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Messianic Perspectives

Shalom and welcome to Messianic Perspectives – a program aired on radio stations WRKJ 88.5 and WMTP 91.1 in Maine, with the purpose of exploring the scriptures from a Jewish point of view. Paul, whose Hebrew name is Sha'ul writes in 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.

It is from this perspective that we will explore the relationship between the Tenach – the Jewish Bible and the Brith Hadoshah – the New Covenant writings.

Today's topic – The Sabbath

The misconception is that the Sabbath is part of the law and as believers in Messiah Yeshua, we are no longer required to keep the Sabbath. As I had mentioned last time, the Sabbath is a gift from Adonai, given to Israel as a symbol representing the covenant entered into at Sinai.

It was Adonai's to give because He established it. Genesis chapter 2 and verses 1 through 3:

Gen 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, along with everything in them.

Gen 2:2 On the seventh day God was finished with his work which he had made, so he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

Gen 2:3 God blessed the seventh day and separated it as holy; because on that day God rested from all his work which he had created, so that it itself could produce.

Therefore, It was His to give and He gave it to Israel.

A nation of people that were under the authority of Egypt, knew of no rest and had problems understanding this idea. Shabbat is not meant to be a yoke of bondage. We can see this through Luke chapter 13, starting at verses 10 through 12

Luk 13:10 Yeshua was teaching in one of the synagogues on Shabbat.

Luk 13:11 A woman came up who had a spirit which had crippled her for eighteen years; she was bent double and unable to stand erect at all.

Luk 13:12 On seeing her, Yeshua called her and said to her, "Lady, you have been set free from your weakness!"

This lady who was crippled for 18 years was in a physical bondage. The leaders confronted Yeshua about healing her on the Sabbath...

Luk 13:14 But the president of the synagogue, indignant that Yeshua had healed on Shabbat, spoke up and said to the congregation, "There are six days in the week for working; so come during those days to be healed, not on Shabbat!"

Notice Yeshua's response:

Luk 13:15 However, the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Each one of you on Shabbat — don't you unloose your ox or your donkey from the stall and lead him off to drink?"

Luk 13:16 This woman is a daughter of Avraham, and the Adversary kept her tied up for eighteen years! Shouldn't she be freed from this bondage on Shabbat?"

Yeshua is relating the instruction pertaining to Shabbat stating that animals are included in this time of rest, why not a woman who has been crippled for 18 years...where is your compassion?

Shabbat is about resting, but also about doing good towards others so that they too can experience the rest of Adonai.

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So, until next time when we will continue our journey into Messianic Perspectives, todah and shalom (thank you and peace)

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