

Notes: November 7, 2015

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

1. Meet and Greet
2. Introduction (if new people)
3. Ma Tovv
4. Open in Prayer for service
5. Liturgy – Sh'ma +
6. Announcements
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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: Honor Adonai and He Will Honor You

Honor Adonai and He will honor you.

This is a very simple statement, yet why do so many people struggle with it?

Honor = to regard with great respect

Glorify = to make clear the glory of God by one's actions (exalt)
= "rum"

Exo 5:1 After that, Moshe and Aharon came and said to Pharaoh, "Here is what Adonai, the God of Isra'el, says: 'Let my people go, so that they can celebrate a festival in the desert to honor me.' "

I want to share a testimony with you from Mark, who shared it with me on Tuesday evening after Bible study.

I asked him how his last fishing trip was.

He had one word to describe it - "terrible"

I asked further what he meant.

He told me that the fish just weren't there.

This past trip I believe he went out Thursday and came back either Sunday or Monday to where I had observed this

to be the first time in several weeks that he didn't go out Sunday and come back Thursday. Meaning, he was absent from synagogue.

Then he had indicated to me when he went out Sunday and came back Thursday, his hauls were much larger.

Interesting...so when you fish “harder”, that is working according to man's way, you do not bear much fruit or in this case fish for your labor.

However, when you fish “smarter” and exclude Shabbat from your schedule, you actually caught more.

When he is back on Thursday, he is at synagogue on Shabbat.

Mark even indicated that when he was at synagogue, he also felt much better physically. The trip when he went out during the week and returned for service was less of a drain on him physically.

To where, another fishing story comes to mind...

Luk 5:1 One day, as Yeshua was standing on the shore of Lake Kinneret, with the people pressing in around him in order to hear the word of God,

Luk 5:2 he noticed two boats pulled up on the beach, left there by the fishermen, who were cleaning their nets.

Luk 5:3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Shim`on, and asked him to put out a little way from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

Luk 5:4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Shim`on, "Put out into deep water, and let down your nets for a catch."

Luk 5:5 Shim`on answered, "We've worked hard all night long, Rabbi, and haven't caught a thing! But if you say so, I'll let down the nets."

Luk 5:6 They did this and took in so many fish that their nets began to tear.

Luk 5:7 So they motioned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them; and they came and filled both boats to the point of sinking.

Yeshua would go on to tell Shim'on that he would be a fisher of men.

The point that I want to get across with Mark and with Luke 5 is that both were acts of obedience that ultimately honored the one who is to be glorified.

Mark, by following God's way of working during the six days and setting aside the Sabbath and attending synagogue, rather than man's way of being told these are the days that “I” want you to work have been beneficial in that...

1. He had better results
2. He was better rested

Ultimately to the point because He honored Adonai, Adonai has honored him.

Consider Exodus 35:2...

Exo 35:2 On six days work is to be done, but the seventh day is to be a holy day for you, a Shabbat of complete rest in honor of Adonai. Whoever does any work on it is to be put to death.

The purpose of Shabbat, given to Israel is to honor Adonai, in that it is the sign He gave them that represents the Covenant given through Moshe.

Likewise, those who come alongside Israel, in other words as Sha'ul conveys to the Ephesians...

Eph 2:13 But now, you who were once far off have been brought near through the shedding of the Messiah's blood.

Are able to honor Adonai in this same manner in that there is no other day of the week that has been set apart – sanctified, meaning Holy, as Shabbat is to Adonai.

But this is only the beginning...

When we honor Him, He will honor us.

Adonai, through the prophet Isaiah conveyed this very same truth when it was conveyed that Israel would rebuild the Temple, upon returning from their time of exile:

Isa 58:11 Adonai will always guide you; he will satisfy your needs in the desert, he will renew the strength in your limbs; so that you will be like a watered garden, like a spring whose water never fails.

Isa 58:12 You will rebuild the ancient ruins, raise foundations from ages past, and be called "Repairer of broken walls, Restorer of streets to live in."

