

Notes: June 10, 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
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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 Happens After The Feast

Jeri asked two questions...

Moving on and away from Shavuot what do we need to be mindful of?

What do we need to do with all the reflective moments as we move away from Shavuot?:

and answered them with four distinct points...

1. WE NEED TO MAKE AN EXODUS FROM OUR SLAVERY - We are all a mess. We have doubts and fears, flaws and weaknesses. But does this mean that God cannot use us? Of course not. It's not about the labels we slap on ourselves, it's about the identity of the God we serve. The story is not about you and it's not about me, it's about Him.
2. WE WERE GIVEN NOT ONLY TORAH, BUT THE ENTIRE TANAKH AND BRITH HADISHAH SO THAT WE CAN SPEAK IT, PROCLAIM IT, LIVE IT! To let the Word of God not only speak to us but through us!
3. I believe we need to be mindful of is MAKING YESHUA OUR PASSOVER LAMB.
4. WE NEED THE RUACH HAKODESH TO RISE UP IN US.

Jeri additionally provided you with many powerful statements...including...

The Ruach HaKodesh is one of God's most precious gifts to His children. The Ruach takes up residence within the believer at the moment of salvation and empowers the individual to overcome sin and live for God's glory and purposes. However, the Ruach's power can be "turned off" or ignored. Only those who choose to walk with Him have unhindered access to His strength and guidance.

And

We have heard sermon after sermon, and we don't need more sermons. If the ones we have already heard haven't made a difference, new ones most likely won't either. What we need is a revival from within because we have already received the power from above; we just haven't chosen to be energized, motivated, or empowered by it. Each and every one of us, need to speak God's word over a lot of things in our lives. If we will start with doing this and believing as the Word of God speaks to us, we will have what we believe. God's word promises us that.

So, what did happen after Shavuot in the year when Messiah died and was resurrected?

Even before, He instructed His talmadim...

Act 1:4 At one of these gatherings, he instructed them not to leave Yerushalayim but to "wait for what the Father promised, which you heard about from me.

We saw what happened on that day in Acts 2...

Act 2:4 They were all filled with the Ruach HaKodesh and began to talk in different languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

Act 2:5 Now there were staying in Yerushalayim religious Jews from every nation under heaven.

Act 2:6 When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered; they were confused, because each one heard the believers speaking in his own language.

Act 2:7 Totally amazed, they asked, "How is this possible? Aren't all these people who are speaking from the Galil?"

Act 2:8 How is it that we hear them speaking in our native languages?

To where Kefa, who not too long ago was a man controlled by his fear and emotions was the one who boldly proclaimed to the crowd around him...

Act 2:14 Then Kefa stood up with the Eleven and raised his voice to address them: "You Judeans, and all of you staying here in Yerushalayim! Let me tell you what this means! Listen carefully to me!

And began proclaiming with a confidence that was once absent the meaning of what was happening with the response being...

Act 2:37 On hearing this, they were stung in their hearts; and they said to Kefa and the other emissaries, "Brothers, what should we do?"

Act 2:38 Kefa answered them, "Turn from sin, return to God, and each of you be immersed on the authority of Yeshua the Messiah into forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Ruach HaKodesh!

Act 2:39 For the promise is for you, for your children, and for those far away — as many as Adonai our God may call!"

Act 2:40 He pressed his case with many other arguments and kept pleading with them, "Save yourselves from this perverse generation!"

Act 2:41 So those who accepted what he said were immersed, and there were added to the group that day about three thousand people.

This was all on Shavuot.

But,

What happened after Shavuot?

Was it like a memorable and powerful service you may have experienced on Shabbat or in your past life in church?

Where you reflected on what had just happened and went back to your routine?

You reflected on the powerful move of Adonai and hoped it would be that way next week?

Did Yeshua's talmadim do this...

I will tell you, the answer to each of these questions is no...

Act 2:42 They continued faithfully in the teaching of the emissaries, in fellowship, in breaking bread and in the prayers.

Act 2:43 Everyone was filled with awe, and many miracles and signs took place through the emissaries.

Act 2:44 All those trusting in Yeshua stayed together and had everything in common;

Act 2:45 in fact, they sold their property and possessions and distributed the proceeds to all who were in need.

