

Notes: July 31 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
7. Praise and Worship Songs
8. Message
9. Aaronic Blessing
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11. 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: Life, Worship and Torah

As we continue our Summer of Life and thus relating aspects of Torah to Life, we come to that which is both experiential and demonstrative

It is experiential in that...

- an event or occurrence that leaves an impression on someone

It is demonstrative in that...

- tending to show feelings, especially of affection, openly.
- serves as conclusive evidence of something; giving proof.

While requiring our participation.

In other words worship.

- To show reverence and adoration

Many equate worship with what we have just concluded, singing, giving praise, dance are all demonstrative forms of worship that we are able to do, to express, to experience. This is the Shalach that Connie had shared with you earlier today.

שָׁחָה

shâchâh

shaw-khaw'

A primitive root; to *depress*, that is, **prostrate** (especially reflexively in homage to royalty or God): - bow (self) down, crouch, fall down (flat), **humbly beseech**, do (make) obeisance, **do reverence**, make to stoop, worship.

We see this word, this expression referenced five times in Torah,

Two in Exodus – 24:1 and 34:14

Five in Deuteronomy – 4:19; 8:19; 11:16; 26:10 and 30:17

and once in Genesis...22:5

Exo 24:1 To Moshe [*Adonai*] said, "Come up to Adonai—you, Aharon, Nadav, Avihu, and seventy of the leaders of Isra'el. Prostrate yourselves at a distance,

Exo 24:2 while Moshe alone approaches Adonai—the others are not to approach, and the people are not to go up with him."

Here we see Shalach conveyed upon Israel by Adonai at Sinai when Moshe will approach Adonai and at that time the Cohenim, Aharon and his sons and the seventy elders are to prostrate themselves (shalach).

We then see the second time when after the golden calf and in preparation for taking possession of the land Adonai conveys...

Exo 34:12 Be careful not to make a covenant with the people living in the land where you are going, so that they won't become a snare within your own borders.

Exo 34:13 Rather, you are to demolish their altars, smash their standing-stones and cut down their sacred poles;

Exo 34:14 because you are not to bow down to any other god; since Adonai—whose very name is Jealous—is a jealous God.

You are not to revere that is worship any other gods in the land. You are not to give them your reverence for that is reserved only for Adonai and coincides with the greatest and most important mitzvah any human can do as Yeshua relates to the P'rushim and Torah teachers...

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.

Which we utter with our lips every service and I pray we do not just with our lips but with everything that resides in us.

Deu 6:4 "Sh'ma, Yisra'el! Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai echad [*Hear, Isra'el! Adonai our God, Adonai is one*];

Deu 6:5 and you are to love Adonai your God with all your heart, all your being and all your resources.

And is revealed through the first three of Adonai's Mitzvot revealed to Moshe at Sinai...

Exo 20:2 א "I am Adonai your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the abode of slavery.

Exo 20:3 ב "You are to have no other gods before me.

Exo 20:4 You are not to make for yourselves a carved image or any kind of representation of anything in heaven above, on the earth beneath or in the water below the shoreline.

Exo 20:5 You are not to bow down to them or serve them; for I, Adonai your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sins of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,

Exo 20:6 but displaying grace to the thousandth generation of those who love me and obey my mitzvot.

Exo 20:7 ג "You are not to use lightly the name of Adonai your God, because Adonai will not leave unpunished someone who uses his name lightly.

The other nations would revere their many gods through visible and tangible means. That of the statue, the carved image, yet Adonai does not require nor demand, but actually forbids any such action. He even establishes a word for it so you can put a name to the graven image...idolatry.

Not only does Adonai convey His jealousy by either being "grouped in with" or "replaced by" another inanimate object that has been deified by His creation. Adonai conveys what is to be done when the nation defeats the peoples of the land and takes possession...

Deu 7:1 "Adonai your God is going to bring you into the land you will enter in order to take possession of it, and he will expel many nations ahead of you—the Hitti, Girgashi, Emori, Kena`ani, P'rizi, Hivi and Y'vusi, seven nations bigger and stronger than you.

Deu 7:2 When he does this, when Adonai your God hands them over ahead of you, and you defeat them, you are to destroy them completely! Do not make any covenant with them. Show them no mercy.

Deu 7:3 Don't intermarry with them—don't give your daughter to his son, and don't take his daughter for your son.

Deu 7:4 For he will turn your children away from following me in order to serve other gods. If this happens, the anger of Adonai will flare up against you, and he will quickly destroy you.

