

Notes: April 27, 2019

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

1. Meet and Greet
2. Introduction (if new people)
3. Ma Tov
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6. Announcements
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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: A Greater Intimacy

Prior to our Passover Seder we held a vort ceremony which signifies the entering into the betrothal to become married. One of the things that was shared was...”you don't become a bride by simply putting on a wedding dress” There is more to being the bride than looking like a bride. The important part that was emphasised was the brides relationship with the bridegroom.

What do you think of when you hear the word intimacy?

Some of you may think of an intimate relationship between husband and wife...

Yet, intimacy also represents close familiarity or friendship; closeness.

Other synonyms for intimacy include -

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s: closeness, togetherness, affinity, rapport, attachment, familiarity, confidentiality, close association, close relationship, close attachment, close friendship, friendliness, comradeship, companionship, amity, affection, mutual affection, warmth, warm feelings, understanding, fellow feeling;

Now, here is the question for you to seriously ponder...

Does this depict your relationship with Adonai?

This week as I was counting the Omer and reading the Portions of Psalm 119, this is what came to mind.

Consider what you read this past week...

Are you happy in this relationship?

If your not, you should be because happiness is a result of being in an intimate and close relationship with Adonai...

Psa 119:1 א (*Alef*) How happy are those whose way of life is blameless, who live by the Torah of Adonai!

Psa 119:2 How happy are those who observe his instruction, who seek him wholeheartedly!

Psa 119:3 They do nothing wrong but live by his ways.

Psa 119:4 You laid down your precepts for us to observe with care.

Psa 119:5 May my ways be steady in observing your laws.

Psa 119:6 Then I will not be put to shame, since I will have fixed my sight on all your mitzvot.

Psa 119:7 I thank you with a sincere heart as I learn your righteous rulings.

Psa 119:8 I will observe your laws; don't completely abandon me!

True happiness comes from living by the ways afforded us by Adonai.

It is through His Torah that we are able to, know how to draw close to Him. As we draw closer to Him, the result should be one of happiness because we will experience Him drawing closer to us.

Notice verse 7...I thank you with a sincere heart. This represents a deep emotional connection.

Are you emotionally connected with Adonai?

The closer you draw to someone the greater the potential fear of being separated from them.

Are you truly seeking Him?

Do you truly treasure His Word?

Psa 119:9 ב (*Bet*) How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

Psa 119:10 I seek you with all my heart; don't let me stray from your mitzvot.

Psa 119:11 I treasure your word in my heart, so that I won't sin against you.

Psa 119:12 Blessed are you, Adonai! Teach me your laws.

Psa 119:13 I proclaim with my mouth all the rulings you have spoken.

Psa 119:14 I rejoice in the way of your instruction more than in any kind of wealth.

Psa 119:15 I will meditate on your precepts and keep my eyes on your ways.

Psa 119:16 I will find my delight in your regulations. I will not forget your word.

Adonai tells us to guard our hearts in order that we may pursue Him with all of our hearts.

Rom 10:8 What, then, does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart." (Deuteronomy 30:14) — that is, the word about trust which we proclaim, namely,

Rom 10:9 that if you acknowledge publicly with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and trust in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be delivered.

Rom 10:10 For with the heart one goes on trusting and thus continues toward righteousness, while with the mouth one keeps on making public acknowledgement and thus continues toward deliverance.

As we draw closer to Adonai, He draws closer to us.

Drawing closer conveys a more intimate relationship. Consider relationships that you have with others. In the ones where you are closer to someone than others, do you share more personal / private information than you would with someone who is not as close?

Now imagine what Adonai will share with you the closer you draw to Him.

Psa 119:17 א (*Gimel*) Deal generously with your servant; then I will live and observe your word.

Psa 119:18 Open my eyes, so that I will see wonders from your Torah.

Psa 119:19 Though I'm just a wanderer on the earth, don't hide your mitzvot from me.

Psa 119:20 I am continually consumed with longing for your rulings.

Psa 119:21 You rebuke the proud, the cursed, who stray from your mitzvot.

Psa 119:22 Remove scorn and contempt from me, because I observe your instruction.

Psa 119:23 Even when princes sit and plot against me, your servant meditates on your laws.

Psa 119:24 Also your instructions are my delight; they are my counselors.

What did Moshe experience?

What did Yochanan, Kefa and Ya'akov when 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.

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

Yeshua took them privately to a mountain. The other 9 were not there. This conveys that Yeshua's relationship was more intimate with Yochanan, Kefa and Ya'akov than the other nine and as a result they experienced greater revelation than the others.

How close are you with Adonai?

Are you close enough that you would be one of the three?

Are His mitzvot your counselor?

Psa 119:25 ד (*Dalet*) I lie prostrate in the dust; revive me, in keeping with your word.

Psa 119:26 I told you of my ways, and you answered me; teach me your laws.

Psa 119:27 Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wonders.

