

Notes: December 25, 2021

Start: 10 AM

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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 Glory and Majesty of God's Word

The last two Shabbats I have shared with you both the Power and Authority of God's Word and how it relates to us.

The Power in that the Word of Adonai is self confirming. His Word confirms His Word and His Actions also.

Num 23:19 "God is not a human who lies or a mortal who changes his mind. When he says something, he will do it; when he makes a promise, he will fulfill it.

Then I had shared with you the Authority of Adonai and how it had been perceived and thus used by others in relation to how it is actually given.

Thus, last Shabbat I ended my sermon with you in this manner.

Know the Authority you are under and live according to the power it provides.

Jud 1:24 Now, to the one who can keep you from falling and set you without defect and full of joy in the presence of his Sh'khinah—

Jud 1:25 to God alone, our Deliverer, through Yeshua the Messiah, our Lord—be glory, majesty, power and authority before all time, now and forever. Amen.

It was the last verse that got me thinking this week. Y'hudah (Jude) in his rather brief yet powerful letter where he at first points out the judgment that will come against false teachers...

Jud 1:3 Dear friends, I was busily at work writing to you about the salvation we share, when I found it necessary to write, urging you to keep contending earnestly for the faith which was once and for all passed on to God's people.

Jud 1:4 For certain individuals, the ones written about long ago as being meant for this condemnation, have wormed their way in—ungodly people who pervert God's grace into a license for debauchery and disown our only Master and Lord, Yeshua the Messiah.

That they will not be spared and then goes on to share a number of examples pertaining to those who were not spared for as he writes...

Jud 1:5 Since you already know all this, my purpose is only to remind you that Adonai, who once delivered the people from Egypt, later destroyed those who did not trust.

Starting with the nation and the people who did not trust Adonai, he would continue with the likes of...

- The Angels
- So'dom and Amora
- The error of Bil'am
- The rebellion of Korach

Laying out many who transgressed against Adonai, addressing those who teach in error, Y'hudah (Jude) further conveys...

Jud 1:16 These people are grumblers and complainers, they follow their evil passions, their mouths speak grandiosities, and they flatter others to gain advantage.

Then Y'hudah pivots in his letter offering those who read it a warning to those who have placed their trust in Yeshua...

Jud 1:17 But you, dear friends, keep in mind the words spoken in advance by the emissaries of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah.

Jud 1:18 They told you, "During the acharit-hayamim there will be scoffers following their own godless passions."

Jud 1:19 These are the people who cause divisions. They are controlled by their impulses, because they don't have the Spirit.

Jud 1:20 But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith, and pray in union with the Ruach HaKodesh.

Jud 1:21 Thus keep yourselves in God's love, as you wait for our Lord Yeshua the Messiah to give you the mercy that leads to eternal life.

Jud 1:22 Rebuke some who are disputing;

Jud 1:23 save others, snatching them out of the fire; and to yet others, show mercy, but with fear, hating even the clothes stained by their vices.

Remain steadfast in what you have come to believe, yet not in a passive manner. Speak God's truth to Man's lies. Remember I shared about those who perceived what they were doing was under the authority of Adonai, when in reality, they were acting upon their own authority which was not of Adonai.

I believe it is important to share this dynamic of Y'hudah's letter because as believers at this time in history

have access to more false teaching than ever before. I have called the internet a double edged sword. It cuts both ways, offering valuable insight into Adonai's Word, that is rightly divided and valuable for understanding. Then there is the other side whereby it may sound good to the ears yet whatever "it" is that is being conveyed is not valuable insight. This goes back to my message on the power that resides in God and His Word.

Jud 1:24 Now, to the one who can keep you from falling and set you without defect and full of joy in the presence of his Sh'khinah—

Jud 1:25 to God alone, our Deliverer, through Yeshua the Messiah, our Lord—be glory, majesty, power and authority before all time, now and forever. Amen.

Thus I return to my opening and Y'hudah (Jude) and the last two verses where He reminds us of the one who can keep us from falling into the trap of the false teacher. It would be through his radiance, His Sh'khinah that we are to be kept.

I believe Y'hudah (Jude) is providing us with an image that we are familiar with. That is the epitome of the presence of Adonai through His Son, Yeshua.

