

Notes: June 26 2021

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

1. Meet and Greet
2. Introduction (if new people)
3. Ma Tov
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5. Liturgy – Sh'ma +
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: Life, Obedience and Torah

Three weeks ago when I had proclaimed this to be the “Summer of Life” much to Adonai's graciousness we have started off our summer with the arrival of Stephen David Taylor on June 21st. Thus we are off to a positive and life affirming start. It was also three weeks ago when I shared this with you...

There are no proxies in life. No one has the authority or power to act on your behalf, unless you give it to them. Thus there is liberty in life for which we are afforded by our Creator and thus if He has given us these inalienable rights then there must be Life and Liberty in Torah.

Just as no one can take your place, no one can do for you what is required of you.

A fish can not give birth to a lobster.

A cat can not give birth to a dog.

Gen 1:24 God said, "Let the earth bring forth each kind of living creature—each kind of livestock, crawling animal and wild beast"; and that is how it was.

Gen 1:25 God made each kind of wild beast, each kind of livestock and every kind of animal that crawls along the ground; and God saw that it was good.

That is unless man tries to create such oddities.

Adonai made each kind of animal and thus is the author, the creator of them and thus the one with authority over them. Therefore Adonai gave the authority to name the animals to Adam...

Gen 2:19 So from the ground Adonai, God, formed every wild animal and every bird that flies in the air, and he brought them to the person to see what he would call them. Whatever the person would call each living creature, that was to be its name.

Gen 2:20 So the person gave names to all the livestock, to the birds in the air and to every wild animal. But for Adam there was not found a companion suitable for helping him.

An apple tree cannot produce oranges and vice versa.

All are ordered by Adonai to produce from their own kind...

Gen 1:11 God said, "Let the earth put forth grass, seed-producing plants, and fruit trees, each yielding its own kind of seed-bearing fruit, on the earth"; and that is how it was.

In all things Adonai created, plants, animals and mankind, all are created with an inherent nature. That is there are certain traits, characteristics that are undeniable and cannot be changed or even modified no matter how much man attempts to circumvent Adonai our creator.

On a small scale, man has produced hybrid plants, crossing one kind with another.

On a larger scale, man has modified our food supply in order to improve crop yields and thus profits at the same time. Fruit and vegetable bearing plants have been modified to produce only one crop, when Adonai had created them to continually bring forth produce. The effects of these genetically modified creations have likely impacted our food and thus have impacted us in that we as Adonai's creation are experiencing many more food allergies and other infirmities than at any time in history.

Thus "tinkering" with what Adonai has created has impacted His creation. Think of it this way...

A combustion engine was designed to operate on gasoline, yet using a 100% plant based product will not produce the same efficient results. You are still being fueled but your body is not able to operate at its "original manufactured specifications" Its optimal level as intended by Adonai.

Then there is the extreme whereby man is crossbreeding animals and even attempting to clone, that is a technique scientists use to make exact genetic copies of living things. Genes, cells, tissues, whereby even whole animals can all be **cloned**.

A **mule** is the offspring of a male donkey (a jack) and a female horse (a mare).

A hinny is a domestic equine hybrid that is the offspring of a male **horse** (a stallion) and a female donkey (a jenny).

In cross breeding a horse and donkey, neither of their offspring whether a mule or a hinny can reproduce. Both are sterile.

Thus as we climb the ladder of "progress" attempting to further "improve" upon Adonai's creation, the more harm we are doing. For only the creator who is the author of life can actually bring forth life in its fullness whereby life produces life. For Adonai is the One who authorized vegetation, animals and mankind to reproduce their own kind.

We are building the tower of Babel today with the same intended outcome...

Gen 11:4 Then they said, "Come, let's build ourselves a city with a tower that has its top reaching up into heaven, so that we can make a name for ourselves and not be scattered all over the earth."

For Adonai is today, as then watching His creation...

Gen 11:6 Adonai said, "Look, the people are united, they all have a single language, and see what they're starting to do! At this rate, nothing they set out to accomplish will be impossible for them!"

Yet, He is not coming to confuse our language again, but has brought forth warnings through His Word via His messengers. Sha'ul conveys...

Rom 1:22 Claiming to be wise, they have become fools!

Rom 1:23 In fact, they have exchanged the glory of the immortal God for mere images, like a mortal human being, or like birds, animals or reptiles!

Rom 1:24 This is why God has given them up to the vileness of their hearts' lusts, to the shameful misuse of each other's bodies.

Rom 1:25 They have exchanged the truth of God for falsehood, by worshipping and serving created things, rather than the Creator—praised be he for ever. Amen.

Consider this from the Prophet Yiremyhu (Jeremiah) whom offers the words of Adonai to a nation in the midst of judgment...

Jer 8:8 "How can you say, "We are wise; Adonai's Torah is with us," when in fact the lying pen of the scribes has turned it into falsehood?"

Jer 8:9 The wise are put to shame, alarmed, entrapped. They have rejected the word of Adonai, so what wisdom do they have?

...or the inspired words of Sha'ul to the Messianic community in Corinth...

