

Notes: May 8 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: Women's Day Message

On this weekend where a day is set aside to honor mother's specifically and women in general I am reminded of how Adonai has honored some women through Scripture.

There is the Proverbs 31 woman and its lofty aspirations...

**Pro 31:10** ⌘ Who can find a capable wife? Her value is far beyond that of pearls.

**Pro 31:11** ⌘ Her husband trusts her from his heart, and she will prove a great asset to him.

Followed by all that this woman does...she is one of action and embodies the very

- She works
- She procures
- She is like a merchant
- She rises
- She considers
- She gathers
- She sees
- She puts
- She reaches her hand out
- She has no fear
- She makes

- She speaks wisely
- She watches

And thus concludes with...

**Pro 31:29** ׀ "Many women have done wonderful things, but you surpass them all!"

**Pro 31:30** ׀ Charm can lie, beauty can vanish, but a woman who fears Adonai should be praised.

**Pro 31:31** ׀ Give her a share in what she produces; let her works speak her praises at the city gates.

How can anyone fully measure up to such "great expectations" as these verses are usually presented and thus understood?

Notice that this isn't a list of expectations but rather a list of action. Thus Adonai recognizes a woman through her actions as inspired by her reverence to Adonai.

We read of Tamar...

**Gen 38:6** Y'hudah took a wife for `Er his firstborn, and her name was Tamar.

**Gen 38:7** But `Er, Y'hudah's firstborn, was evil from Adonai's perspective, so Adonai killed him.

And Y'hudah's arranging of a marriage for his first son as we have seen to be the custom throughout Scripture whereby the eldest is to be married before any other siblings and thus continues through the order of birth. Unfortunately, Y'hudah's first born was anything but righteous in that Adonai saw him as evil. Thus Y'hudah brought forth his son that was next in line...

**Gen 38:8** Y'hudah said to Onan, "Go and sleep with your brother's wife—perform the duty of a husband's brother to her, and preserve your brother's line of descent."

Yet, Onan refused.

**Gen 38:9** However, Onan knew that the child would not count as his; so whenever he had intercourse with his brother's wife, he spilled the semen on the ground, so as not to give his brother offspring.

Thus, as a result of Onan's action,,,

**Gen 38:10** What he did was evil from Adonai's perspective, so he killed him too.

Thus Y'hudah made a promise to Tamar...

**Gen 38:11** Then Y'hudah said to Tamar his daughter-in-law, "Stay a widow in your father's house until my son Shelah grows up"; for he thought, "I don't want him to die too, like his brothers." So Tamar went and lived at home with her father.

Yet, over time, Y'hudah did not follow through on his promise whereby he would allow his youngest son Shelah to marry Tamar.

Gone are her husband, her kinsman redeemer and also Y'hudah's wife, thus Tamar took action in pursuing continuing the line of descent and became pregnant through Y'hudah.

**Gen 38:26** Then Y'hudah acknowledged owning them. He said, "She is more righteous than I, because I

didn't let her become the wife of my son Shelah." And he never slept with her again.

We read of Rachav, a woman residing in the land of Yerico would assume great risk when she would help two of Isra'el's children...

**Jos 2:3** The king of Yericho sent a message to Rachav, "Bring out the men who came to you and are staying in your house, because they have come to reconnoiter all the land."

**Jos 2:4** However, the woman, after taking the two men and hiding them, replied, "Yes, the men did come to me; but I didn't know where they had come from.

Hiding them because of what she had heard about them and their God...

**Jos 2:6** Actually she had brought them up to the roof and hidden them under some stalks of flax she had spread out there.

**Jos 2:7** The men pursued them all the way to the fords at the Yarden; as soon as the pursuit party had left, the gate was shut.

**Jos 2:8** The two men had not yet lain down when she returned to the roof

**Jos 2:9** and said to them, "I know that Adonai has given you the land. Fear of you has fallen on us; everyone in the land is terrified at the thought of you.

**Jos 2:10** We've heard how Adonai dried up the water in the Sea of Suf ahead of you, when you left Egypt; and what you did to the two kings of the Emori on the other side of the Yarden, Sichon and `Og, that you completely destroyed them.

**Jos 2:11** As soon as we heard it, our hearts failed us. Because of you, everyone is in a state of depression. For Adonai your God—he is God in heaven above and on the earth below.

The reputation of Adonai had found its way to Rachav and with that fear came wisdom for which Rahav would act upon.