Deu 7:5 No, treat them this way: break down their altars, smash their standing-stones to pieces, cut down their sacred poles and burn up their carved images completely.

For Adonai desires the heart of the individual...you. He has done everything within His power, and that is indescribable and unfathomable from a human understanding, to make it possible for us to revere Him. There was a reverence by the people at Sinai when the nation experienced freedom for the very first time...

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.

A reverence, a devotion, an undivided heart. Yet, that didn't last long as the test of freedom would challenge that reverence for now they would have to trust the one who redeemed them rather than the system they were freed from. There was a longing to return to what they had all known and thus that reverence towards the One who freed them waned.

For this desire to direct our reverence one might consider to be as attribute designed into us. In other words, Adonai created us with a need to worship. If it wasn't directed towards Him, his creation would find

something else, hence the specific instructions He has provided throughout His Word, one of the verses from D'varim...

Deu 4:19 For the same reason, do not look up at the sky, at the sun, moon, stars and everything in the sky, and be drawn away to worship and serve them; Adonai your God has allotted these to all the peoples under the entire sky.

We were created to worship thus the restrictions placed upon us as a people called by Adonai, for whom He has placed His name upon the children of Israel through the blessing He revealed to Aharon to spoken over the people...

Num 6:27 "In this way they are to put my name on the people of Isra'el, so that I will bless them."

For He has identified them as His first born son...

Exo 4:22 Then you are to tell Pharaoh: 'Adonai says, "Isra'el is my firstborn son.

And that these people are His own unique treasure...

Deu 7:6 For you are a people set apart as holy for Adonai your God. Adonai your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his own unique treasure.

Establishes the foundation as Yeshua had conveyed to the P'rushim and Torah teachers for when He would direct His Word to the nations through the talmidim of Yeshua. The very nations that worship everything than the one true God of Israel.

For even in their hubris, that is their excessive pride or self-confidence as to the many gods represented in Athens.

Act 17:16 While Sha'ul was waiting for them in Athens, his spirit within him was disturbed at the sight of the city full of idols.

Act 17:17 So he began holding discussions in the synagogue with the Jews and the "God-fearers," and in the market square every day with the people who happened to be there.

Act 17:18 Also a group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers started meeting with him. Some asked, "What is this babbler trying to say?" Others, because he proclaimed the Good News about Yeshua and the resurrection, said, "He sounds like a propagandist for foreign gods."

Act 17:19 They took and brought him before the High Council, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?"

Act 17:20 Some of the things we are hearing from you strike us as strange, and we would like to know what they mean."

Act 17:21 (All the Athenians and the foreigners living there used to spend their spare time talking or hearing about the latest intellectual fads.)

Act 17:22 Sha'ul stood up in the Council meeting and said, "Men of Athens: I see how very religious you are in every way!

Act 17:23 For as I was walking around, looking at your shrines, I even found an altar which had been inscribed, 'To An Unknown God.' So, the one whom you are already worshipping in ignorance—this is the one I proclaim to you.

I have always been curious what a statue to the unknown God would look like? They know of His existence

yet they have no relationship with Him. I would not call this reverence, yet what I would call it is covering all your options.

"Maybe there is a god we missed and thus he will be represented by a statue thus not to offend this god through omission."

This is not worship. For Adonai does not command nor require a physical representation of Himself in order for His creation to worship, that is revere Him.

Deu 4:15 "Therefore, watch out for yourselves! Since you did not see a shape of any kind on the day Adonai spoke to you in Horev from the fire,

Deu 4:16 do not become corrupt and make yourselves a carved image having the shape of any figure—not a representation of a human being, male or female,

Deu 4:17 or a representation of any animal on earth, or a representation of any bird that flies in the air,

Deu 4:18 or a representation of anything that creeps along on the ground, or a representation of any fish in the water below the shoreline.

Deu 4:19 For the same reason, do not look up at the sky, at the sun, moon, stars and everything in the sky, and be drawn away to worship and serve them; Adonai your God has allotted these to all the peoples under the entire sky.

Do not corrupt yourselves in any aspect. There is another aspect that I will be sharing in the week's to come that will further emphasize this reverence we are to have towards Adonai...holiness.

Now consider Sha'ul's inspired words to believers at Corinth, as I have identified "The city that makes Las Vegas blush". There was no lack of worldly and pagan influence tempting and undermining the Messianic community.