1Co 1:18 For the message about the execution-stake is nonsense to those in the process of being destroyed, but to us in the process of being saved it is the power of God.

1Co 1:19 Indeed, the Tanakh says, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and frustrate the intelligence of the intelligent." (Yesha'yahu 29:14)

1Co 1:20 Where does that leave the philosopher, the Torah-teacher, or any of today's thinkers? Hasn't God made this world's wisdom look pretty foolish?

1Co 1:21 For God's wisdom ordained that the world, using its own wisdom, would not come to know him. Therefore God decided to use the "nonsense" of what we proclaim as his means of saving those who come to trust in it.

Adonai's wisdom ordained the world through His wisdom, thus there is an established order that resides in all that He has created. Thus in our created form, we are "programmed" to do that which has been ordered. We were created in the image and likeness of Adonai...

Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, in the likeness of ourselves; and let them rule over the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the animals, and over all the earth, and over every crawling creature that crawls on the earth."

Thus there shouldn't be any doubt, that is until we were infected with a virus, not dissimilar to a computer virus whereby our original programmed functions have been circumvented by the virus. Thus a computer programmed to do that and only that which its program allows is now functioning outside of those parameters.

Our Acquired Sin Disorder (ASD) is an introduced virus that has circumvented our inherent function to be obedient to our creator, not because His intent is to control us, but that we should have life through this obedience.

Sha'ul affirms this very dynamic and struggle we all have encountered at one time or another and that is the struggle, the battle between the torah of sin and Adonai's Torah that brings forth life...

Rom 7:15 I don't understand my own behavior—I don't do what I want to do; instead, I do the very thing I hate!

Rom 7:16 Now if I am doing what I don't want to do, I am agreeing that the Torah is good.

Rom 7:17 But now it is no longer "the real me" doing it, but the sin housed inside me.

Rom 7:18 For I know that there is nothing good housed inside me—that is, inside my old nature. I can want what is good, but I can't do it!

Rom 7:19 For I don't do the good I want; instead, the evil that I don't want is what I do!

Rom 7:20 But if I am doing what "the real me" doesn't want, it is no longer "the real me" doing it but the sin housed inside me.

Rom 7:21 So I find it to be the rule, a kind of perverse "torah," that although I want to do what is good, evil is right there with me!

Rom 7:22 For in my inner self I completely agree with God's Torah;

Rom 7:23 but in my various parts, I see a different "torah," one that battles with the Torah in my mind and makes me a prisoner of sin's "torah," which is operating in my various parts.

Rom 7:24 What a miserable creature I am! Who will rescue me from this body bound for death?

Rom 7:25 Thanks be to God [*he will*]!—through Yeshua the Messiah, our Lord! To sum up: with my mind, I am a slave of God's Torah; but with my old nature, I am a slave of sin's "Torah."

Torah brings forth life.

Torah of Adonai promotes life.

Deu 30:11 For this mitzvah which I am giving you today is not too hard for you, it is not beyond your reach.

Deu 30:12 It isn't in the sky, so that you need to ask, 'Who will go up into the sky for us, bring it to us and make us hear it, so that we can obey it?'

Obedience is encouraged by Adonai. What He has revealed is not beyond our reach nor impossible to do. He did not set us up to fail but made it possible for us to succeed. Our stumbling block has been the ASD that resides in us and has infiltrated and corrupted our original program.

As we continue our study of Torah, I would hope you have come to realize how even a Gentile can do what is required of Adonai. Yes there are sacrifices to be made. Sacrifices that are pleasing to the old nature, desired by the old nature for one might even say craved by the old nature. Yet, when one considers what you will obtain through denying the old nature you will come to realize it was well worth it.

Deu 30:13 Likewise, it isn't beyond the sea, so that you need to ask, 'Who will cross the sea for us, bring it to us and make us hear it, so that we can obey it?'

Deu 30:14 On the contrary, the word is very close to you—in your mouth, even in your heart; therefore, you

can do it!

The Word of Adonai is very close to you. It is now even closer today than it was when Isra'el was in the wilderness. It is so close that the very power that brought forth the Word of Adonai resides in you.

Eze 36:22 "Therefore tell the house of Isra'el that Adonai Elohim says this: 'I am not going to do this for your sake, house of Isra'el, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have been profaning among the nations where you went.

Eze 36:23 I will set apart my great name to be regarded as holy, since it has been profaned in the nations—you profaned it among them. The nations will know that I am Adonai,' says Adonai Elohim, 'when, before their eyes, I am set apart through you to be regarded as holy.

Eze 36:24 For I will take you from among the nations, gather you from all the countries, and return you to your own soil.

Eze 36:25 Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your uncleanness and from all your idols.

Eze 36:26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit inside you; I will take the stony heart out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Eze 36:27 I will put my Spirit inside you and cause you to live by my laws, respect my rulings and obey them.

Eze 36:28 You will live in the land I gave to your ancestors. You will be my people, and I will be your God.

Eze 36:29 I will save you from all your uncleanness. I will summon the grain and increase it, and not send famine against you.

