle.

On the other hand, Israel accepted Torah even before it had heard its full demands,

They had promised to carry out God's will before learning what His demands were.

This weeks Parshah recounts Israel's receiving of Adonai's Torah.

When we read the account, they had yet to hear what the demands of Torah would be, but accepted by trusting in the one who redeemed and delivered them from Egyptian bondage.

The question I want you to keep on your minds for today is...

“Have the ways of Adonai changed?”

## Torah Blessing

**Exo 19:3** Moshe went up to God, and Adonai called to him from the mountain: "Here is what you are to say to the household of Ya`akov, to tell the people of Isra'el:

**Exo 19:4** 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.

**Exo 19:5** Now if you will pay careful attention to what I say and keep my covenant, then you will be my own treasure from among all the peoples, for all the earth is mine;

**Exo 19:6** and you will be a kingdom of cohanim for me, a nation set apart.' These are the words you are to speak to the people of Isra'el."

**Exo 19:7** Moshe came, summoned the leaders of the people and presented them with all these words which Adonai had ordered him to say.

**Exo 19:8** All the people answered as one, "Everything Adonai has said, we will do." Moshe reported the words of the people to Adonai.

## Torah Blessing

There is a perception that exists today regarding the ways of Adonai having changed.

Because we are under a New Covenant, all covenants prior have been made null and void. ("Covenant Confusion")

Many teachings have permeated Adonai's congregation that have led to anything but unity and harmony.

For what purpose?

I am not going to go into any of them, but you are to know that you are constantly warned about such things:

**2Pe 2:1** But among the people there were also false prophets, just as there will be false teachers among you. Under false pretenses they will introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, and thus bring on themselves swift destruction.

**2Pe 2:2** Many will follow their debaucheries; and because of them, the true Way will be maligned.

**1Ti 4:1** The Spirit expressly states that in the acharit-hayamim some people will apostatize from the faith by paying attention to deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

**1Ti 4:2** Such teachings come from the hypocrisy of liars whose own consciences have been burned, as if with a red-hot branding iron.

**1Ti 4:3** They forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods which God created to be eaten with thanksgiving by those who have come to trust and to know the truth.

Expand – not relating to kosher

prohibition by some denomination of the drinking of wine and alcohol.

Warning with regards to teaching:

**Jas 3:1** Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, since you know that we will be judged more severely.

Unfortunately, it isn't as easy as applying scripture to it, because in many instances the scripture of Adonai is being used to create these false doctrines and teachings.

Scripture + context of the scripture are both required.

In this weeks Parshah, Moshe receives some God inspired instruction from his father-in-law...

**Exo 18:20** You should also teach them the laws and the teachings, and show them how to live their lives and what work they should do.

One is to teach.

Remember the question I asked you to keep on your mind?

**Exo 19:5** Now if you will pay careful attention to what I say and keep my covenant, then you will be my own treasure from among all the peoples, for all the earth is mine;

The JPS translation states: "Now then, if you will obey Me faithfully and keep My covenant, you shall be to me a treasured possession among all the peoples. Indeed, all the earth is mine.

What does Messiah say:

**Joh 14:15** "If you love me, you will keep my commands; (to be expanded upon)

In several examples, Yeshua instructs – "follow Me"

**Mat 9:9** As Yeshua passed on from there he spotted a tax-collector named Mattityahu sitting in his collection booth. He said to him, "Follow me!" and he got up and followed him.

Is there really any difference to what Adonai expected from Israel at Sinai and what He expects from us as believers and followers of Messiah today?

So, how do we guard against such things that are being taught.

- The first thing that you have in your favor as a believer and follower in Messiah is the Ruach ha Kodesh...The very spirit of Adonai that we see in Genesis 1:2
- Don't take what anyone says without doing your own study of the scripture in its proper context.

The common saying is "ask 3 Rabbi's a question – get 4 different answers"

With the guidance of the Ruach ha Kodesh, we have to be our own filters when it comes to all the teachings that are out there today.

The old adage is - "if it is too good to be true, it probably is"

Tell me if this doesn't sound familiar:

**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.

What does this sound like? The plagues against Egypt.

**Joh 14:12** Yes, indeed! I tell you that whoever trusts in me will also do the works I do! Indeed, he will do greater ones, because I am going to the Father.

**Joh 14:13** In fact, whatever you ask for in my name, I will do; so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

**Joh 14:14** If you ask me for something in my name, I will do it.

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

Does this sound familiar?

**Joh 14:16** and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another comforting Counselor like me, the Spirit of Truth, to be with you forever.

**Joh 14:17** The world cannot receive him, because it neither sees nor knows him. You know him, because he is staying with you and will be united with you.

**Joh 14:18** I will not leave you orphans — I am coming to you.