

Notes: February 22, 2020

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. Jeri - Drash
8. Praise and Worship Songs
9. Message
10. Aaronic Blessing
11. Kiddush
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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: Where There is a Mission, There Is A Message – Part 4 (The Covenants)

Rabbi Frank's opening spiel...

Last Shabbat I left you hanging...

And yet, Yeshua has the authority, the power, to forgive sin all together. However there is one condition and it is found in the Prophets as well...

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This is not the only place where the promise of a New Covenant is found, I will build on these verses over the next couple of weeks, ultimately providing you with confirmation of this promise as being a message from the Prophets. A message that Sha'ul and others have conveyed to the nation of Israel, ultimately going forth to the nations, the Goyim.

Forgiveness of sin (not atonement for sin) is found in only one place...

Before proceeding, I believe I need to provide some further understanding.

What is the difference between atonement of sin? and forgiveness of sin?

Atonement = covering (restitution)

To cover means to conceal, to put something over something in order to cover it. Through the sacrificial system you are making restitution to Adonai for your transgression against / towards Him.

The sacrificial system covers the sin through atoning for it through the blood of an animal sacrifice.

Forgiveness = total acquittal, total exoneration.

The sacrifice of Yeshua not only covers sin, but actually removes it altogether. Today, I will not be going into detail of this, but establishing a foundation that will ultimately bring us to this point.

How well do you understand the New Covenant?

So, when we look at the promise of the New Covenant being conveyed to a nation who is in the process of heading into exile as a result of their transgression against Adonai. The concept for the regathering of the nation at a time in the future is likely something the nation is familiar with because it is alluded to in Torah. Torah is not always looked upon as a book of prophecy yet, this will be our first of several stops where Adonai alludes to a New Covenant.

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;

The conditional aspect of the Covenant made with Adonai is His desire that the people will follow Him, be faithful to Him, honor His as the only true God.

It will be because of the transgression of the nation that Adonai will curse the people.

Deu 28:46 These curses will be on you and your descendants as a sign and a wonder forever.

Deu 28:47 Because you didn't serve Adonai your God with joy and gladness in your heart when you had such an abundance of everything;

Deu 28:48 Adonai will send your enemy against you; and you will serve him when you are hungry, thirsty, poorly clothed and lacking everything; he will put a yoke of iron on your neck until he destroys you.

Deu 28:49 Yes, Adonai will bring against you a nation from far away that will swoop down on you from the end of the earth like a vulture, a nation whose language you don't understand,

Deu 28:50 a nation grim in appearance, whose people neither respect the old nor pity the young.

Yet this judgment does not mean that Adonai is done with His people, the ones He has called to be His own unique treasure...

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."

At Sinai, the time when the Covenant through Moshe was being established by Adonai, we see the condition made, yet it is not a covenant negotiated by two parties, but offered by one, with conditions and

accepted by the other...

Exo 19:7 Moshe came, summoned the leaders of the people and presented them with all these words which Adonai had ordered him to say.

Exo 19:8 All the people answered as one, "Everything Adonai has said, we will do." Moshe reported the words of the people to Adonai.

Because of their transgression that had been predicted one would think, because of the Holiness of Adonai, once the curses have been imposed, that would be the end of the nation. There is one thing that keeps this from ending. There is one thing that keeps the people of Israel and their identity, to where they are still identifiable today, even after nearly 2000 years without land.

Adonai's Word.

It is because of His Word, that the nation, in all its imperfection, exists today. It is because of His Word that the people of Israel have not gone by the way of the Amalikim, Philistines or Edomites. It is because of His Word, as reminded by Moshe during the Golden Calf, for whom He made a promise to the Patriarchs, for whom the Covenant was established with...

Exo 32:9 Adonai continued speaking to Moshe: "I have been watching these people; and you can see how stiffnecked they are.

Exo 32:10 Now leave me alone, so that my anger can blaze against them, and I can put an end to them! I will make a great nation out of you instead."

Adonai's anger raged at the people for whom He displayed many wonders in bringing them out from slavery. The disrespect of the people, the short memory, the comfort zone of Egyptian life that they have fallen back into through embracing statues to worship. It would take Moshe's intercession to stop Adonai's anger.

Exo 32:11 Moshe pleaded with Adonai his God. He said, "Adonai, why must your anger blaze against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and a strong hand?

Exo 32:12 Why let the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intentions that he led them out, to slaughter them in the hills and wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger! Relent! Don't bring such disaster on your people!

