

Notes: Shabbat – January 16, 2021

Start: 10 AM

**Order of service:**

1. Meet and greet
2. Introduction
3. Announcements
4. Liturgy – Ma to vu, Sh'ma, Avenu
5. Music
6. Message
7. Time of prayer
8. Aaronic Blessing
9. Kiddush
10. Oneg

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*not qualified or diminished in any way; that which is total.*

*viewed or existing independently and not in relation to other things; not relative or comparative.*

These are both definitions for the word "absolute"

I believe I needed to first start with defining a term that I will equate to another word that is not always seen as being absolute. The contrary to absolute is subjective.

*based on or influenced by personal feelings, tastes, or opinions.*

*dependent on the mind or on an individual's perception for its existence.*

One is qualified or influenced (subjective) while the other can not be influenced. Two very different aspects, so much so that I would consider absolute vs. Subjective by this verse...

**Psa 103:12** He has removed our sins from us as far as the east is from the west.

As far as the east is from the west is how closely related absolute and subjective are. The two are not similar in any way. Yet the convergence of these two ideas are seen being embraced both inside and outside the body of Messiah.

Truth is subjective. What's the saying – "one man's truth is another man's lie"

Thus if truth is subjective then facts are subjective "a thing that is known or proved to be true." is not that at all. The new normal that had occurred over the last four years is "fact checking" a piece of information that is validated, affirmed, corroborated by other facts. We see social media sites Facebook and Twitter doing this with greater regularity today than four years ago. They have "partners" who fact check statements made on their platforms. Yet the non-science of fact checking is based on the subjective nature of what is known at the time. Yet what is known at the time does not mean "all the facts are in"

Case in point, yesterday Jacob Blake, a man from Wisconsin who was seen resisting arrest and was identified as being unarmed, yet in his own words conveyed he had picked up a knife and was wielding it.

<https://www.goodmorningamerica.com/news/video/jacob-blake-speaks-1st-time-fatal-shooting-exclusive-75246521>

Yet the narrative...the facts presented both before and after were that he was unarmed. Yet the facts now known have not influenced or changed the reporting of the facts then. Facts here are subjective, relative.

And yet facts continue to remain subjective.

Life is a fact yet it is treated as being subjective.

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The aspect of Life is influenced by personal feelings and opinions.

Is life a right?

When does life begin?

The answer to both of these questions have taken on a subjective response. Neither are primarily seen as having one answer – absolute.

In some instances Life is dependent upon the decisions of another.

Someone who murders someone else has chosen to take life away.

Someone who chooses to abort their child has denied life to their child.

Life has become subjective in this world yet Adonai has always seen it as absolute. Nowhere in Scripture is life seen as conditional. Nowhere in Scripture is the aspect of life seen as conditional

There are conditions Adonai establishes for living life, but not the decision of life itself.

There are conditions Adonai establishes for Life in the Kingdom.

The one who has given life is the one, the only one who has the authority to define life.

The origin of life is Adonai. It is His breath that creates all life:

**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.

No matter how you spin it; no matter what you choose to believe, this fact, this absolute truth cannot be ignored.

And yet that which is absolute is being made to be subjective.

We read of Kayin and Haval...

**Gen 4:8** Kayin had words with Hevel his brother; then one time, when they were in the field, Kayin turned on Hevel his brother and killed him.

**Gen 4:9** Adonai said to Kayin, "Where is Hevel your brother?" And he replied, "I don't know; am I my brother's guardian?"

Adonai confronts Kayin about his brother...

**Gen 4:10** He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground!"

Adonai inquires to Kayin...where is your brother because I hear his blood crying out from the ground. His life is crying out from the ground.

For Adonai would reveal to us...

**Lev 17:11** For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for yourselves; for it is the blood that makes atonement because of the life.'

In October of last year I had shared with you a message also entitled L'Chaim, "To Life" where I had talked about the sanctity of life and thus substantiating and honoring the sanctity of the life of the unborn. Today we we as a congregation and as a body in that Sunday will be "Sanctity of Life Sunday" Congregations everywhere will honor the life of the unborn, yet not every congregation will do so.