Isa 58:13 "If you hold back your foot on Shabbat from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call Shabbat a delight, Adonai's holy day, worth honoring; then honor it by not doing your usual things or pursuing your interests or speaking about them.

You are to rebuild my way, not your way.

Isa 58:14 If you do, you will find delight in Adonai — I will make you ride on the heights of the land and feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Ya`akov, for the mouth of Adonai has spoken."

If you follow my ways, you are honoring Me and therefore I will honor you.

It is all about a proper attitude...

The people giving for the construction of the Temple:

1Ch 29:9 The people were filled with joy, because they had given willingly — wholeheartedly they had given willingly to Adonai; and David the king too was completely filled with joy,

1Ch 29:10 as he blessed Adonai before the entire community: "Blessed be you, Adonai, the God of Isra'el our father, forever and ever.

1Ch 29:11 Yours, Adonai, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. The kingdom is yours, Adonai; and you are exalted as head over all.

1Ch 29:12 Riches and honor come from you, you rule everything, in your hand is power and strength, you have the capacity to make great and to give strength to all.

1Ch 29:13 Therefore, our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name.

Then David made this statement...

1Ch 29:14 "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to give so willingly in this way? For all things come from you, so that we have given you what is already yours.

1Ch 29:15 For in your presence we are temporary residents, just passing through, as all our ancestors were — our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope.

1Ch 29:16 Adonai our God, all these supplies that we have prepared in order to build you a house for your holy name come from your own hand, all of it is already yours.

1Ch 29:17 I know also, my God, that you test the heart and take pleasure in integrity. As for myself, I have given all these things willingly, in the integrity of my heart; and now, with joy, I have seen your people who are present here give willingly to you.

You don't need what we honor You with, yet it honors You when we do these things with a proper heart and attitude.

Sha'ul conveys the same principle...

2Co 9:7 Each should give according to what he has decided in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

It is all about a right attitude in Honoring Adonai.
There is wisdom found in what I am saying...

Pro 3:35 The wise win honor, but fools win shame.

Pro 21:21 He who pursues righteousness and kindness finds life, prosperity and honor.

These are found through the Word of Adonai and received when we first honor Him.

I was going to only read Psalm 50:11, but as I usually do, when identifying a specific verse, I read the entire passage to make certain that I am not misusing the context, eliminating the context or creating a new context that is out of context.

In this case,

Psa 50:1 [*A psalm of Asaf:*] The Mighty One, God, Adonai, is speaking, summoning the world from east to west.

Psa 50:2 Out of Tziyon, the perfection of beauty, God is shining forth.

Psa 50:3 Our God is coming and not staying silent. With a fire devouring ahead of him and a great storm raging around him,

Psa 50:4 he calls to the heavens above and to earth, in order to judge his people.

Psa 50:5 "Gather to me my faithful, those who made a covenant with me by sacrifice."

You as believers in Yeshua have come into a Covenant relationship through His sacrifice.

Psa 50:6 The heavens proclaim his righteousness, for God himself is judge. (Selah)

Psa 50:7 "Listen, my people, I am speaking: Isra'el, I am testifying against you, I, God, your God.

Psa 50:8 I am not rebuking you for your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.

Psa 50:9 I have no need for a bull from your farm or for male goats from your pens;

Psa 50:10 for all forest creatures are mine already, as are the animals on a thousand hills;

Psa 50:11 I know all the birds in the mountains; whatever moves in the fields is mine.

Psa 50:12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world is mine, and everything in it.

Psa 50:13 Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?

It is not the action but the right attitude that Adonai desires...

Psa 50:14 Offer thanksgiving as your sacrifice to God, pay your vows to the Most High,

Psa 50:15 and call on me when you are in trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me."

He is desiring your undivided heart, casting everything towards Him, to where ultimately your faith in Him will be the honor Adonai receives.

Sha'ul conveys the same message:

Rom 12:1 I exhort you, therefore, brothers, in view of God's mercies, to offer yourselves as a sacrifice, living and set apart for God. This will please him; it is the logical "Temple worship" for you.