**Jos 2:12** So, please, swear to me by Adonai that, since I have been kind to you, you will also be kind to my father's family. Give me some evidence of your good faith,

**Jos 2:13** that you will spare the lives of my father, mother, brothers and sisters and all who are theirs, so that we won't be killed."

**Jos 2:14** The men replied to her, "Our lives are certainly worth yours, provided you don't betray our mission. So when Adonai gives us the land, we will treat you kindly and in good faith."

She had been given their word that upon Adonai's action, so long as she kept her word, Rachav would be rewarded for her action of protection.

Upon Isra'el's victory in defeating Yerico and thus taking control of the city...

**Jos 6:22** Y'hoshua said to the two men who had reconnoitered the land, "Go into the prostitute's house and bring the woman out with all that she has, as you swore to her."

**Jos 6:23** The young men, the spies, went in and brought out Rachav with her father, mother, brothers and all she had; they brought out all her relatives and put them safely outside the camp of Isra'el.

**Jos 6:24** Then they burned the city to ashes with everything in it, except for the silver, the gold and the brass and iron utensils, which they put in the treasury of the house of Adonai.

**Jos 6:25** But Y'hoshua spared Rachav the prostitute, her father's household and everything she had; and she has continued living with Isra'el from then until now; because she hid the messengers Y'hoshua had sent to

reconnoiter Yericho.

We next look at Ruth, a woman of Moav, who was married to Naomi's son for about ten years.

**Rth 1:3** Elimelekh, Na`omi's husband, died; and she was left, she and her two sons.

**Rth 1:4** They took wives for themselves from the women of Mo'av; the name of the one was `Orpah; and the name of the other was Rut. They lived there for about ten years.

**Rth 1:5** Then Machlon and Kilyon died, both of them; and the woman was left with neither her two sons nor her husband.

Both her husband and her kinsman redeemer were dead, thus Ruth was without one to continue the line of Naom's son. Thus with nothing to keep Naomi in Moav, she was going to return to her home of Beit Lechem and thus encouraged her daughters-in-law to return to their mother's homes so they may marry again.

**Rth 1:6** So she prepared to return with her daughters-in-law from the plain of Mo'av; for in the plain of Mo'av she had heard how Adonai had paid attention to his people by giving them food.

**Rth 1:7** She left the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law and took the road leading back to Y'hudah.

**Rth 1:8** Na`omi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Each of you, go back to your mother's house. May Adonai show grace to you, as you did to those who died and to me.

**Rth 1:9** May Adonai grant you security in the home of a new husband." Then she kissed them, but they began weeping aloud.

**Rth 1:10** They said to her, "No; we want to return with you to your people."

**Rth 1:11** Na`omi said, "Go back, my daughters. Why do you want to go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb who could become your husbands?"

**Rth 1:12** Go back, my daughters; go your way; for I'm too old to have a husband. Even if I were to say, 'I still have hope'; even if I had a husband tonight and bore sons;

**Rth 1:13** would you wait for them until they grew up? Would you refuse to marry, just for them? No, my daughters. On your behalf I feel very bitter that the hand of Adonai has gone out against me."

Thus, giving them every reason to go, Orpah finally concedes...

**Rth 1:14** Again they wept aloud. Then `Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye. But Rut stuck with her.

**Rth 1:15** She said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her god; go back, after your sister-in-law."

while Ruth remains steadfast.

**Rth 1:16** But Rut said, "Don't press me to leave you and stop following you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God will be my God.

**Rth 1:17** Where you die, I will die; and there I will be buried. May Adonai bring terrible curses on me, and worse ones as well, if anything but death separates you and me."

**Rth 1:18** When Na`omi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Thus I am reminded of this same determination by Adonai...

**Rom 8:38** For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers, neither

what exists nor what is coming,

**Rom 8:39** neither powers above nor powers below, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God which comes to us through the Messiah Yeshua, our Lord.

I believe that is how resolute Ruth was towards her mother-in-law.

And thus through this steadfastness, Ruth would be introduced to Boaz who would become her kinsmen redeemer and thus the line of Naomi's family would continue.

We read of what transpired.

**Rth 4:1** Meanwhile, Bo`az had gone up to the gate and had sat down there, when the redeemer of whom Bo`az had spoken passed by. "Such-and-such," he said, "come over, and sit down"; so he came over and sat down.

And explained the what was to transpire...

