

Notes: Shabbat – February 25, 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
Oneg

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:

Two weeks ago I had asked you if anything with Adonai has changed as a result of the New Covenant

Two weeks ago it was directed specifically towards...a covenant relationship and its requirements...went something like this...

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;

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

The intention is the same...Adonai's desire to have a relationship with His people.

I am going to continue along the same premise...

Today's Parshah Terumah, meaning contribution, gift or freewill offering provides a detailed blue print given by Adonai to Moshe regarding the construction of the Mishkan (Tabernacle) for which was intended to be the place where Adonai would reside when amongst the people. A place where sacrifices would be offered and Adonai would communicate to the people through Moshe and the High Priest

Adonai desires to dwell amongst His people...

To dwell:

- To live as a resident
- To exist in a given place

In order for Adonai to dwell as a resident, He would require a place where He could reside.

Hence He has given extremely specific instruction regarding what His residence is to be.

From the beginning, Adonai desired to dwell with His creation:

Gen 2:7 Then Adonai, God, formed a person [*Hebrew: adam*] from the dust of the ground [*Hebrew: adamah*] and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, so that he became a living being.

Adonai's breath of life was the very Spirit (essence) of Adonai that gave us life, we see in Genesis 1:2:

Gen 1:2 The earth was unformed and void, darkness was on the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God hovered over the surface of the water.

In order for us to live, He had to reside in us. It was His very Spirit that gave us life in the first place.

We can say that from our very creation, Adonai has desired to interact with His creation.

At first, it was direct interaction...one on one.

Through our transgression, a separation would occur to the point it would be like there was a glass partition that would separate us.

Did Adonai's desire change?

Because of our transgression, did He not want to be with His creation?

He could have easily washed His hands of us and almost did...

Instead, He chose a person for whom would become a nation that would bring forth His instructions to the nations.

He gave them His instructions that would set them apart from the other nations.

He would instruct them regarding the building of a Tabernacle where He would dwell with His people.

Even during times of transgression, that would further separate Adonai from His people, He never lost the desire to be amongst them...so much so, that He would establish a New Covenant with them...a second chance just as Israel received after the golden calf.

This New Covenant would restore our relationship with Adonai as it had first been. The very Spirit of Adonai that gave us life, would be given to us again.

Mat 3:11 It's true that I am immersing you in water so that you might turn from sin to God; but the one coming after me is more powerful than I — I'm not worthy even to carry his sandals — and he will immerse you in the Ruach HaKodesh and in fire.

Sha'ul says this:

2Ti 1:13 Follow the pattern of the sound teachings you have heard from me, with trust and the love which is yours in the Messiah Yeshua.

2Ti 1:14 Keep safe the great treasure that has been entrusted to you, with the help of the Ruach HaKodesh, who lives in us.

Joh 14:26 But the Counselor, the Ruach HaKodesh, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything; that is, he will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Some people will ask, what's in it for me...when they should really be asking, who's in me?

Heb 8:1 Here is the whole point of what we have been saying: we do have just such a cohen gadol as has been described. And he does sit at the right hand of HaG'dulah in heaven.

Heb 8:2 There he serves in the Holy Place, that is, in the true Tent of Meeting, the one erected not by human beings but by Adonai.

Heb 8:3 For every cohen gadol is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices; so this cohen gadol too has to have something he can offer.

Heb 8:4 Now if he were on earth, he wouldn't be a cohen at all, since there already are cohanim offering the gifts required by the Torah.

Heb 8:5 But what they are serving is only a copy and shadow of the heavenly original; for when Moshe was about to erect the Tent, God warned him, "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern you were shown on the mountain."

Heb 8:6 But now the work Yeshua has been given to do is far superior to theirs, just as the covenant he mediates is better. For this covenant has been given as Torah on the basis of better promises.