

Notes: March 2, 2019

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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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: *The Faithfulness of Adonai*

Last Shabbat I talked about imbalance and what it looks like for a believer...what the consequences are. I also indicated that I would be sharing with you in greater detail the five aspects required for a believer to live in that balance. The five elements required to have balance...

- 1. Tefillah – Prayer**
- 2. Midrash – Study**
- 3. Hallel (Praise) – Worship**
- 4. Shabbat – Rest**
- 5. Fellowship**

I will be doing so, however, for starters, I believe in order to lay a strong foundation we talk about the one who has provided this outline. The one whom we serve, honor, worship. The one by whom all this is possible.

What I am about to share with you will sound rather simple, to the point of being basic. For those of you who ever went to college, a 101 level course.

Yet, when we become believers and grow in our faith, we tend to grow and either overcomplicate or oversimplify. Words you will likely be familiar with...

Overcomplicate = Legalism (we impose more upon us than Adonai (Scripture) even requires)

Oversimplify = Hyper Grace (we impose less and therefore ignore what Adonai (Scripture) does require from us)

Yet there is a balance that lies between these two extremes.

What is faithfulness?

Synonyms for faithfulness include: fidelity, loyal, devotion, dedication, dependable, reliable, steadfast

The Hebrew is...

אמונה אמנה

'ēmûnâh 'ēmûnâh

*em-oo-naw', em-oo-naw'*

Feminine of [H529](#); literally *firmness*; figuratively *security*; moral *fidelity*: - faith (-ful, -ly, -ness, [man]), set office, stability, steady, truly, truth, verily.

Nothing spectacular, in that it aligns with the English, but is good to know.

Adonai's faithfulness can be broken down into the following...

1. In order to be faithful, one must first make a promise to be faithful to.

**Gen 12:1** Now Adonai said to Avram, "Get yourself out of your country, away from your kinsmen and away from your father's house, and go to the land that I will show you.

**Gen 12:2** I will make of you a great nation, I will bless you, and I will make your name great; and you are to be a blessing.

**Gen 12:3** I will bless those who bless you, but I will curse anyone who curses you; and by you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

This is where it all starts. Promises made to one individual, whom will impact the rest of the world through his descendants.

It is here that Adonai makes a promise, the first step, to being faithful. It is here where we will begin to see the revealing of Adonai's faithfulness begin.

As I have shared with you in past sermons, Adonai, will further establish His promise to Avram in Genesis 15 and Genesis 17, establishing the promise of land and the reiteration of a generational promise. In other words, the promise didn't stop with Avraham, but would continue, from generation to generations and is still valid to this day.

After Israel's transgressions of the golden calf, Adonai's anger raged against them to where Moshe would intercede on behalf of the people and bring forth a reminder...

**Exo 32:13** Remember Avraham, Yitz'chak and Isra'el, your servants, to whom you swore by your very self. You promised them, 'I will make your descendants as many as the stars in the sky; and I will give all this land I have spoken about to your descendants; and they will possess it forever.' "

This would not be the first time Israel would try the patience of Adonai.

**Jer 31:32 (31:31)** It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day I took them by their hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt; because they, for their part, violated my covenant, even though I, for my part, was a husband to them," says Adonai.

I was faithful to my promises, a husband of one wife, yet Israel was unfaithful to the promise.

**Eze 16:58** You have brought it all on yourself with your depravities and disgusting practices,' says Adonai.

**Eze 16:59** "For here is what Adonai Elohim says: 'I will do to you as you have done — you treated the oath with contempt by breaking the covenant.

It is through this promise that Adonai has established a foundation by which He will operate by and be faithful to.

In order to be faithful, you must have something to be faithful to, and this brings us to the next phase...

## 2. One must remember the promise that was made

**Exo 3:6** I am the God of your father," he continued, "the God of Avraham, the God of Yitz'chak and the God of Ya`akov." Moshe covered his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

**Exo 3:7** Adonai said, "I have seen how my people are being oppressed in Egypt and heard their cry for release from their slavemasters, because I know their pain.

**Eze 16:60** Nevertheless, I will remember the covenant I made with you when you were a girl and will establish an everlasting covenant with you.

**Eze 16:61** Then you will remember your behavior and be ashamed of it as you receive your older and younger sisters and make them your daughters, even though the covenant with you does not cover that;

**Eze 16:62** and I will re-establish my covenant with you. Then you will know that I am Adonai;

**Eze 16:63** so that you will remember and be so ashamed that you will never open your mouth again, so ashamed will you be when I have forgiven you all that you have done,' says Adonai Elohim."

Upon remembering the promise and its conditions.

