

Notes: September 11 2021

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: Life, T'shuvah and Torah

The Sunday following this day, churches were packed, seeking God for answers and understanding. Many turning and returning for fear had come as our nation had been attacked. Where are they today? A question I cannot answer for I do not know. Yet a mini return occurred as a result of this fateful day, September 11, 2001...9/11. For this year, Shabbat S'huvah happens to be September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Summer may be waning but our focus of Life and Torah is not, for we have discovered so many attributes pertaining to Life that resides within Torah, the foundation that is the foundation of our Faith. For Sha'ul conveys to Timothy...

**2Ti 2:15** Do all you can to present yourself to God as someone worthy of his approval, as a worker with no need to be ashamed, because he deals straightforwardly with the Word of the Truth.

**2Ti 2:16** But keep away from godless babbling, for those who engage in it will only become more ungodly,

**2Ti 2:17** and their teaching will eat away at people like gangrene. Hymenaeus and Philetus are among these;

**2Ti 2:18** they have missed the mark, as far as the truth is concerned, by saying that our resurrection has already taken place; and they are overturning some people's faith.

**2Ti 2:19** Nevertheless, God's firm foundation stands, stamped with these words: "The Lord knows his own," and, "Let everyone who claims he belongs to the Lord stand apart from wrongdoing."

“The Lord Knows His Own.” is a quote that comes from the time Korach, Datan, Avirim and 250 other leaders came against Moshe and challenged his authority,

**Num 16:3** They assembled themselves against Moshe and Aharon and said to them, "You take too much on yourselves! After all, the entire community is holy, every one of them, and Adonai is among them. So why do you lift yourselves up above Adonai's assembly?"

**Num 16:4** When Moshe heard this he fell on his face.

**Num 16:5** Then he said to Korach and his whole group, "In the morning, Adonai will show who are his and who is the holy person he will allow to approach him. Yes, he will bring whomever he chooses near to himself.

An example of wrongdoing Sha'ul references in those coming against Adonai's chosen leader. A parallel between Moshe and Yeshua for the leadership of His time not only came against Him but plotted to kill Him and were successful in doing so. Little did they know that they were enacting Adonai's plan for they truly did not know what they were doing. Just as Yoseph conveyed to his brothers...

**Gen 50:20** You meant to do me harm, but God meant it for good—so that it would come about as it is today, with many people's lives being saved.

Yeshua brought these very words to life, through His death, burial and resurrection.

For we must establish a foundation that we are to build upon...

**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.

We know the Lord, Messiah Yeshua is faithful to build upon that foundation for is He not the author of our Faith and does He not perfect our Faith?

**Heb 12:1** So then, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us, too, put aside every impediment—that is, the sin which easily hampers our forward movement—and keep running with endurance in the contest set before us,

**Heb 12:2** looking away to the Initiator and Completer of that trusting, Yeshua—who, in exchange for obtaining the joy set before him, endured execution on a stake as a criminal, scorning the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

For is this not the foundation by which He builds His body?

Is this not the foundation by which the Kingdom is established?

For if Torah is the foundation and Yeshua is the Initiator and Completer, there must be a conduit, a connective tissue that establishes a connection to Faith in Yeshua and Torah as our foundation.

Adonai provides His Ruach Ha Kodesh to empower this connection, yet there must be something on our end that aligns and reconciles us?

That aspect of alignment and reconciliation is none other than T'shuvah, repentance and returning or if it is your first time turning, to Adonai, through the knowledge and understanding as conveyed through Adonai's Word. Yet remember it is Adonai who opens the eyes to see...

**Mat 16:15** "But you," he said to them, "who do you say I am?"

**Mat 16:16** Shim'on Kefa answered, "You are the Mashiach, the Son of the living God."

**Mat 16:17** "Shim'on Bar-Yochanan," Yeshua said to him, "how blessed you are! For no human being revealed this to you, no, it was my Father in heaven.

Adonai opens our eyes that enables us to understand.

At the beginning of Elul, the month of repentance, leading up to Rosh Hashanah / Yom T'ruah, initiating the 10 Days of Awe, the 10 Days of Repentance, that brings us to Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, I had sent everyone my sermon notes from last year on what T'shuvah is. For if you don't know what it is, how can you incorporate it into your life thus connecting Torah and Yeshua, our Foundation and the who not only Initiates but Completes our Faith?