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.' "

Whom you swore by yourself. His Word and His Word alone was the bond that kept Him from destroying the people altogether.

Psa 105:8 He remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded to a thousand generations,

Psa 105:9 the covenant he made with Avraham, the oath he swore to Yitz'chak,

Psa 105:10 and established as a law for Ya`akov, for Isra'el as an everlasting covenant:

The Psalmist recognises the everlasting promise Adonai has made to these people, His people for whom would be His messenger, His witness to the power, the mercy, the grace of Adonai.

Exo 32:14 Adonai then changed his mind about the disaster he had planned for his people.

Ultimately, in the desert, Adonai would not destroy His own people simply because of His word to the Patriarchs. It is through this connection that we are here today...His Word commanded to a thousand generations.

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.

In order to return, you must first have to have left.

A turning away of the people, within their hearts would ultimately lead to a nation turning away and ultimately incur Adonai's

A consequence of the curses conveyed by Adonai to the people was ultimate expulsion from the land.

Will they return in the fullness?

Has the nation today fully repented and returned to Adonai. The answer to that would be no, not yet.

However, when you read further regarding this allusion to the New Covenant you will see the power of Adonai at hand here.

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.

Has He not reversed the exile of a people?

And yet, they /we have not fully returned. There are still at least 95% of the Jewish worldwide population that has not accepted Yeshua. But that doesn't mean Adonai is faithful to His Word.

Adonai will, and is going to great lengths to regather His people to the land He had promised long ago...

Remember....Psalm 105 “ He remembers his covenant forever”

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.

You will take possession of the land and reside in it. What has transpired, what is transpiring and what will transpire is a reclamation project that is occurring in the land. It would be comparable to living in a home you are restoring.

Because Adonai's promise is to regather His people, bring them into the land and restore them.

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.

We see this going on today.

And verse six provides us with the concept of the circumcised heart. Ultimately conveying that the issue is a heart condition. The great physician is a heart surgeon.

Several months ago, I shared a sermon about the heart and its condition. It isn't that our heart had a “manufacturer's defect” from the factory. It is that our heart has become damaged through our own actions. Think of our consumption of sin the equivalent to a smoker and the damage inflicted on the heart and the lungs. Ultimately it is the great physician who will restore our heart which is what ultimately connects us to Him.

With the promise of the New Covenant through Jeremiah there are several things to look at...

1. Consider the dynamic of the power of the covenant being made.

What is missing from Deuteronomy 30 regarding this allusion to the New Covenant?

There is no mention of a divided Kingdom. He is talking to the nation as a whole. Don't misunderstand me, Adonai knew Israel would be divided, just as He knew they would be expelled from the land when He conveyed to Moshe "When the curses come upon you..."

Consider the beginning of Jeremiah 31...

Jer 31:1 (30:25) "When that time comes," says Adonai, "I will be God of all the clans of Isra'el, and they will be my people."

I will be God of all the clans of Isra'el...a united Kingdom. It will be through the New Covenant that Isra'el will be reunited. Restored as one Kingdom, with One King.

2. The power of this covenant will not merely atone for sin, but forgive completely erase from Adonai's memory.

We have an exhaustive record of the nation's transgression. One of the challenges with being Jewish is that your family's dirty laundry is there for everyone to see. Everything has been exposed. And yet, the power of the New Covenant provides a new beginning for the nation, the people and ultimately the world.

3. The power of certainty by which Adonai establishes the New Covenant.

Jer 31:35 (31:34) This is what Adonai says, who gives the sun as light for the day, who ordained the laws for the moon and stars to provide light for the night, who stirs up the sea until its waves roar — Adonai-Tzva'ot is his name:

Jer 31:36 (31:35) "If these laws leave my presence," says Adonai, "then the offspring of Isra'el will stop being a nation in my presence forever."

Jer 31:37 (31:36) This is what Adonai says: "If the sky above can be measured and the foundations of the earth be fathomed, then I will reject all the offspring of Isra'el for all that they have done," says Adonai.

The authority of His Word here is reminiscent of the Covenant with the Patriarchs and the Covenant with Moshe.

It is by His Word that Adonai establishes this Covenant that will unify a Kingdom and reconcile the world.

It most certainly is not like the Covenant made previously that ultimately established the nation that was to be a light to the nations and made provisions for the foreigner, the Goy, the Gentile to become part of the Covenant. We will talk more about that in the coming weeks.

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Yeshua the mediator of the New Covenant just as Moshe was mediator of the Covenant given at Sinai.

Next Shabbat we will delve into the promise of the New Covenant further.