Act 2:46 Continuing faithfully and with singleness of purpose to meet in the Temple courts daily, and breaking bread in their several homes, they shared their food in joy and simplicity of heart,

Act 2:47 praising God and having the respect of all the people. And day after day the Lord kept adding to them those who were being saved.

They went to the Temple daily to worship Adonai and to proclaim that Yeshua is Messiah.

Singleness of purpose, not opposing agendas.

Act 3:1 One afternoon at three o'clock, the hour of minchah prayers, as Kefa and Yochanan were going up to the Temple,

Act 3:2 a man crippled since birth was being carried in. Every day people used to put him at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple, so that he could beg from those going into the Temple court.

Act 3:3 When he saw Kefa and Yochanan about to enter, he asked them for some money.

Act 3:4 But they stared straight at him; and Kefa said, "Look at us!"

Act 3:5 The crippled man fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them.

Act 3:6 Kefa said, "I don't have silver, and I don't have gold, but what I do have I give to you: in the name of the Messiah, Yeshua of Natzeret, walk!"

Act 3:7 And taking hold of him by his right hand, Kefa pulled him up. Instantly his feet and ankles became strong;

Act 3:8 so that he sprang up, stood a moment, and began walking. Then he entered the Temple court with them, walking and leaping and praising God!

Act 3:9 Everyone saw him walking and praising God.

Act 3:10 They recognized him as the same man who had formerly sat begging at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple, and they were utterly amazed and confounded at what had happened to him.

Act 3:11 While he clung to Kefa and Yochanan, all the people came running in astonishment toward them in Shlomo's Colonnade.

Act 3:12 Seeing this, Kefa addressed the people: "Men of Isra'el! Why are you amazed at this? Or why do you stare at us as if we had made this man walk through some power or godliness of our own?"

The power behind Kefa's boldness continued here when he spoke with authority to the crippled man at the gate to the Temple.

Act 5:12 Meanwhile, through the emissaries many signs and miracles continued to be done among the people. United in mind and purpose, the believers met in Shlomo's Colonnade;

Act 5:13 and no one else dared to join them. Nevertheless, the people continued to regard them highly;

Act 5:14 and throngs of believers were added to the Lord, both men and women.

Act 5:15 They went so far as to bring the sick into the streets and lay them on mattresses and stretchers, so that at least Kefa's shadow might fall on them as he passed by.

Act 5:16 Crowds also gathered from the towns around Yerushalayim, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits; and every one of them was healed.

Many signs and miracles continued...

All after Shavuot. The power that came from above, resided in them and as such enabled them to perform signs and miracles, further testifying to the power of Adonai and the resurrection of Yeshua.

Act 8:3 But Sha'ul set out to destroy the Messianic Community — entering house after house, he dragged off both men and women and handed them over to be put in prison.

Act 8:4 However, those who were scattered announced the Good News of the Word wherever they went.

I reference these verses because, in a short time you will witness a transformation of an individual that can only have been accomplished through the Power that came from above.

Act 8:14 When the emissaries in Yerushalayim heard that Shomron had received the Word of God, they sent them Kefa and Yochanan,

Act 8:15 who came down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Ruach HaKodesh.

Act 8:16 For until then he had not come upon any of them; they had only been immersed into the name of the Lord Yeshua.

Act 8:17 Then, as Kefa and Yochanan placed their hands on them, they received the Ruach HaKodesh.

This power would continue to spread, even past Jerusalem and Judea...even to Shomron, Samaria. This should come as no surprise in that Yeshua conveyed the very same thing as recorded in Acts 1:

Act 1:8 But you will receive power when the Ruach HaKodesh comes upon you; you will be my witnesses both in Yerushalayim and in all Y'hudah and Shomron, indeed to the ends of the earth!"

Then you have Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch, whom I will call the Ethiopian Jew, who traveled to Jerusalem to worship as conveyed in Acts 8:27 – 28

Act 8:27 So he got up and went. On his way, he caught sight of an Ethiopian, a eunuch who was minister in charge of all the treasure of the Kandake, or queen, of Ethiopia. He had been to Yerushalayim to worship;

Act 8:28 and now, as he was returning home, he was sitting in his chariot, reading the prophet Yesha`yahu.

Act 8:29 The Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot, and stay close to it."

