

Notes: June 19, 2021

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
9. Aaronic Blessing
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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: Men's Day Message

I am not going to spend a lot of time on this but want to frame today's narrative.

Today we are being inundated and bombarded, that is overwhelmed and attacked by the negativity towards men.

The term *toxic masculinity* originated in the [mythopoetic men's movement](#) of the 1980s and 1990s. The **mythopoetic men's movement** was a body of self-help activities and therapeutic workshops and retreats for men undertaken by various organizations. The group activities used in the movement were largely influenced by ideas derived from [Jungian psychology](#), e.g., [Jungian archetypes](#), from which the use of [myths](#) and [fairy tales](#) taken from various cultures served as ways to interpret challenges facing men in society.

*The concept of **toxic masculinity** is used in academic and media discussions of [masculinity](#) to refer to certain cultural norms that are associated with harm to society and men themselves. Traditional stereotypes of men as socially dominant, along with related traits such as [misogyny](#) and [homophobia](#), can be considered "toxic" due in part to their promotion of violence, including [sexual assault](#) and [domestic violence](#).*

It would later find wide use in both academic and popular writing. Popular and media discussions in the 2010s have used the term to refer to traditional and stereotypical norms of [masculinity](#) and manhood.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toxic_masculinity

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mythopoetic_men%27s_movement

From that which were distinct, and yet not common aspects of a man to that which are common characteristics of being a man, this word "toxic" has become associated with men just as other positive adjectives are used to describe Adonai's creation.

- A Godly man
- A strong man
- A loving man
- A confident man
- An intelligent man
- A successful man

Yet in many ways the emphasis has been placed on the negative aspect for which is not part of the character Adonai has created us to be.

The toxicity, that is the state of being poisonous is real, yet is also a lie. How can both be true at the same time?

Adonai reveals to us that we were created in His own image and likeness...

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."

Gen 1:27 So God created humankind in his own image; in the image of God he created him: male and female he created them.

We were created to have authority over all of Adonai's other creations and thus if we were created with a toxic nature, then that would mean our Creator is toxic. Some today consider what we believe to be toxic but that is a sermon for another day.

An image and likeness of our creator that is not toxic in any way. For Adonai reveals Himself to Moshe, first at the burning bush...

Exo 3:4 When Adonai saw that he had gone over to see, God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Moshe! Moshe!" He answered, "Here I am."

Exo 3:5 He said, "Don't come any closer! Take your sandals off your feet, because the place where you are standing is holy ground.

Exo 3:6 I am the God of your father," he continued, "the God of Avraham, the God of Yitz'chak and the God of Ya'akov." Moshe covered his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

Whereby Adonai conveys that the ground is holy, not because of anything special about the ground, but rather the one who is present on the ground.

Throughout Vayikra (Leviticus) Adonai establishes an order for the nation of Isra'el to follow in that Adonai has established a Covenant with them specifically.

Lev 11:45 For I am Adonai, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. Therefore you are to be holy, because I am holy.

Three additional times in Vayikra Adonai conveys through Moshe to the people of the nation to be holy. (Vayikra 19:2; 20:7; 20:26)

You are to be set apart, you are to be distinct because I, Adonai am. You are in Covenant with me, thus I am raising the standard you are to live by. Not what the world is doing, but what I am ordering you to do as this is a condition of My Covenant as was revealed at Mount Sinai when Adonai spoke the 10 words that are the foundation for the nation to live by.

Whether the Covenant whereby Moshe's name is associated or the New Covenant whereby Yeshua's name offers the authority of Adonai, each require a transformation from the world to the Kingdom.

For Yeshua conveys what Adonai had conveyed at Sinai...

Joh 14:11 Trust me, that I am united with the Father, and the Father united with me. But if you can't, then trust because of the works themselves.

Joh 14:12 Yes, indeed! I tell you that whoever trusts in me will also do the works I do! Indeed, he will do greater ones, because I am going to the Father.

Joh 14:13 In fact, whatever you ask for in my name, I will do; so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Joh 14:14 If you ask me for something in my name, I will do it.

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

Joh 14:16 and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another comforting Counselor like me, the Spirit of Truth, to be with you forever.

Joh 14:17 The world cannot receive him, because it neither sees nor knows him. You know him, because he is staying with you and will be united with you.

This is applicable to all, yet men especially in that we have been given the duty of protecting our wives and family. Our duty as men is to be set apart for Adonai and thus instill Adonai's ways into the family.

Deu 6:6 These words, which I am ordering you today, are to be on your heart;

Deu 6:7 and you are to teach them carefully to your children. You are to talk about them when you sit at home, when you are traveling on the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

As inspired by Adonai, Sha'ul conveys...

Eph 5:22 Wives should submit to their husbands as they do to the Lord;

Eph 5:23 because the husband is head of the wife, just as the Messiah, as head of the Messianic Community, is himself the one who keeps the body safe.

Eph 5:24 Just as the Messianic Community submits to the Messiah, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

For we all submit to the authority of Messiah as the one who is head of the Messianic Community, Our King and Lord. Just as there is order in the Kingdom, Adonai has established order in the home for this applies equally to our children...

Eph 6:1 Children, what you should do in union with the Lord is obey your parents, for this is right.

Eph 6:2 "Honor your father and mother"—this is the first commandment that embodies a promise—

Eph 6:3 "so that it may go well with you, and you may live long in the Land."

Eph 6:4 Fathers, don't irritate your children and make them resentful; instead, raise them with the Lord's kind of discipline and guidance.