To review...

### **The 4 Steps of Repentance**

*T'shuvah* is actually a process of self-evaluation and self-improvement. The Rambam counts four primary steps to the *t'shuva* process:

#### **1. Recognize and discontinue** the improper action.

If I were to associate a song to this first step it would be "Stop In The Name of Love" That is the love of Adonai.

How do we identify these improper actions? Torah

**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."

This is where you have to put on your study hats and search Torah to find if anything you are doing is against Adonai. Keeping in mind, you are not alone in this pursuit. You have Adonai's Torah written on your heart having embraced Yeshua and therefore the promises of the New Covenant. One of those promises being the Ruach Ha Kodesh residing in you.

#### **2. Verbally confess the action**, thus giving the action a concrete form in your own mind.

This doesn't have to be done to an individual though it would make you accountable, yet your confession would be to Adonai.

**Psa 32:3** When I kept silent, my bones wasted away because of my groaning all day long;

**Psa 32:4** day and night your hand was heavy on me; the sap in me dried up as in a summer drought. (Selah)

**Psa 32:5** When I acknowledged my sin to you, when I stopped concealing my guilt, and said, "I will confess my offenses to Adonai"; then you, you forgave the guilt of my sin. (Selah)

**3. Regret the action.** Evaluate the negative impact this action may have had on yourself or on others. In other words, weigh the cost of your transgression and the impact it has had on your life and those in your life.

David confesses to Adonai...

**Psa 51:4** Wash me completely from my guilt, and cleanse me from my sin.

**Psa 51:5** For I know my crimes, my sin confronts me all the time.

**Psa 51:6** Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil from your perspective; so that you are right in accusing me and justified in passing sentence.

**4. Determine never to repeat the action.** This is where the rubber meets the road. Picture a better way to handle it. There are two different types of transgressions: those between a person and God and those between one person and another.

Part of this time between Yom T'ruah and Yom Kippur is to reconcile with anyone you have had issues with. This practice is not foreign or absent within the New Covenant writings...

**Mat 5:23** So if you are offering your gift at the Temple altar and you remember there that your brother has something against you,

**Mat 5:24** leave your gift where it is by the altar, and go, make peace with your brother. Then come back and offer your gift.

So, these are the steps for T'shuvah, for repenting and returning to Adonai. Likely more involved than you originally thought, yet not unreasonable or impossible to accomplish.

Now that we have reviewed these important steps that must be incorporated into our lives, let's now focus on the foundation, because a firm foundation can withstand the fiercest of storms.

After 40 years of wilderness wandering for which the generation that left Egypt, had transgressed against Adonai due to their lack of faith, their lack of trust in my, that the promise He had afforded them of the land was lost to that generation when they rejected His Words...

**Num 13:2** "Send men on your behalf to reconnoiter the land of Kena'an, which I am giving to the people of Isra'el. From each ancestral tribe send someone who is a leader in his tribe."

“which I am giving”

It had already been established by Adonai that the land was theirs and it was His to give. Yet, their lack of faith removed that promise from this generation, yet not from their descendants.

**Num 13:27** What they told him was this: "We entered the land where you sent us, and indeed it does flow with milk and honey—here is its fruit!

**Num 13:28** However the people living in the land are fierce, and the cities are fortified and very large. Moreover, we saw the `Anakim there.

**Num 13:32** and they spread a negative report about the land they had reconnoitered for the people of Isra'el by saying, "The land we passed through in order to spy it out is a land that devours its inhabitants. All the people we saw there were giant!

Their murmurings, this time towards the land, the land Adonai had already given them, The one who brought them out of Egypt as one nation, untouched by the Egyptians are now fearful of the people of the land. Adonai had brought the world's superpower to its knees, yet the people didn't believe Adonai would be able to do the same thing. Not even Kalev could change their thinking...

**Num 13:30** Kalev silenced the people around Moshe and said, "We ought to go up immediately and take possession of it; there is no question that we can conquer it."

For we learn later that the words Kalev had spoken were inspired...