Act 8:30 As Philip ran up, he heard the Ethiopian reading from Yesha`yahu the prophet. "Do you understand what you're reading?" he asked.

Act 8:31 "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" And he invited Philip to climb up and sit with him.

We come to find out in verses 32 & 33 that the Ethiopian is reading what we know as Isaiah 53.

How can I understand this unless someone explains it to me...

Philip did just that.

Act 8:35 Then Philip started to speak — beginning with that passage, he went on to tell him the Good News about Yeshua.

Act 8:36 As they were going down the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look! Here's some water! Is there any reason why I shouldn't be immersed?"

Act 8:37 [*"And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." He answered, "I believe that Yeshua the Messiah is the Son of God."*]

Act 8:38 He ordered the chariot to stop; then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and Philip immersed him.

Act 8:39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away. The eunuch saw no more

of him, because he continued on his way — full of joy.

Act 8:40 But Philip showed up at Ashdod and continued proclaiming the Good News as he went through all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

And let me close with this last experience occurring after Shavuot...

Act 9:1 Meanwhile, Sha'ul, still breathing murderous threats against the Lord's talmidim, went to the cohen hagadol

Act 9:2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Dammesek, authorizing him to arrest any people he might find, whether men or women, who belonged to "the Way," and bring them back to Yerushalayim.

Act 9:3 He was on the road and nearing Dammesek, when suddenly a light from heaven flashed all around him.

Act 9:4 Falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Sha'ul! Sha'ul! Why do you keep persecuting me?"

Act 9:5 "Sir, who are you?" he asked. "I am Yeshua, and you are persecuting me.

Act 9:6 But get up, and go into the city, and you will be told what you have to do."

Act 9:7 The men traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.

Act 9:8 They helped Sha'ul get up off the ground; but when he opened his eyes, he could see nothing. So, leading him by the hand, they brought him into Dammesek.

Act 9:9 For three days he remained unable to see, and he neither ate nor drank.

Act 9:10 There was a talmid in Dammesek, Hananyah by name; and in a vision the Lord said to him, "Hananyah!" He said, "Here I am, Lord."

Act 9:11 The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to Straight Street, to Y'hudah's house; and ask for a man from Tarsus named Sha'ul; for he is praying,

Act 9:12 and in a vision he has seen a man named Hananyah coming in and placing his hands on him to restore his sight."

Act 9:13 But Hananyah answered, "Lord, many have told me about this man, how much harm he has done to your people in Yerushalayim;

Act 9:14 and here he has a warrant from the head cohanim to arrest everyone who calls on your name."

Act 9:15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, because this man is my chosen instrument to carry my name to the Goyim, even to their kings, and to the sons of Isra'el as well.

Act 9:16 For I myself will show him how much he will have to suffer on account of my name."

Act 9:17 So Hananyah left and went into the house. Placing his hands on him, he said, "Brother Sha'ul, the Lord — Yeshua, the one who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here — has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Ruach HaKodesh."

Act 9:18 In that moment, something like scales fell away from Sha'ul's eyes; and he could see again. He got up and was immersed;

Act 9:19 then he ate some food and regained his strength. Sha'ul spent some days with the talmidim in Dammesek,

Act 9:20 and immediately he began proclaiming in the synagogues that Yeshua is the Son of God.

Act 9:21 All who heard him were amazed. They asked, "Isn't he the man who in Yerushalayim was trying to destroy the people who call on this name? In fact, isn't that why he came here, to arrest them and bring them back to the head cohanim?"

Act 9:22 But Sha'ul was being filled with more and more power and was creating an uproar among the Jews living in Dammesek with his proofs that Yeshua is the Messiah.

There was a revival happening to people within them.

That revival was contagious because they continued in the power that was provided from above.

That same power from above is with each and everyone of you today who have come to profess Yeshua to be Messiah.

This means that there is still the same opportunity for revival from within as there was nearly 2000 years ago.

The book of Acts is our record for what transpired after Shavuot. It was by every account a true revival because it was the power from Above, instilled into believers that made it real.

We have that same power residing within us and therefore to reiterate...

We need is a revival from within because we have already received the power from above; we just haven't chosen to be energized, motivated, or empowered by it. Each and every one of us, need to speak God's word over a lot of things in our lives. If we will start with doing this and believing as the Word of God speaks to us, we will have what we believe. God's word promises us that.