Mat 17:1 Six days later, Yeshua took Kefa, Ya`akov and his brother Yochanan and led them up a high mountain privately.

Mat 17:2 As they watched, he began to change form—his face shone like the sun, and his clothing became as white as light.

Yeshua shone in the presence of Kefa, Ya'akov and Yochanan. He became radiant. There is a connection to the glory of Adonai and Yeshua. It should take you back to Sh'mot (Exodus) 33...

Exo 33:18 But Moshe said, "I beg you to show me your glory!"

We are given a glimpse of what Moshe is asking, because He experienced prior...

Exo 24:16 The glory of Adonai stayed on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day he called to Moshe out of the cloud.

Moshe pleaded with Adonai to show that is reveal His glory, His fullness, His Sh'khinah to Him.

Exo 33:19 He replied, "I will cause all my goodness to pass before you, and in your presence I will pronounce the name of Adonai. Moreover, I show favor to whomever I will, and I display mercy to whomever I will.

Exo 33:20 But my face," he continued, "you cannot see, because a human being cannot look at me and remain alive.

Exo 33:21 Here," he said, "is a place near me; stand on the rock.

Exo 33:22 When my glory passes by, I will put you inside a crevice in the rock and cover you with my hand, until I have passed by.

Exo 33:23 Then I will remove my hand, and you will see my back, but my face is not to be seen."

Adonai could not honor Moshe's request at that moment, knowing that His presence could not be sustained by humans in our current state, separated from the presence His direct presence.

Yet, Going back to B'midbar (Numbers) 23:19...

Num 23:19 "God is not a human who lies or a mortal who changes his mind. When he says something, he will do it; when he makes a promise, he will fulfill it.

He would fulfill the request of Moshe when He revealed the fullness of His presence...

Mat 17:3 Then they looked and saw Moshe and Eliyahu speaking with him.

Moshe was one of the witnesses to see this moment where Adonai, Father would affirm this very promise and His fulfillment of it when He spoke.

Mat 17:5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them; and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

The Glory of Adonai revealed through His Son and radiated by His Sh'khinah

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 He was with God in the beginning.

Joh 1:3 All things came to be through him, and without him nothing made had being.

Joh 1:4 In him was life, and the life was the light of mankind.

He would become the one who would radiate His light to us. Being in Maine, I am reminded of our state's rocky shore line and the lighthouses that populate them. He is our lighthouse, warning us of where it is unsafe for your ship to travel, keeping us safe from crashing into the rocks. In essence the lighthouse is our Rock...

Deu 32:1 "Hear, oh heavens, as I speak! Listen, earth, to the words from my mouth!

Deu 32:2 May my teaching fall like rain. May my speech condense like dew, like light rain on blades of grass, or showers on growing plants.

Deu 32:3 "For I will proclaim the name of Adonai. Come, declare the greatness of our God!

Deu 32:4 The Rock! His work is perfect, for all his ways are just. A trustworthy God who does no wrong, he is righteous and straight.

So long as His light shines (The Lighthouse) we will always have a beacon to guide us. That beacon, that guides us now has a name...Yeshua...

Joh 1:14 The Word became a human being and lived with us, and we saw his Sh'khinah, the Sh'khinah of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

The Hebrew, not for Sh'khinah for which we fully understand yet but for glory is...

כְּבוֹד כָּבוֹד

kâbôd kâbôd

kaw-bode', kaw-bode'

From **H3513**; properly *weight*; but only figuratively in a good sense, *splendor* or *copiousness*: - glorious (-ly), glory, honour (-able).

Thus, the glory and honor of the Son radiates the glory and the honor of the Father, Adonai. It is this dynamic combined with what I shared with you over the last two Shabbats that should further amplify what He has

provided us.

He has provided us with the treasure of the Kingdom. His glory, His Sh'khinah that is to be our light now.

Where there is Glory with Adonai, there is Majesty too. In this case, the Hebrew word...

הָדָר

hâdâr

haw-dawr'

From [H1921](#); **magnificence**, that is, ornament or **splendor**: - **beauty**, comeliness, excellency, glorious, glory, goodly, honour, **majesty**.