**Num 14:24** But my servant Kalev, because he had a different Spirit with him and has fully followed me—him I will bring into the land he entered, and it will belong to his descendants.

Yet Adonai speaks to this generations lack of trust in Him...

**Num 14:10** But just as the whole community were saying they should be stoned to death, the glory of Adonai appeared in the tent of meeting to all the people of Isra'el.

**Num 14:11** Adonai said to Moshe, "How much longer is this people going to treat me with contempt? How much longer will they not trust me, especially considering all the signs I have performed among them?"

For Moshe recalls this time in the wilderness to the generation that is preparing to take possession of the land that Adonai had promised, first to the Patriarch, Avraham, Yitzchak and Ya'akov, for this promise was generational and thus what was promised to them was promised to their descendants.

**Gen 15:13** Adonai said to Avram, "Know this for certain: your descendants will be foreigners in a land that is not theirs. They will be slaves and held in oppression there four hundred years.

**Gen 15:14** But I will also judge that nation, the one that makes them slaves. Afterwards, they will leave with many possessions.

**Gen 15:15** As for you, you will join your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age.

**Gen 15:16** Only in the fourth generation will your descendants come back here, because only then will the Emori be ripe for punishment."

For Moshe recounts the journey of the nation of Isra'el and the ultimate fulfillment of the promise, entering the land, taking possession of it and dwelling in it...Alluded to by the writer of Hebrews as entering His rest...

**Heb 4:8** For if Y'hoshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later of another "day."

**Heb 4:9** So there remains a Shabbat-keeping for God's people.

**Heb 4:10** For the one who has entered God's rest has also rested from his own works, as God did from his.

**Heb 4:11** Therefore, let us do our best to enter that rest; so that no one will fall short because of the same kind of disobedience.

Just as Y'hoshua had led Isra'el into the land, resting from their journey and thus the emphasis of the writer of Hebrews is not falling short through disobedience. The reference to Y'hoshua connects us to the entire wilderness experience for He is the completer of the journey. Yeshua is the completer of our journey thus we should pay attention to this same kind of disobedience...lack of trust.

In preparing the nation for entering the Land, Moshe takes them on another journey, a prophetic journey as inspired by Adonai...

**Deu 4:25** "When you have had children and grandchildren, lived a long time in the land, become corrupt and made a carved image, a representation of something, and thus done what is evil in the sight of Adonai your God and provoked him;

**Deu 4:26** I call on the sky and the earth to witness against you today that you will quickly disappear from the land that you are crossing the Yarden to possess. You will not prolong your days there but will be completely destroyed.

**Deu 4:27** Adonai will scatter you among the peoples; and among the nations to which Adonai will lead you away, you will be left few in number.

**Deu 4:28** There you will serve gods which are the product of human hands, made of wood and stone, which can't see, hear, eat or smell.

They are getting ready to enter the land and Moshe is telling them that they will be kicked out of the land. A similar aspect is conveyed later on in D'varim...

**Deu 30:1** "When the time arrives that all these things have come upon you, both the blessing and the curse which I have presented to you; and you are there among the nations to which Adonai your God has driven you; then, at last, you will start thinking about what has happened to you;

The curses will come upon them...one of them being...

**Deu 28:15** "But if you refuse to pay attention to what Adonai your God says, and do not observe and obey all his mitzvot and regulations which I am giving you today, then all the following curses will be yours in abundance:

**Deu 28:20** "Adonai will send on you curses, disasters and frustration in everything you set out to do, until you are destroyed and quickly perish, because of your evil actions in abandoning me.

**Deu 28:21** "Adonai will bring on you a plague that will stay with you until he has exterminated you from the land you are entering in order to take possession of it.

**Deu 28:63** "Thus it will come about that just as once Adonai took joy in seeking to do you good and increase your numbers, so now Adonai will take joy in causing you to perish and be destroyed, and you will be plucked off the land you are entering in order to take possession of it.

The ultimate consequend of the curses, removal from the land, a type of separation from Adonai. For does sin not separate us from Adonai?

Yet there is a means by which we can be reconciled, reestablishing our foundation and reconnect with our Completor...

**Deu 4:29** However, from there you will seek Adonai your God; and you will find him if you search after him with all your heart and being.

