

Notes: October 21, 2017

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: What Does An Abundant Life in God Mean

Last week I shared with you during our Simchat Torah service that Torah was under attack and that the attack was from within. I said this last week:

“From within the body of Messiah..believers who profess Yeshua to be their savior are attacking not the author and finisher of their faith, but the foundation for which their faith in Yeshua is constructed.”

I shared with you examples of just such attacks. Belittlement, mocking to name just two types of attacks are prevalent within the body of Messiah.

Last week, I also shared this verse when Yeshua was being put on the execution stake...

**Luk 23:34** Yeshua said, "Father, forgive them; they don't understand what they are doing." They divided up his clothes by throwing dice.

The vast majority of believers truly don't understand what they are doing. I talked about the teachers and seminaries as being the ones who proliferate this version of the Gospel, this version that is absent Torah. This version that is framed as grace, being the only aspect of the Gospel. Yet, the Scriptures do not speak against Torah, but rather against legalism.

Over the last three months you have truly been challenged by not only the sermons you have been hearing but also by the season you have just completed. The season of T'shuvah...beginning with the month of Elul. We have all had heavy lifting to do, when it came to searching ourselves, so that we could return to Adonai with a clean heart.

Now that this season has concluded, I thought I would share with you a message from three years ago. A message that I believe will provide further clarity for you as to what you can receive from Adonai as for many of you, according to Sha'ul when providing clarity as to what your previous relationship with Adonai was...

**Eph 2:11** Therefore, remember your former state: you Gentiles by birth — called the Uncircumcised by those who, merely because of an operation on their flesh, are called the Circumcised —

**Eph 2:12** at that time had no Messiah. You were estranged from the national life of Isra'el. You were foreigners to the covenants embodying God's promise. You were in this world without hope and without God.

Whereby Sha'ul conveys...

**Eph 3:1** It is a consequence of this that I, Sha'ul, am a prisoner of the Messiah Yeshua on behalf of you Gentiles.

**Eph 3:2** I assume that you have heard of the work God in his grace has given me to do for your benefit,

**Eph 3:3** and that it was by a revelation that this secret plan was made known to me. I have already written about it briefly,

**Eph 3:4** and if you read what I have written, you will grasp how I understand this secret plan concerning the Messiah.

**Eph 3:5** In past generations it was not made known to mankind, as the Spirit is now revealing it to his emissaries and prophets,

**Eph 3:6** that in union with the Messiah and through the Good News the Gentiles were to be joint heirs, a joint body and joint sharers with the Jews in what God has promised.

Now keep in mind what I am about to share, is already available to Jewish believers in Messiah,

**Joh 10:10** The thief comes only in order to steal, kill and destroy; I have come so that they may have life, life in its fullest measure. (CJB)

**Joh 10:10** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly. (KJV).

Posing the question...

What does it mean to have life and to have it more abundantly, or in its fullest measure?

The word for “more abundantly” in Greek is *per-is-sos'*

From **G4012** (in the sense of *beyond*); *superabundant* (in quantity) or *superior* (in quality); by implication *excessive*; adverb (with **G1537**) *violently*; neuter (as noun) *preeminence*: - exceeding abundantly above, more abundantly, advantage, exceedingly, very highly, beyond measure, more, superfluous, vehement [-ly].

Abundance is usually quantified, meaning something of great quantity such as when Israel spied the land in Numbers 13 and their report:

**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!

Even though the word abundant isn't actually used here, the concept of abundance is conveyed by the notion that the land is flowing, to which it can also mean to abound in excess.

Yet, does abundant living have to represent something that is quantifiable?

This verse usually gets used to convey a promise of financial blessing. Even though this is a possible outcome, I don't believe it is what Yeshua was referring to.

When did Yeshua speak about living life in its fullest measure?

It was during Sukkot when He conveyed this promise as well as many other foundational truths.

What is one of the things that is commanded during Sukkot?

It is a time when Israel would bring their tithe from the harvest of the land.

Israel has just completed their final harvest of the season of which they bring a tenth to the Temple as is instructed by Scripture. A harvest is a time when you have an abundance, yet Yeshua is conveying that He will provide you with greater abundance than what you have just experienced.