Psa 119:28 I am melting away from anxiety and grief; renew my strength, in keeping with your word.

Psa 119:29 Keep deceitful ways far from me, and favor me with your Torah.

Psa 119:30 I choose the way of trust; I set your rulings [*before me*].

Psa 119:31 I cling to your instruction; Adonai, don't let me be put to shame!

Psa 119:32 I will run the way of your mitzvot, for you have broadened my understanding.

We are in a time where all of this is at our hand.

Do you desire greater understanding?

If you do, this means you are drawing closer to Adonai.

What did Yeshua do when enabling us to understand...

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,
Luk 24:46 telling them, "Here is what it says: the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day;
Luk 24:47 and in his name repentance leading to forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed to people from all nations, starting with Yerushalayim.
Luk 24:48 You are witnesses of these things.

He opened their minds so they could understand. If He did it then, He can do it now. Remember verse 27..."make me understand" an interestingly phrased prayer request, but nonetheless a request.

Psa 119:33 **י** (*Heh*) Teach me, Adonai, the way of your laws; keeping them will be its own reward for me.
Psa 119:34 Give me understanding; then I will keep your Torah; I will observe it with all my heart.
Psa 119:35 Guide me on the path of your mitzvot, for I take pleasure in it.
Psa 119:36 Bend my heart toward your instructions and not toward selfish gain.
Psa 119:37 Turn my eyes away from worthless things; with your ways, give me life.
Psa 119:38 Fulfill your promise, which you made to your servant, which you made to those who fear you.
Psa 119:39 Avert the disgrace which I dread, for your rulings are good.
Psa 119:40 See how I long for your precepts; in your righteousness, give me life!

Does your spirit yearn?

Consider how Yeshua's presented His relationship with Adonai the Father to us...

Joh 12:49 For I have not spoken on my own initiative, but the Father who sent me has given me a command, namely, what to say and how to say it.
Joh 12:50 And I know that his command is eternal life. So what I say is simply what the Father has told me to say."

Joh 7:16 So Yeshua gave them an answer: "My teaching is not my own, it comes from the One who sent me.
Joh 7:17 If anyone wants to do his will, he will know whether my teaching is from God or I speak on my own.
Joh 7:18 A person who speaks on his own is trying to win praise for himself; but a person who tries to win praise for the one who sent him is honest, there is nothing false about him.
Joh 7:19 Didn't Moshe give you the Torah? Yet not one of you obeys the Torah! Why are you out to kill me?"

Joh 17:1 After Yeshua had said these things, he looked up toward heaven and said, "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, so that the Son may glorify you —
Joh 17:2 just as you gave him authority over all mankind, so that he might give eternal life to all those whom you have given him.
Joh 17:3 And eternal life is this: to know you, the one true God, and him whom you sent, Yeshua the Messiah.
Joh 17:4 "I glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.
Joh 17:5 Now, Father, glorify me alongside yourself. Give me the same glory I had with you before the world existed.
Joh 17:6 "I made your name known to the people you gave me out of the world. They were yours, you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.
Joh 17:7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you,
Joh 17:8 because the words you gave me I have given to them, and they have received them. They have really come to know that I came from you, and they have come to trust that you sent me.
Joh 17:9 "I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given to me, because they

are yours.

Joh 17:10 Indeed, all I have is yours, and all you have is mine, and in them I have been glorified.

And I leave you with this...what is your relationship with your bridegroom. Is it as intimate as it can be? Or can you draw even closer. For me, I know I can always draw closer. I am not nearly as close as I should be or as I desire to be.

Psa 119:41 ׀ (*Vav*) May your grace come to me, Adonai, your salvation, as you promised;

Psa 119:42 then I will have an answer for those who taunt me; for I trust in your word.

Psa 119:43 Don't take away completely my power to speak the truth; for I put my hope in your rulings;

Psa 119:44 and I will keep your Torah always, forever and ever.

Psa 119:45 I will go wherever I like, for I have sought your precepts.

Psa 119:46 I will speak of your instructions even to kings without being ashamed.

Psa 119:47 I will delight myself in your mitzvot, which I have loved.

Psa 119:48 I will lift my hands to your mitzvot, which I love; and I will meditate on your laws.

Psa 119:49 ׀ (*Zayin*) Remember your promise to your servant, through which you have given me hope.

Psa 119:50 In my distress my comfort is this: that your promise gives me life.

Psa 119:51 Though the arrogant scorn me completely, I have not turned away from your Torah.

Psa 119:52 Adonai, I keep in mind your age-old rulings; in them I take comfort.

Psa 119:53 Fury seizes me when I think of the wicked, because they abandon your Torah.

Psa 119:54 Your laws have become my songs wherever I make my home.

Psa 119:55 I remember your name, Adonai, at night; and I observe your Torah.

Psa 119:56 This [*comfort*] has come to me, because I observe your precepts.