**Deu 4:30** In your distress, when all these things have come upon you, in the acharit-hayamim, you will return to Adonai your God and listen to what he says;

**Deu 4:31** for Adonai your God is a merciful God. He will not fail you, destroy you, or forget the covenant with your ancestors which he swore to them.

You will seek Him indicates that you have turned from that which lead you away from Him, in order to pursue Him.

**Deu 30:2** and you will return to Adonai your God and pay attention to what he has said, which will be exactly what I am ordering you to do today—you and your children, with all your heart and all your being.

**Deu 30:3** At that point, Adonai your God will reverse your exile and show you mercy; he will return and gather you from all the peoples to which Adonai your God scattered you.

**Deu 30:4** If one of yours was scattered to the far end of the sky, Adonai your God will gather you even from there; he will go there and get you.

In pursuing Him through the act, the action of T'shuvah, you will find Him for this is what He promises. You will not only find Him, but He will rejoice in your return...

**Deu 30:5** Adonai your God will bring you back into the land your ancestors possessed, and you will possess it;



he will make you prosper there, and you will become even more numerous than your ancestors.

**Deu 30:6** Then Adonai your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your children, so that you will love Adonai your God with all your heart and all your being, and thus you will live.

And he will ultimately bless you, for in Him is life, while separation leads to death.

**Deu 30:15** "Look! I am presenting you today with, on the one hand, life and good; and on the other, death and evil—

**Deu 30:16** in that I am ordering you today to love Adonai your God, to follow his ways, and to obey his mitzvot, regulations and rulings ; for if you do, you will live and increase your numbers; and Adonai your God will bless you in the land you are entering in order to take possession of it.

For Yeshua provides us with a wonderful example of this very dynamic.

**Luk 15:11** Again Yeshua said, "A man had two sons.

**Luk 15:12** The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that will be mine.' So the father divided the property between them.

**Luk 15:13** As soon as he could convert his share into cash, the younger son left home and went off to a distant country, where he squandered his money in reckless living.

**Luk 15:14** But after he had spent it all, a severe famine arose throughout that country, and he began to feel the pinch.

**Luk 15:15** "So he went and attached himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs.

**Luk 15:16** He longed to fill his stomach with the carob pods the pigs were eating, but no one gave him any.

**Luk 15:17** "At last he came to his senses and said, 'Any number of my father's hired workers have food to spare; and here I am, starving to death!

**Luk 15:18** I'm going to get up and go back to my father and say to him, "Father, I have sinned against Heaven and against you;

**Luk 15:19** I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired workers." '

**Luk 15:20** So he got up and started back to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran and threw his arms around him and kissed him warmly.

**Luk 15:21** His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against Heaven and against you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son—'

**Luk 15:22** but his father said to his slaves, 'Quick, bring out a robe, the best one, and put it on him; and put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet;

**Luk 15:23** and bring the calf that has been fattened up, and kill it. Let's eat and have a celebration!

**Luk 15:24** For this son of mine was dead, but now he's alive again! He was lost, but now he has been found!' And they began celebrating.

**Luk 15:25** "Now his older son was in the field. As he came close to the house, he heard music and dancing.

**Luk 15:26** So he called one of the servants and asked, 'What's going on?'

**Luk 15:27** The servant told him, 'Your brother has come back, and your father has slaughtered the calf that was fattened up, because he has gotten him back safe and sound.'

**Luk 15:28** But the older son became angry and refused to go inside. "So his father came out and pleaded with him.

Luk 15:29 'Look,' the son answered, 'I have worked for you all these years, and I have never disobeyed your orders. But you have never even given me a young goat, so that I could celebrate with my friends.

Luk 15:30 Yet this son of yours comes, who squandered your property with prostitutes, and for him you slaughter the fattened calf!

Luk 15:31 'Son, you are always with me,' said the father, 'and everything I have is yours.

Luk 15:32 We had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead but has come back to life—he was lost but has been found.' "

What Torah has established as a foundation, our Initiator and Completer, Yeshua emphasizes. T'shuvah, repenting and returning to Adonai is as the lost son returning to his father, whereby the father rejoices in His return.

T'shuvah offers the same power to us as resurrection did for Yeshua.