It is also within this passage that Yeshua is conveying His role as the Good Shepherd.

One who will protect His Sheep – provide for them.

And in contrast to the Good Shepherd, you have the thief, whose desire is to kill, rob and destroy the sheep. In essence, his objective is to deny the sheep of what the Good Shepherd offers, a blessed life, a life of abundant living.

Yeshua was speaking to a Jewish audience conveying some of His most important messages during the festival of Sukkot.

What does an abundant life look like from a Jewish perspective?

Consider Sha'ul's response to his Roman audience...Romans 9: 4 – 5:

**Rom 9:4** the people of Isra'el! They were made God's children, the Sh'khinah has been with them, the covenants are theirs, likewise the giving of the Torah, the Temple service and the promises;

**Rom 9:5** the Patriarchs are theirs; and from them, as far as his physical descent is concerned, came the Messiah, who is over all. Praised be Adonai for ever! Amen.

Let's look at each one that Sha'ul has listed...

**To be called God's children, and not just children, but God's firstborn is a blessing that no other people can claim:**

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

**Exo 4:23** I have told you to let my son go in order to worship me, but you have refused to let him go. Well, then, I will kill your firstborn son!" ' "

Yet, people who have accepted Yeshua have become adopted children of God. I don't mean this in a negative way, but in a way that if you once considered yourself an orphan of the world, you are now a child of God. You have someone who claims you as His and loves you just as much as His own children.

This alone, by itself is something that you can't truly quantify, but with it comes an abundance of blessing because of who we are children of...

This alone, is an abundance that no other nation could claim.

Yet Yeshua implies that He offers more.

**The Sh'khinah has been with them...**

The Glory of God has been with them isn't a sufficient statement to truly understand what this means.

The presence of God resided with them. A visibly powerful presence resided in the Tabernacle when they were camped and appeared as a column of fire by night and a column of cloud by day to guide them on their journey.

To have God's glory reside with you and be called His children is most certainly a blessing of abundance, again not quantifiable but most certainly recognizable.

**The Covenants are theirs...**

Adonai made a Covenant with Avraham, unlike anyone else, ever...

**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 the foundation of the Covenant that would be built upon...

It includes the promise of a first born son who would be the one who carries the Covenant and would pass it on to the generations to follow

It would include land where they would become a great nation.

Adonai would reaffirm and expand the Covenant He made with Avraham, through Moshe...

**Exo 19:5** Now if you will pay careful attention to what I say and keep my covenant, then you will be my own treasure from among all the peoples, for all the earth is mine;

**Exo 19:6** and you will be a kingdom of cohanim for me, a nation set apart.' These are the words you are to speak to the people of Isra'el."

And it would be through this Covenant we would receive Torah...more on that later

Adonai would make a Covenant with David...

**2Sa 7:10** I will assign a place to my people Isra'el; I will plant them there, so that they can live in their own place without being disturbed any more. The wicked will no longer oppress them, as they did at the beginning,

**2Sa 7:11** and as they did from the time I ordered judges to be over my people Isra'el; instead, I will give you rest from all your enemies. " 'Moreover, Adonai tells you that Adonai will make you a house.

**2Sa 7:12** When your days come to an end and you sleep with your ancestors, I will establish one of your descendants to succeed you, one of your own flesh and blood; and I will set up his rulership.

**2Sa 7:13** He will build a house for my name, and I will establish his royal throne forever.

**2Sa 7:14** I will be a father for him, and he will be a son for me. If he does something wrong, I will punish him with a rod and blows, just as everyone gets punished;

**2Sa 7:15** nevertheless, my grace will not leave him, as I took it away from Sha'ul, whom I removed from before you.

**2Sa 7:16** Thus your house and your kingdom will be made secure forever before you; your throne will be set up forever.' "

**2Sa 7:17** Natan told David all of these words and described this entire vision.

The promise of a ruler of a Kingdom that would never come to an end, whereas all other kingdoms have been finite, they have come to an end.

So, it is through these promises made to Avraham, Moshe and David that offer more than any other nation has ever been able to claim.