## 3. One must act upon what is remembered

**Exo 3:8** I have come down to rescue them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that country to a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey, the place of the Kena`ani, Hitti, Emori, P'rizi, Hivi and Y'vusi.

How many of you have heard this verse...

**Hab 2:4** "Look at the proud: he is inwardly not upright; but the righteous will attain life through trusting faithfulness.

**Hab 2:4** Behold, his soul *which* is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

How do we do this?

This verse often quoted, is used to justify this is all we have to do, yet, living by faith is not passive.

In order to have faith, you must first identify the what / who

What do I trust in? / Who do I trust in?

You can't have faith without an knowing.

To say you have faith in God, yet know nothing about Him is merely, a faith where you in essence say God exists, yet this standard is not sufficient for the faith that is required to be in a relationship with Him.

So, how is faith developed?

**Rom 10:16** The problem is that they haven't all paid attention to the Good News and obeyed it. For Yeshu `yahu says, "Adonai, who has trusted what he has heard from us?"

**Rom 10:17** So trust comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through a word proclaimed about the Messiah.

So faith is built by hearing...

What are we hearing?

The truth about Messiah, whom we are to trust in. Therefore it is by what we have heard about Him, His actions, His obedience to Adonai's Word, His fulfillment to the Promises made by Adonai, His faithfulness to His people that establishes our faith for which we are to live by.

**Php 2:5** Let your attitude toward one another be governed by your being in union with the Messiah Yeshua:

**Php 2:6** Though he was in the form of God, he did not regard equality with God something to be possessed by force.

**Php 2:7** On the contrary, he emptied himself, in that he took the form of a slave by becoming like human beings are. And when he appeared as a human being,

**Php 2:8** he humbled himself still more by becoming obedient even to death — death on a stake as a criminal!

**Php 2:9** Therefore God raised him to the highest place and gave him the name above every name;

**Php 2:10** that in honor of the name given Yeshua, every knee will bow — in heaven, on earth and under the earth —

**Php 2:11** and every tongue will acknowledge that Yeshua the Messiah is Adonai — to the glory of God the Father.

Ya'akov (James) poses this question...

**Jas 2:14** What good is it, my brothers, if someone claims to have faith but has no actions to prove it? Is such "faith" able to save him?

**Jas 2:15** Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food,

**Jas 2:16** and someone says to him, "Shalom! Keep warm and eat hearty!" without giving him what he needs, what good does it do?

**Jas 2:17** Thus, faith by itself, unaccompanied by actions, is dead.

**Jas 2:18** But someone will say that you have faith and I have actions. Show me this faith of yours without the actions, and I will show you my faith by my actions!

**Jas 2:19** You believe that "God is one"? Good for you! The demons believe it too — the thought makes them shudder with fear!

**Jas 2:20** But, foolish fellow, do you want to be shown that such "faith" apart from actions is barren?

**Jas 2:21** Wasn't Avraham avinu declared righteous because of actions when he offered up his son Yitz'chak on the altar?

**Jas 2:22** You see that his faith worked with his actions; by the actions the faith was made complete;

**Jas 2:23** and the passage of the Tanakh was fulfilled which says, "Avraham had faith in God, and it was credited to his account as righteousness." He was even called God's friend.

**Jas 2:24** You see that a person is declared righteous because of actions and not because of faith alone.

**Jas 2:25** Likewise, wasn't Rachav the prostitute also declared righteous because of actions when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another route?

**Jas 2:26** Indeed, just as the body without a spirit is dead, so too faith without actions is dead.

Does Adonai practice what He preaches...absolutely!!!

So, what I have shared with you can be remembered by a simple equation:

Faithfulness = Promise + Remembrance + Action

You can apply this equation to any situation where faithfulness is required.

Marriage

Friendship

Business Relations

Congregational Relations

If you are truly faithful to something or someone, then you have the basis, the foundation for how to accomplish this every so precious product – trust, for which faith is required.

I have provided you examples of Adonai's faithfulness to the people by whom He made the covenant with, yet let me provide you with an example of that faithfulness that for many of you has occurred in your lifetime.

The Miracles of Jerusalem's Liberation | Six Day War | June 7, 1967 - YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJU\\_GZxkkB0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJU_GZxkkB0)

**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;

**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.

**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.

**Psa 89:1** *[A maskil of Eitan the Ezrachi:]* I will sing about Adonai's acts of grace forever, with my mouth proclaim your faithfulness to all generations;

**Psa 89:2** because I said, "Grace is built to last forever; in the heavens themselves you established your faithfulness."