This promise made by Adonai to the children of Isra'el is available to all who call upon the Name of the Lord Yeshua, when Adonai poured out His Ruach upon the Gentiles...

Act 10:44 Kefa was still saying these things when the Ruach HaKodesh fell on all who were hearing the message.

Act 10:45 All the believers from the Circumcision faction who had accompanied Kefa were amazed that the gift of the Ruach HaKodesh was also being poured out

Act 10:46 on the Goyim, for they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Kefa's response was,

Act 10:47 "Is anyone prepared to prohibit these people from being immersed in water? After all, they have received the Ruach HaKodesh, just as we did."

Thus the promise made to Isra'el has been realized through Yeshua and is also available to anyone who puts their trust in Yeshua and follows His instructions, His mitzvot, mitzvot that are no different than that which Adonai revealed to Moshe and the people at Sinai the foundational conditions of the Covenant in the 10 words.

Yeshua affirms all that was given at Sinai through His life in that we know this, Yeshua was without sin as conveyed by Kefa...

1Pe 2:21 Indeed, this is what you were called to; because the Messiah too suffered, on your behalf, leaving an example so that you should follow in his steps.

1Pe 2:22 "He committed no sin, nor was any deceit found on his lips."

For we know that sin is transgression of Torah, according to Ya'akov...

1Jn 3:4 Everyone who keeps sinning is violating Torah—indeed, sin is violation of Torah.

1Jn 3:5 You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and that there is no sin in him.

1Jn 3:6 So no one who remains united with him continues sinning; everyone who does continue sinning has neither seen him nor known him.

Simply put...obedience to Yeshua is obedience to Adonai. Thus what Adonai has presented to Isra'el is no different than what Yeshua has presented.

Joh 14:15 "If you love me, you will keep my commands;

Yeshua could have said these very words when He was with us.

Deu 30:15 "Look! I am presenting you today with, on the one hand, life and good; and on the other, death and evil—

Deu 30:16 in that I am ordering you today to love Adonai your God, to follow his ways, and to obey his mitzvot, regulations and rulings ; for if you do, you will live and increase your numbers; and Adonai your God will bless you in the land you are entering in order to take possession of it.

Deu 30:17 But if your heart turns away, if you refuse to listen, if you are drawn away to prostrate yourselves before other gods and serve them;

Deu 30:18 I am announcing to you today that you will certainly perish; you will not live long in the land you are crossing the Yarden to enter and possess.

Deu 30:19 "I call on heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have presented you with life and death, the blessing and the curse. Therefore, choose life, so that you will live, you and your descendants,

Deu 30:20 loving Adonai your God, paying attention to what he says and clinging to him—for that is the purpose of your life! On this depends the length of time you will live in the land Adonai swore he would give to your ancestors Avraham, Yitz'chak and Ya`akov."

In a way He did say this as is conveyed through Yochanan...

1Jn 3:23 This is his command: that we are to trust in the person and power of his Son Yeshua the Messiah and to keep loving one another, just as he commanded us.

1Jn 3:24 Those who obey his commands remain united with him and he with them. Here is how we know that he remains united with us: by the Spirit whom he gave us.

Let me conclude with the remaining part of Sha'ul's presentation to believers in Rome.

Rom 8:1 Therefore, there is no longer any condemnation awaiting those who are in union with the Messiah Yeshua.

Rom 8:2 Why? Because the Torah of the Spirit, which produces this life in union with Messiah Yeshua, has set me free from the "Torah" of sin and death.

Rom 8:3 For what the Torah could not do by itself, because it lacked the power to make the old nature cooperate, God did by sending his own Son as a human being with a nature like our own sinful one [*but without sin*]. God did this in order to deal with sin, and in so doing he executed the punishment against sin in

human nature,

Rom 8:4 so that the just requirement of the Torah might be fulfilled in us who do not run our lives according to what our old nature wants but according to what the Spirit wants.

Rom 8:5 For those who identify with their old nature set their minds on the things of the old nature, but those who identify with the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

Rom 8:6 Having one's mind controlled by the old nature is death, but having one's mind controlled by the Spirit is life and shalom.

Rom 8:7 For the mind controlled by the old nature is hostile to God, because it does not submit itself to God's Torah—indeed, it cannot.

Rom 8:8 Thus, those who identify with their old nature cannot please God.

Rom 8:9 But you, you do not identify with your old nature but with the Spirit—provided the Spirit of God is living inside you, for anyone who doesn't have the Spirit of the Messiah doesn't belong to him.

Rom 8:10 However, if the Messiah is in you, then, on the one hand, the body is dead because of sin; but, on the other hand, the Spirit is giving life because God considers you righteous.

Rom 8:11 And if the Spirit of the One who raised Yeshua from the dead is living in you, then the One who raised the Messiah Yeshua from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Thus there is life for all who believe in Adonai and what He has done in sending His Son, that our obedience towards Yeshua is no different than our obedience towards Adonai's Torah, with the end result being life in the Kingdom and life eternal.