This this structure is dependant upon an order established by Adonai and begins with a strong Godly head of the house.

If there is anything that is toxic and impacting our society it is the absence of this dynamic. Last night I was made aware of a new documentary about three men who either had no father in their lives or were absent more than they were present. The title..."The Streets Were My Father"

Much that ailes our society today can be connected to the absence of the father, role model who would provide guidance that boys and young men crave, yet many are denied and thus they turn to where it exists, where it can be found. Where it exists is not where the positive role model exists but where that which they desire does. I have included a link to the interview pertaining to the movie that you can view at your convenience...

https://video.foxnews.com/v/6259563786001?playlist_id=5622526903001#sp=show-clips

Just as Jeri and I had shared on Mother's day, whereby, not all women have become mothers yet each and every woman bears motherly attributes. This is true for men also. There is a world in chaos and screaming for positive male role models that are so desparately needed.

What about a situation whereby one's husband is not a believer in Messiah and therefore a strong Godly man? He can be a strong man with good "morals", yet as I have shared with you previously, good morals as defined by the world are not always compatible with Adonai's mitzvot.

Apparently there was a challenge going on in Corinth whereby once equally yoked husbands and wives became unequally yoked when one came to trust in Yeshua. Thus Sha'ul is confronted with another dynamic...Do an unequally yoked couple remain together or get divorced. Remember, they started off together "on the same page".

*The New Covenant writings teaches a second ground for divorce, besides adultery ([1Co 7:10-11](#)), but it **applies only** in the case of a marriage between a believer and a nonbeliever. Since a believer is expected not to marry a nonbeliever...*

1Co 7:39 A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives, but if the husband dies she is free to marry anyone she wishes, provided he is a believer in the Lord.

2Co 6:14 Do not yoke yourselves together in a team with unbelievers. For how can righteousness and lawlessness be partners? What fellowship does light have with darkness?

2Co 6:15 What harmony can there be between the Messiah and B'liya'al? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?

For Sha'ul conveys this to the Messianic community in Corinth...

1Co 7:10 To those who are married I have a command, and it is not from me but from the Lord: a woman is not to separate herself from her husband.

1Co 7:11 But if she does separate herself, she is to remain single or be reconciled with her husband. Also, a husband is not to leave his wife.

1Co 7:12 To the rest I say—I, not the Lord: if any brother has a wife who is not a believer, and she is satisfied to go on living with him, he should not leave her.

1Co 7:13 Also, if any woman has an unbelieving husband who is satisfied to go on living with her, she is not to leave him.

1Co 7:14 For the unbelieving husband has been set aside for God by the wife, and the unbelieving wife has been set aside for God by the brother—otherwise your children would be "unclean," but as it is, they are set aside for God.

Such a marriage should arise only if one of two married unbelievers becomes a believer. The ground is stated explicitly in [1Co_7:15](#).

1Co 7:15 But if the unbelieving spouse separates himself, let him be separated. In circumstances like these, the brother or sister is not enslaved—God has called you to a life of peace.

*...and it is clear that **if the unbelieving spouse separates himself**, the believing spouse can get a divorce and remarry, because **in circumstances like these, the brother or sister is not enslaved**. Anything less than freedom to obtain a divorce and remarry would be enslavement to a marriage that retains only formal existence. On the other hand, for a believing spouse to leave his or her unbelieving partner would be a clear violation of [1Co_7:12-13](#).*

Yet, Sha'ul does not end his concise dissertation of marriage between believer and non-believer on this low note of one's acceptance of the situation, but concludes with the hope of anything is possible by those who love Adonai and are called according to His purpose...

1Co 7:16 For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?

The Cohen is to represent Adonai and thus is set apart from the people...

Lev 21:7 " 'A cohen is not to marry a woman who is a prostitute, who has been profaned or who has been divorced; because he is holy for his God.

Lev 21:8 Rather, you are to set him apart as holy, because he offers the bread of your God; he is to be holy for you, because I, Adonai, who makes you holy, am holy.

1Pe 1:13 Therefore, get your minds ready for work, keep yourselves under control, and fix your hopes fully on the gift you will receive when Yeshua the Messiah is revealed.

1Pe 1:14 As people who obey God, do not let yourselves be shaped by the evil desires you used to have when you were still ignorant.

1Pe 1:15 On the contrary, following the Holy One who called you, become holy yourselves in your entire way of life;

1Pe 1:16 since the Tanakh says, "You are to be holy because I am holy."

1Pe 1:17 Also, if you are addressing as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's actions, you should live out your temporary stay on earth in fear.

1Pe 1:18 You should be aware that the ransom paid to free you from the worthless way of life which your fathers passed on to you did not consist of anything perishable like silver or gold;

1Pe 1:19 on the contrary, it was the costly bloody sacrificial death of the Messiah, as of a lamb without defect or spot.

1Pe 1:20 God knew him before the founding of the universe, but revealed him in the acharit-hayamim for

your sakes.

1Pe 1:21 Through him you trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory; so that your trust and hope are in God.

1Pe 1:22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth, so that you have a sincere love for your brothers, love each other deeply, with all your heart.

1Pe 1:23 You have been born again not from some seed that will decay, but from one that cannot decay, through the living Word of God that lasts forever.

1Pe 1:24 For all humanity is like grass, all its glory is like a wildflower—the grass withers, and the flower falls off;

1Pe 1:25 but the Word of Adonai lasts forever. Moreover, this Word is the Good News which has been proclaimed to you.