Here again we see a disconnect as I had shared earlier with that which is absolute in contrast by that which is subjective. One would think the sanctity of life would be settled within the body of Messiah and its many facets, many denominations considering the Word of Adonai is what is supposed to bind the body of Messiah together. Even those denominations that don't fully embrace the Word of Adonai still utilize it, yet not in the authoritative manner by which Scripture should be viewed but in a manner that is seen in some sects of Judaism whereby Torah is more of a suggestion than a manner of life giving direction.

I am reminded of the Words of Adonai to Iyov...

**Job 38:4** "Where were you when I founded the earth? Tell me, if you know so much.

This is the question I would ask those who have selectively chosen what is relevant and what isn't pertaining to what Adonai instructs.

What is the marriage of a man and woman but the means by which life is brought forth as instructed first to Adam and Havah...

**Gen 1:27** So God created humankind in his own image; in the image of God he created him: male and female he created them.

**Gen 1:28** God blessed them: God said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea, the birds in the air and every living creature that crawls on the earth."

It is the only means by which life is created. Even in a lab, the contributions of a man and woman are still a requirement for life. There has not been created by man a synthetic form of life. Artificial intelligence is not life but highly advanced algorithms intended to reason, deduce and thus decide. Yet there is more to life than this. AI cannot feel. AI cannot relate outside of what it has been programmed to learn. AI is not able to be spontaneous.

These are the nuances of life that can not be replicated. The unique nature each life possesses speaks to the eternal boundless nature of Adonai. There is no end to His eternal being because there are no bounds within Eternity.

Therefore, can we not say the same thing pertaining to life?

**Mar 10:6** However, at the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.

**Mar 10:7** For this reason, a man should leave his father and mother and be united with his wife,

**Mar 10:8** and the two are to become one flesh. Thus they are no longer two, but one.

**Mar 10:9** **So then, no one should break apart what God has joined together."**

To break apart...to separate, to destroy. Thus, let no one destroy what Adonai has brought together. He has brought forth life, yet there is an intentional effort to destroy life. The Adversary is the perpetrator of this attack and lie. Yet

The issue is not with Adonai, nor is it with His Word, but the issue is within His people.

All aspects of life are found within His Word yet not everyone embraces the fullness of His Word. In many instances, The Tanakh – Torah, The Prophets and The Writings have been disregarded. The very foundation Adonai has established and Yeshua has affirmed when asked of the most important of all the mitzvot...

**Mat 22:36** "Rabbi, which of the mitzvot in the Torah is the most important?"

**Mat 22:37** He told him, " 'You are to love Adonai your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.'

**Mat 22:38** This is the greatest and most important mitzvah.

**Mat 22:39** And a second is similar to it, 'You are to love your neighbor as yourself.'

**Mat 22:40** All of the Torah and the Prophets are dependent on these two mitzvot."

Have been disregarded. The foundation has been disregarded and thus believers in Messiah do not have a firm and established foundation.

For this reason the body of Messiah is not all in one accord pertaining to the absolute of life.

The sanctity of life, the reverence of life is immersed throughout the Tanakh and the Brith Hadoshah.

To disregard life, to discount life, to devalue life is to deny Adonai the creator of life.

**Psa 119:1** & (*Alef*) How happy are those whose way of life is blameless, who live by the Torah of Adonai!

**Pro 6:23** For the mitzvah is a lamp, Torah is light, and reproofs that discipline are the way to life.

Unfortunately, what was true for Israel...

**Neh 9:28** But as soon as they had gotten some relief, they went back to do evil before you. So you left them in the power of their enemies, who came down hard on them. Yet when they returned and cried out to you, you heard from heaven many times and saved them, according to your compassion.

**Neh 9:29** You warned them, in order to bring them back to your Torah; yet they were arrogant. They paid no attention to your mitzvot, but sinned against your rulings, which, if a person does them, he will have life through them. However, they stubbornly turned their shoulders, stiffened their necks and refused to hear.

Is true today.

A true revival of the body of Messiah requires returning to Him, the giver of life, the sanctifier of life.

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

**Rom 10:5** For Moshe writes about the righteousness grounded in the Torah that the person who does these things will attain life through them.

Let us continue to be reminded here and thus be a reminder to others of the Sanctity of life and its author. You had heard a great deal today pertaining to this. Let us not be as Laurice described be Pro-life in name only, but Pro-life in name always, and thus let our words and deeds testify to the sanctifier of life Adonai.