To be part of it, is to be part of something that I would call abundant, yet, I am of the impression that the people already knew this. Maybe not yet fully understood in scope, but I would hope, there was an understanding of the benefits Israel had over all other nations.

Yet, Yeshua is alluding to more. If they already knew these things, what more could their be?

## **The Giving of Torah...**

I had previously touched on the giving of Torah through the Covenant made with Moshe.

As I have conveyed many times before, Torah is more than a list of rules and regulations, it is in essence the mind of Adonai revealed to us.

He has revealed to us what His ways are. He says,

**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.

**Deu 7:7** Adonai didn't set his heart on you or choose you because you numbered more than any other people - on the contrary, you were the fewest of all peoples.

**Deu 7:8** Rather, it was because Adonai loved you, and because he wanted to keep the oath which he had sworn to your ancestors, that Adonai brought you out with a strong hand and redeemed you from a life of slavery under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

**Deu 7:9** From this you can know that Adonai your God is indeed God, the faithful God, who keeps his covenant and extends grace to those who love him and observe his mitzvot, to a thousand generations.

He has distinguished Israel as different from all the other nations.

Torah conveys how Israel is to live as a nation set apart as holy for Adonai.

## **The Temple Service was theirs...**

As was mentioned earlier, the Sh'khinah was with them, and Sha'ul conveys that the Temple service was theirs. Just as in the desert where Adonai resided in the Tabernacle, so too, He would reside in the Temple, for this is where much of Torah was done. Much of Torah instructs the Cohanim and Levites what was to be done as their role in serving Adonai.

Other nations had temples.

Other nations had gods

Yet no other nation had the place where the God of all creation would reside.

## **The Patriarchs are theirs...**

This statement being the glue that binds everything together.

In many ways, it is because of the Promises made to Avraham, Yitzchak and Ya'akov that Israel still remains. Many times we have tried Adonai's patience, but because of these promises, Adonai has remained faithful to us, even if we were not faithful to Him.

## **As far as His physical descent is concerned, came the Messiah, who is over all...**

Throughout His Word, Adonai promised One who would come through Israel as King of Israel and not only restore the nation but also restore the world – tikkun olam.

I could list all of these promises to you, but we would likely be here all day, which isn't a bad thing.

**Luk 24:44** Yeshua said to them, "This is what I meant when I was still with you and told you that everything written about me in the Torah of Moshe, the Prophets and the Psalms had to be fulfilled."

**Luk 24:45** Then he opened their minds, so that they could understand the Tanakh,

We do this on a weekly basis, and hopefully you are doing this on a daily basis.

So, to have any one of these things in our lives I would consider to be a more abundant life, then if they were absent from our lives. Yet there is still more.

Sha'ul doesn't mention it specifically, but everything I have already mentioned is brought together through one more things as children of Adonai...

The promise of the Ruach ha Kodesh.

It is through the Ruach ha Kodesh, that we are brought closer to Adonai.

It is the Ruach ha Kodesh that empowers us to live according to His ways.

Yet, I see many believers leaving “money on the table”

When you leave money on the table, it is a time during negotiations that you accept a lesser offer than what the seller was truly willing to give.

In applying it to what I have already shared in relation to many believers, they are leaving behind the abundance that is found through each one of these aspects conveyed by Sha'ul.

- Many (not all) have ignored the significance of who Israel is, whether through ignorance, pride or simply just not knowing, to the extreme of ultimately replacing Israel. They have hijacked the initial promise given to Avraham...

**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."

and applied it to themselves, thus changing the Word of Adonai.

- Today many don't understand the Covenants.

In not understanding the Covenants, it has led to many strange teachings to where again the Word of Adonai has been changed, in order to become “more relevant” to the time we are living in, rather than embracing the infallible authority of His Word.

- For centuries there has been this misunderstanding of Torah

It has been viewed as a negative – legalism, bondage and oppression, yet it is really a liberation from bondage and slavery. It provides a guideline for our lives that conveys justice and liberty through what Adonai considers as righteousness. Furthermore, it reveals additional blessings for us through Adonai's moadim. An appointed time with Adonai.

A time we are summoned to appear before our King.

Yet, many choose to ignore the blessing of this abundance given by Adonai.

So when Yeshua says...