1Co 10:1 For, brothers, I don't want you to miss the significance of what happened to our fathers. All of them were guided by the pillar of cloud, and they all passed through the sea,

1Co 10:2 and in connection with the cloud and with the sea they all immersed themselves into Moshe,

1Co 10:3 also they all ate the same food from the Spirit,

1Co 10:4 and they all drank the same drink from the Spirit—for they drank from a Spirit-sent Rock which followed them, and that Rock was the Messiah.

1Co 10:5 Yet with the majority of them God was not pleased, so their bodies were strewn across the desert.

1Co 10:6 Now these things took place as prefigurative historical events, warning us not to set our hearts on evil things as they did.

1Co 10:7 Don't be idolaters, as some of them were—as the Tanakh puts it, "The people sat down to eat and drink, then got up to indulge in revelry."

1Co 10:8 And let us not engage in sexual immorality, as some of them did, with the consequence that 23,000 died in a single day.

1Co 10:9 And let us not put the Messiah to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by snakes.

1Co 10:10 And don't grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the Destroying Angel.

1Co 10:11 These things happened to them as prefigurative historical events, and they were written down as a warning to us who are living in the acharit-hayamim.

1Co 10:12 Therefore, let anyone who thinks he is standing up be careful not to fall!

1Co 10:13 No temptation has seized you beyond what people normally experience, and God can be trusted

not to allow you to be tempted beyond what you can bear. On the contrary, along with the temptation he will also provide the way out, so that you will be able to endure.

1Co 10:14 Therefore, my dear friends, run from idolatry!

Run from idolatry and towards Adonai, towards Yeshua who is the way the truth and the life.

Joh 14:6 Yeshua said, "I AM the Way—and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through me.

In doing so, know that there is another aspect of worship found in Torah. I have spent a great deal of time on Shalach, yet there is an equally important aspect that is to be demonstrated by the nation of Israel. If it is to be demonstrated by the nation, then it is to be demonstrated by the wild olive branches that are grafted into the nation through Yeshua.

עָבַד

‘abad

aw-bad'

A primitive root; to *work* (in any sense); by implication **to serve**, *till*, (causatively) *enslave*, etc.: - X be, keep in bondage, be bondmen, bond-service, compel, do, dress, ear, execute, + husbandman, keep, labour (-ing man), bring to pass, (cause to, make to) serve (-ing, self), (be, become) servant (-s), do (use) service, till (-er), transgress [from margin], (set a) work, be wrought, **worshipper**.

This aspect is most prominent in the Passover. Abad is used 10 times from the time Adonai comes to Moshe...

Exo 3:11 Moshe said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and lead the people of Isra'el out of Egypt?"

Exo 3:12 He replied, "I will surely be with you. Your sign that I have sent you will be that when you have led the people out of Egypt, you will worship (abad) God on this mountain."

The JPS 1917 version has translated "*abad*" as "to worship" rather than to serve for in my opinion serving is an act of worship when it is directed towards Adonai.

And thus when Moshe went to Pharaoh, he conveyed these very words Adonai had instructed...

Exo 10:3 Moshe and Aharon went in to Pharaoh and said to him, "Here is what Adonai, God of the Hebrews, says: 'How much longer will you refuse to submit to me? Let my people go, so that they can worship me.

No longer is Israel to serve Pharaoh, whom is identified as a god, but they are to serve Adonai who is the one true God.

Thus our actions, our devotion in what we do is an act of worship. Don't confuse this aspect with that which we are required to do daily for ourselves, our family, our employer. There is a difference for it is what you do that you are not technically obligated to do, yet are commanded by Adonai to do.

You are not to serve other gods.

You are not to worship other gods.

Both are actions that we demonstrate of our own will. We are not forced. For Adonai has given us a choice for which each choice comes with an outcome. Serve and worship Adonai and have life. Choose not to do so and have death. Life and death is not limited to our lifetime but goes beyond the time we reside in these bodies, yet do people who have rejected Adonai's invitation, that is His invitation as given by Yeshua truly understand what the cost and repercussions are?

He has given us a choice.

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.

Deu 30:17 But if your heart turns away, if you refuse to listen, if you are drawn away to prostrate yourselves before other gods and serve them;

Deu 30:18 I am announcing to you today that you will certainly perish; you will not live long in the land you are crossing the Yarden to enter and possess.