**Psa 89:3** You said, "I made a covenant with the one I chose, I swore to my servant David,

Psa 89:4 'I will establish your dynasty forever, build up your throne through all generations.' " (Selah)  
 Psa 89:5 Let the heavens praise your wonders, Adonai, your faithfulness in the assembly of the angels.  
 Psa 89:6 For who in the skies can be compared with Adonai? Which of these gods can rival Adonai,  
 Psa 89:7 a God dreaded in the great assembly of the holy ones and feared by all around him?  
 Psa 89:8 Adonai Elohei-Tzva'ot! Who is as mighty as you, Yah? Your faithfulness surrounds you.  
**Psa 89:9** You control the raging of the sea; when its waves rear up, you calm them.  
 Psa 89:10 You crushed Rahav like a carcass; with your strong arm you scattered your foes.  
 Psa 89:11 The heavens are yours, and the earth is yours; you founded the world and everything in it.  
 Psa 89:12 You created north and south; Tavor and Hermon take joy in your name.  
 Psa 89:13 Your arm is mighty, your hand is strong, your right hand is lifted high.  
 Psa 89:14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; grace and truth attend you.  
 Psa 89:15 How happy are the people who know the joyful shout! They walk in the light of your presence,  
 Adonai.  
 Psa 89:16 They rejoice in your name all day and are lifted up by your righteousness,  
 Psa 89:17 for you yourself are the strength in which they glory. Our power grows by pleasing you,  
 Psa 89:18 for our shield comes from Adonai - our king is from the Holy One of Isra'el.  
 Psa 89:19 There was a time when you spoke in a vision; you declared to your loyal [*prophets*], "I have  
 given help to a warrior, I have raised up someone chosen from the people.  
 Psa 89:20 I have found David my servant and anointed him with my holy oil.  
 Psa 89:21 My hand will always be with him, and my arm will give him strength.  
 Psa 89:22 No enemy will outwit him, no wicked man overcome him.  
 Psa 89:23 I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.  
 Psa 89:24 My faithfulness and grace will be with him; through my name his power will grow.  
 Psa 89:25 I will put his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.  
 Psa 89:26 He will call to me, 'You are my father, my God, the Rock of my salvation.'  
 Psa 89:27 I will give him the position of firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.  
 Psa 89:28 I will keep my grace for him forever, and in my covenant be faithful with him.  
 Psa 89:29 I will establish his dynasty forever, and his throne as long as the heavens last.  
 Psa 89:30 "If his descendants abandon my Torah and fail to live by my rulings,  
 Psa 89:31 if they profane my regulations and don't obey my mitzvot,  
 Psa 89:32 I will punish their disobedience with the rod and their guilt with lashes.  
 Psa 89:33 But I won't withdraw my grace from him or be false to my faithfulness.  
 Psa 89:34 I will not profane my covenant or change what my lips have spoken.  
 Psa 89:35 I have sworn by my holiness once and for all; I will not lie to David -  
 Psa 89:36 his dynasty will last forever, his throne like the sun before me.  
 Psa 89:37 It will be established forever, like the moon, which remains a faithful witness in the sky."  
 (Selah)

This is an example of Adonai's faithfulness to David and its impact upon all who are part of the covenant.

Yet, at this time there remained an unresolved separation. This does not negate the promise of Adonai, but is a result of the promise and the violation of the conditions of the promise.

Psa 89:38 But you spurned your anointed one, rejected and vented your rage on him.  
 Psa 89:39 You renounced the covenant with your servant and defiled his crown in the dust.  
 Psa 89:40 You broke through all his defenses and left his strongholds in ruins.  
 Psa 89:41 All who pass by plunder him; he is an object of scorn to his neighbors.  
 Psa 89:42 You raised up the right hand of his foes and made all his enemies rejoice.  
 Psa 89:43 You drive back his drawn sword and fail to support him in battle.  
 Psa 89:44 You brought an end to his splendor and hurled his throne to the ground.  
 Psa 89:45 You cut short the days of his youth and covered him with shame. (Selah)  
 Psa 89:46 How long, Adonai? Will you hide yourself forever? How long will your fury burn like fire?  
 Psa 89:47 Remember how little time I have! Was it for no purpose that you created all humanity?  
 Psa 89:48 Who can live and not see death? Who can save himself from the power of the grave? (Selah)

**Psa 89:49** Where, Adonai, are the acts of grace you once did, those which, in your faithfulness, you swore to David?

**Psa 89:50** Remember, Adonai, the taunts hurled at your servants, which I carry in my heart *[from]* so many peoples!

**Psa 89:51** Your enemies, Adonai, have flung their taunts, flung them in the footsteps of your anointed one.

**Psa 89:52** Blessed be Adonai forever. Amen. Amen.