**Joh 10:10** The thief comes only in order to steal, kill and destroy; I have come so that they may have life, life in its fullest measure.

Are you letting the thief steal the blessings freely given to you?

Are you letting him destroy what Adonai has freely given?

Are others, who appear to be well intentioned in their beliefs convinced you that these things are no longer relevant?

Or

Have you taken Yeshua at His Word and embraced the abundance of life as a believer in Him. I'm certain you have heard this before...

How do you view your cup?

What size do you think Adonai has for you?

A measuring spoon	A measuring cup	A 5 gallon bucket
		

If you go to Him with a measuring spoon mindset, you are missing the understanding of His abundance. Adonai can easily exceed your expectations, but you have limited Him because you have placed a limited / boundary on what He can do.

If you are going with a measuring cup mindset, you are growing in maturity as a believer and your faith is growing as well.

If you are going to Him with a 5 gallon bucket mindset, your faith is much greater.

Yet, if you go to Him with the mindset that there are no limits to the size of His cup, and therefore should be no limit to the size of your cup, because He is able to provide an abundance for your life because the source of the abundance is from an overflowing cup. That is extraordinary faith in Him. Consider Psalm 23:

**Psa 23:1** *[A psalm of David:]* Adonai is my shepherd; I lack nothing.

**Psa 23:2** He has me lie down in grassy pastures, he leads me by quiet water,

**Psa 23:3** he restores my inner person. He guides me in right paths for the sake of his own name.

**Psa 23:4** Even if I pass through death-dark ravines, I will fear no disaster; for you are with me; your rod and staff reassure me.

**Psa 23:5** You prepare a table for me, even as my enemies watch; you anoint my head with oil from an overflowing cup.

From an overflowing cup – one of abundance (that would be His cup, from where the abundance comes from)

**Psa 23:6** Goodness and grace will pursue me every day of my life; and I will live in the house of Adonai for years and years to come.

We are reminded of His abundance, given to Israel. Yet, Yeshua conveys that there is more. As David conveys, the cup of Adonai is overflowing. Meaning that He is the source of the abundance for which He will pour out on us as His children.

It may not mean what others have come to apply the meaning of “life more abundantly”, but I will convey that the abundance you will experience will not end when this life ends.

As a matter of fact, everything Sha'ul had mentioned in Romans 9:4 – 5 came from that overflowing cup.

I had shared with you Adonai's prophecy for David as conveyed by Nathan. This is David's response...

**2Sa 7:19** Yet in your view, Adonai Elohim, even this was too small a thing; so you have even said that your servant's dynasty will continue on into the distant future. This is *[indeed]* a teaching for a man, Adonai Elohim –

**2Sa 7:20** what more can David say to you? For you know your servant intimately, Adonai Elohim.

**2Sa 7:21** It is for the sake of your word and in accordance with your own heart that you have done all this greatness and revealed it to your servant.

**2Sa 7:22** Therefore, you are great, Adonai, God; for there is no one like you, and there is no God besides you — everything we have heard confirms that.

**2Sa 7:23** Who can be compared with your people, with Isra'el? What other nation on earth did God set out to redeem and make into a people for himself? You made yourself a reputation by doing for your land things that even for you are great and terrifying, for the sake of your people whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt and from other nations and from their gods.

**2Sa 7:24** You set up your people for yourself as your people forever; and you, Adonai, became their God.

**2Sa 7:25** So now, Adonai, God, establish forever the word you have spoken to your servant and his house; do what you have promised.

**2Sa 7:26** May your name be magnified forever, so that it will be said, 'Adonai-Tzva'ot is God over Isra'el, and the dynasty of your servant David will be set up in your presence.'

**2Sa 7:27** You, Adonai-Tzva'ot, God of Isra'el, have disclosed to your servant, 'I will build you a house.' This is why your servant has the courage to pray this prayer to you.

**2Sa 7:28** Now, Adonai Elohim, you alone are God; your words are truth; and you have made this wonderful promise to your servant.

**2Sa 7:29** So may it please you to bless the family of your servant and thereby cause it to continue forever in your presence. For you, Adonai Elohim, have said it. May your servant's family be blessed forever by your blessing."