Deu 30:19 "I call on heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have presented you with life and death, the blessing and the curse. Therefore, choose life, so that you will live, you and your descendants,

Deu 30:20 loving Adonai your God, paying attention to what he says and clinging to him—for that is the purpose of your life! On this depends the length of time you will live in the land Adonai swore he would give to your ancestors Avraham, Yitz'chak and Ya`akov."

Adonai is conveying a physical aspect here to Israel pertaining to the land, yet this physical aspect is a Kingdom aspect that will be revealed through Yeshua for His message is about the Kingdom of Adonai. For Yochanan reveals to the people,

Mat 3:1 It was during those days that Yochanan the Immerser arrived in the desert of Y'hudah and began proclaiming the message,

Mat 3:2 "Turn from your sins to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near!"

And thus Yeshua begins expanding upon this announcement that the Kingdom is near, ultimately pointing towards the Father and thus serving Him.

Mar 10:42 But Yeshua called them to him and said to them, "You know that among the Goyim, those who are supposed to rule them become tyrants, and their superiors become dictators.

Mar 10:43 But among you, it must not be like that! On the contrary, whoever among you wants to be a leader must be your servant;

Mar 10:44 and whoever wants to be first among you must become everyone's slave!

Mar 10:45 For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve—and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Does Yeshua convey anything different?

Luk 4:5 The Adversary took him up, showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world,

Luk 4:6 and said to him, "I will give you all this power and glory. It has been handed over to me, and I can

give it to whomever I choose.

Luk 4:7 So if you will worship me, it will all be yours."

Luk 4:8 Yeshua answered him, "The Tanakh says, 'Worship Adonai your God and serve him only.' "

You are to serve Adonai and only Him. For we are serving Adonai by honoring Him through our acceptance of His son whom did not seek to be worshipped but rather to worship the one who sent Him. For through His service to Adonai, Adonai would glorify Him.

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.

Joh 17:6 "I made your name known to the people you gave me out of the world. They were yours, you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Joh 17:7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you,

Joh 17:8 because the words you gave me I have given to them, and they have received them. They have really come to know that I came from you, and they have come to trust that you sent me.

Thus in union with Messiah, who is in union with the Father, we are to do as He did in order to receive the promise made by Adonai, first to Avraham...

Gal 3:13 The Messiah redeemed us from the curse pronounced in the Torah by becoming cursed on our behalf; for the Tanakh says, "Everyone who hangs from a stake comes under a curse."

Gal 3:14 Yeshua the Messiah did this so that in union with him the Gentiles might receive the blessing announced to Avraham, so that through trusting and being faithful, we might receive what was promised, namely, the Spirit.

Through obedience to Adonai through our reverence to Him and thus our desire to serve Him through His Word, we remain united with Him...

1Jn 3:21 Dear friends, if our hearts know nothing against us, we have confidence in approaching God;

1Jn 3:22 then, whatever we ask for, we receive from him; because we are obeying his commands and doing the things that please him.

1Jn 3:23 This is his command: that we are to trust in the person and power of his Son Yeshua the Messiah and to keep loving one another, just as he commanded us.

1Jn 3:24 Those who obey his commands remain united with him and he with them. Here is how we know that he remains united with us: by the Spirit whom he gave us.

To worship, one is doing so by means that they are faithful to the one they serve and in being faithful and serving you remain united, connected.

Deu 11:1 "Therefore, you are to love Adonai your God and always obey his commission, regulations, rulings and mitzvot.

Deu 11:2 Today it is you I am addressing—not your children, who haven't known or experienced the discipline of Adonai your God, his greatness, his strong hand, his outstretched arm,

Deu 11:3 his signs and his actions which he did in Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt and to his entire country.

Deu 11:4 They didn't experience what he did to Egypt's army, horses and chariots—how Adonai overwhelmed them with the water of the Sea of Suf as they were pursuing you, so that they remain destroyed to this day.

Deu 11:5 They didn't experience what he kept doing for you in the desert until you arrived at this place;

Deu 11:6 or what he did to Datan and Aviram, the sons of Eli'av the descendant of Re'uven—how the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, along with their households, tents and every living thing in their company, there in front of all Isra'el.

Likewise, you did not see with your own eyes what Adonai did in Egypt and thus you did not see with your own eyes what Yeshua did in redeeming us. Thus the Spirit of Adonai, one of the witnesses has revealed these things to us and as such, not seeing, we still believe. So, among believers, there is no excuse...

We are to shachah and abad.

We are to revere and serve, that is we are to worship and worship.