Rom 12:2 In other words, do not let yourselves be conformed to the standards of the `olam hazeh. Instead, keep letting yourselves be transformed by the renewing of your minds; so that you will know what God wants and will agree that what he wants is good, satisfying and able to succeed.

Psa 50:16 But to the wicked God says: "What right do you have to proclaim my laws or take my covenant on your lips,

Psa 50:17 when you so hate to receive instruction and fling my words behind you?

How do you view His Word?

What do you do with His Word?

Psa 50:18 When you see a thief, you join up with him, you throw in your lot with adulterers,

Psa 50:19 you give your mouth free rein for evil and harness your tongue to deceit;

Psa 50:20 you sit and speak against your kinsman, you slander your own mother's son.

Psa 50:21 When you do such things, should I stay silent? You may have thought I was just like you; but I will rebuke and indict you to your face.

Psa 50:22 Consider this, you who forget God, or I will tear you to pieces, with no one to save you.

Psa 50:23 "Whoever offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice honors me; and to him who goes the right way I will show the salvation of God."

Salvation comes from Adonai and no one or nowhere else.

Do you have the heart of Avraham?

Do you have the faith of Avraham?

Gen 22:10 Then Avraham put out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.

Gen 22:11 But the angel of Adonai called to him out of heaven: "Avraham? Avraham!" He answered, "Here I am."

Gen 22:12 He said, "Don't lay your hand on the boy! Don't do anything to him! For now I know that you are a man who fears God, because you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

Gen 22:15 The angel of Adonai called to Avraham a second time out of heaven.

Gen 22:16 He said, "I have sworn by myself — says Adonai — that because you have done this, because you haven't

withheld your son, your only son,

Gen 22:17 I will most certainly bless you; and I will most certainly increase your descendants to as many as there are stars in the sky or grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants will possess the cities of their enemies,

Gen 22:18 and by your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed — because you obeyed my order."

To convey in my own words Adonai's response to Avraham...

Because you have honored Me, in remaining faithful to my instruction, and though not truly understanding what was to happen, having promised you a son, and not too long afterwards asked you to sacrifice him to Me, you pressed forward in trusting Me. You have honored Me, therefore I will honor you.

I believe many things were going through Avraham's mind in that there was a three day's journey with just him and Yitzchak.

Nothing came between Avraham and Adonai, not even his son. To where this final and hardest trial of Avraham revealed to Adonai the fruit of the covenant, being Avraham's faith in Him.

Are you bearing the same type of fruit that Avraham did?

Are you honoring Him and not letting anything come between you?

Whether it is division between people, unforgiveness, contention, hurt or placing something or someone over and above any of Adonai's instructions

I can tell you from what I have either heard or witnessed that when you place something between you and Him, it can affect you in ways that you may not realize.

Placing something or someone in front of Adonai can lead to increased struggles. I have seen it in this congregation and will not name names.

But I believe some of you are growing to be luke warm if not cold.

Ask yourself this, "Am I going through the motions?"

"Have I lost my joy in Adonai?"

"Am I overwhelmed by everything that is going on around me?"

It is not too late to restore that joy you once knew.

Mat 6:31 "So don't be anxious, asking, 'What will we eat?', 'What will we drink?' or 'How will we be clothed?'

Mat 6:32 For it is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all.

Mat 6:33 But seek first his Kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Mat 6:34 Don't worry about tomorrow — tomorrow will worry about itself! Today has enough tsuris already!

Yeshua even provides us with Himself as an example...

Joh 17:1 After Yeshua had said these things, he looked up toward heaven and said, "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, so that the Son may glorify you —

Joh 17:2 just as you gave him authority over all mankind, so that he might give eternal life to all those whom you

have given him.

Joh 17:3 And eternal life is this: to know you, the one true God, and him whom you sent, Yeshua the Messiah.

Joh 17:4 "I glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.

Joh 17:5 Now, Father, glorify me alongside yourself. Give me the same glory I had with you before the world existed.

Honor Him and He will honor you.