And like glory conveying His presence, Hadar further amplifies the magnitude of it. We read of such emphasis being amplified in Yesha'yahu (Isaiah)

Isa 9:5 For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; dominion will rest on his shoulders, and he will be given the name Pele-Yo`etz El Gibbor Avi-`Ad Sar-Shalom [*Wonder of a Counselor, Mighty God, Father of Eternity, Prince of Peace*],

Isa 9:6 in order to extend the dominion and perpetuate the peace of the throne and kingdom of David, to secure it and sustain it through justice and righteousness henceforth and forever. The zeal of Adonai-Tzva'ot will accomplish this.

The emphasis given to the Prophet and thus conveyed by Him as to the child that is to be born will be known by many names representing who He is. He would further convey a name that would not represent an attribute but rather a proximity...

Isa 7:14 Therefore Adonai himself will give you people a sign: the young woman [*Or: "the virgin."*] will become pregnant, bear a son and name him `Immanu El [*God is with us*].

Immanu El, God with us. He in our presence and we in His. We see this very aspect after the Exodus from Egypt...

Exo 29:45 Then I will live with the people of Isra'el and be their God:

Exo 29:46 they will know that I am Adonai their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt in order to live with them. I am Adonai their God.

The desire of Adonai has always been to reside with His people, His creation. Yet we are separated because of Him, not us. Yet, He would make known to us a time, a moad, an appointed time where He would thus reconcile us to Him.

Lev 23:34 "Tell the people of Isra'el, 'On the fifteenth day of this seventh month is the feast of Sukkot for seven days to Adonai.

Lev 23:35 On the first day there is to be a holy convocation; do not do any kind of ordinary work.

Lev 23:36 For seven days you are to bring an offering made by fire to Adonai; on the eighth day you are to have a holy convocation and bring an offering made by fire to Adonai ; it is a day of public assembly; do not do any kind of ordinary work.

For Adonai conveys to the nation that bears His name, you are to remember when I was with you in the desert, providing for you, guiding you, protecting you. In other words He is saying...I was with you. This is where I desire to be, with my people.

Lev 23:41 You are to observe it as a feast to Adonai seven days in the year; it is a permanent regulation, generation after generation; keep it in the seventh month.

Lev 23:42 You are to live in sukkot for seven days; every citizen of Isra'el is to live in a sukkah,

Lev 23:43 so that generation after generation of you will know that I made the people of Isra'el live in sukkot when I brought them out of the land of Egypt; I am Adonai your God.' "

Hence the memorial of this time. A time when He would reside with us once again. Not today, but two months ago when during Sukkot Adonai would dwell among His people once again. The Sh'khinah and the Majesty would enter the world through the birth of Yeshua.

Isa 11:1 But a branch will emerge from the trunk of Yishai, a shoot will grow from his roots.

Isa 11:2 The Spirit of Adonai will rest on him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and power, the Spirit of knowledge and fearing Adonai—

Isa 11:3 he will be inspired by fearing Adonai. He will not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear,

Yeshua would dwell with us. The Word of Adonai would become flesh like us and dwell among us.

Psa 29:1 [*A psalm of David:*] Give Adonai his due, you who are godly; give Adonai his due of glory and strength;

Psa 29:2 give Adonai the glory due his name; worship Adonai in holy splendor.

Psa 29:3 The voice of Adonai is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, Adonai over rushing waters,

Psa 29:4 the voice of Adonai in power, the voice of Adonai in splendor (majesty).

Psa 29:5 The voice of Adonai cracks the cedars; Adonai splinters the cedars of the L'vanon

Psa 29:6 and makes the L'vanon skip like a calf, Siryon like a young wild ox.

Psa 29:7 The voice of Adonai flashes fiery flames;

Psa 29:8 the voice of Adonai rocks the desert, Adonai convulses the Kadesh Desert.

Psa 29:9 The voice of Adonai causes deer to give birth and strips the forests bare—while in his temple, all cry, "Glory!"

Psa 29:10 Adonai sits enthroned above the flood! Adonai sits enthroned as king forever!

Psa 29:11 May Adonai give strength to his people! May Adonai bless his people with shalom!