

Notes: June 24, 2017

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
10. Kiddush
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: More To Seek Than Meets The Eye

How many have heard the phrase, “there is more to see than meets the eye”?

Is in essence an English idiom, meaning,

- more interesting or complicated than someone or something appears at first
- A hidden significance, greater than is first apparent,

Hence the title of my message – There Is More To Seek Than Meets The Eye

The word seek is found throughout Scripture, both the Tanakh and Brith Hadoshah. Yet, if we rely on the English definition...

To Seek, a verb...

1. Attempt to find something
2. Attempt or desire to achieve something

We will be sorely lacking in understanding and action if we rely solely on these English definitions to the point where I will say, you will fall short of the mark.

Yet, the Hebrew offers a much more dynamic meaning...

בקש

bâqash

baw-kash'

A primitive root; to *search* out (by any method; specifically in worship or prayer); by implication to *strive after*: - ask, beg, beseech, desire, inquire, get, make inquisition, procure, (make) request, require, seek (for).

Even the Greek word used and translated as seek conveys more than the English translation.

ζητέω

zêteō

dzay-teh'-o

Of uncertain affinity; to *seek* (literally or figuratively); specifically (by Hebraism) to *worship* (God), or (in a bad sense) to *plot* (against life): - be (go) about, desire, endeavor, enquire (for), require, (X will) seek (after, for, means). Compare [G4441](#).

To Seek in both the Hebrew and the Greek convey worship to Adonai.

Therefore, when we see the word seek in English and Adonai, then we can attach the act of worship, rather than the simplicity of the English definition.

You can say, something most certainly got lost in translation, both Hebrew and Greek.

Mal 3:1 "Look! I am sending my messenger to clear the way before me; and the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to his temple. Yes, the messenger of the covenant, in whom you take such delight — look! Here he comes," says Adonai-Tzva'ot.

Jer 29:10 "For here is what Adonai says: 'After Bavel's seventy years are over, I will remember you and fulfill my good promise to you by bringing you back to this place.

Jer 29:11 For I know what plans I have in mind for you,' says Adonai,'plans for well-being, not for bad things; so that you can have hope and a future.

Jer 29:12 When you call to me and pray to me, I will listen to you.

Jer 29:13 When you seek me, you will find me, provided you seek for me wholeheartedly;

Jer 29:14 and I will let you find me,' says Adonai. 'Then I will reverse your exile. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have driven you,' says Adonai, 'and bring you back to the place from which I exiled you.'

Deu 4:24 For Adonai your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

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.

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.**

2Ch 7:12 Adonai appeared to Shlomo by night and said to him, "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice.

2Ch 7:13 If I shut up the sky, so that there is no rain; or if I order locusts to devour the land; or if I send an epidemic of sickness among my people;

2Ch 7:14 then, if my people, who bear my name, will humble themselves, pray, seek my face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land.

Yochanan the Immerser conveys to a generation that is seeking

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

Matthew uses Kingdom of Heaven 30 out of the 31 times it is found in the Brith Hadoshah.

Kingdom of God is found in the Brith Hadoshah 63 times, 49 times in the Gospels

Act 1:3 After his death he showed himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. During a period of forty days they saw him, and he spoke with them about the Kingdom of God.

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

Mat 5:20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness is far greater than that of the Torah-teachers and P'rushim, you will certainly not enter the Kingdom of Heaven!

Mat 5:17 "Don't think that I have come to abolish the Torah or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete.

Mat 5:18 Yes indeed! I tell you that until heaven and earth pass away, not so much as a yud (ך) or a stroke will pass from the Torah — not until everything that must happen has happened.

Mat 5:19 So whoever disobeys the least of these mitzvot and teaches others to do so will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But whoever obeys them and so teaches will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

The word "seek" in the Hebrew and Greek, convey so much more than just searching, but in essence an aspect of worship. You do not need to seek (search to find) Yeshua, because as a believer you have found him. What you seek now is a close and intimate relationship with the Father, made available through the Son. This relationship transpires through your worship of your God.

How did Israel worship Adonai?

They worshipped Him through Obedience to His Word, (when they were obedient)

They worshipped through His moadim, His appointed times.

They worshipped Him through the sacrificial system

They worshipped Him through their tithes and offerings

They worshipped Him through the reading and study of His Word.

Ultimately they were a people with a King, therefore a Kingdom. Their King, being the one who brought them out of slavery and into their own land, promised to them generations before. There were several men who would take on the role as King, but ultimately there would be one who would truly be King of His people. Yeshua conveys such authority when He speaks and is accounted in the Gospels...

Mat 28:18 Yeshua came and talked with them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

He further conveys the reality of His Kingdom and the need to pursue it now, not later...

Just a few verses after Matthew 6:33, Yeshua conveys after encouraging those present to seek first the Kingdom of Heaven, He encourages...

Mat 7:7 "Keep asking, and it will be given to you; keep seeking, and you will find; keep knocking, and the door will be opened to you.

Mat 7:8 For everyone who keeps asking receives; he who keeps seeking finds; and to him who keeps knocking, the door will be opened.

We see this through Yochanan the Immerser's parents...

Luk 1:5 In the days of Herod, King of Y'udah, there was a cohen named Z'kharyah who belonged to the Aviyah division. His wife was a descendant of Aharon, and her name was Elisheva.

Luk 1:6 Both of them were righteous before God, observing all the mitzvot and ordinances of Adonai blamelessly.

They were blameless in observing all of the mitzvot and ordinances that applied to them...This is how they worshipped their God.