**Rth 4:3** Then he said to the redeeming kinsman, "The parcel of land which used to belong to our relative Elimelekh is being offered for sale by Na`omi, who has returned from the plain of Mo'av.

**Rth 4:4** I thought I should tell you about it and say, 'Buy it in the presence of the people sitting here and in the presence of the leaders of my people. If you want to redeem it, redeem it. But if it is not to be redeemed, then tell me, so that I can know, because there is no one else in line to redeem it, and I'm after you.'" He said, "I want to redeem it."

**Rth 4:5** Then Bo`az said, "The same day you buy the field from Na`omi, you must also buy Rut the woman from Mo'av, the wife of the deceased [*son*], in order to raise up in the name of the deceased an heir for his property."

For which the redeemer responded...

**Rth 4:6** The redeemer said, "Then I can't redeem it for myself, because I might put my own inheritance at risk. You, take my right of redemption on yourself; because I can't redeem it."

And thus the redeemer responded to Boaz...

**Rth 4:8** So the redeemer said to Bo`az, "Buy it for yourself," and took off his shoe.

And thus Boaz responded to the people present...

**Rth 4:9** Bo`az addressed the leaders and all the people: "You are witnesses today that I am purchasing from Na`omi all that belonged to Elimelekh and all that belonged to Kilyon and Machlon.

**Rth 4:10** Also I am acquiring as my wife Rut the woman from Mo'av, the wife of Machlon, in order to raise up in the name of the deceased an heir for his property; so that the name of the deceased will not be cut off from his kinsmen and from the gate of his place. You are witnesses today."

**Rth 4:11** All the people at the gate and the leaders said, "We are witnesses. May Adonai make the woman who has come into your house like Rachel and like Le'ah, who between them built up the house of Isra'el. Do worthy deeds in Efrat; become renowned in Beit-Lechem.

**Rth 4:12** May your house, because of the seed Adonai will give you from this young woman, become like the house of Peretz, whom Tamar bore to Y'udah."

**Rth 4:13** So Bo`az took Rut, and she became his wife. He had sexual relations with her, Adonai enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.

And thus Ruth like Tamar became part of the line of Y'hudah.

Then there is Bat-Sheva, whose relationship with David did not start as it should have, in that she was another man's wife.

**2Sa 11:3** David made inquiries about the woman and was told that she was Bat-Sheva the daughter of Eli`am, the wife of Uriyah the Hitti.

And needless to say, what transpired would end in death.

**2Sa 12:18** On the seventh day, the child died. The servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, because they said, "While the child was still alive, we spoke to him, and he didn't listen to us; if we tell him now that the child is dead, he may do himself some harm."

**2Sa 12:19** But when David saw his servants whispering to each other, he suspected that the child was dead. David asked his servants, "Is the child dead?" and they answered, "He is dead."

**2Sa 12:20** Then David got up off the ground, washed, anointed himself and changed his clothes. He went into the house of Adonai and worshipped; then he went to his own palace; and when he asked for food, they served it to him; and he ate.

Yet, this is not the end of the story or the relationship between David and Bat-Sheva, for we learned of David's repentance for his actions towards Uryah and thus involving Bat-Sheva.

**2Sa 12:7** Natan said to David, "You are the man. "Here is what Adonai, the God of Isra'el says: 'I anointed you king over Isra'el. I rescued you from the power of Sha'ul.

**2Sa 12:8** I gave you your master's house and your master's wives to embrace. I gave you the house of Isra'el and the house of Y'hudah. And if that had been too little, I would have added to you a lot more.

**2Sa 12:9** " 'So why have you shown such contempt for the word of Adonai and done what I see as evil? You murdered Uriyah the Hitti with the sword and took his wife as your own wife; you put him to death with the sword of the people of `Amon.

**2Sa 12:10** Now therefore, the sword will never leave your house—because you have shown contempt for me and taken the wife of Uriyah the Hitti as your own wife.'

**2Sa 12:11** Here is what Adonai says: 'I will generate evil against you out of your own household. I will take your wives before your very eyes and give them to your neighbor; he will go to bed with your wives, and everyone will know about it.

**2Sa 12:12** For you did it secretly, but I will do this before all Isra'el in broad daylight.' "

**2Sa 12:13** David said to Natan, "I have sinned against Adonai." Natan said to David, "Adonai also has taken away your sin. You will not die.

**2Sa 12:14** However, because by this act you have so greatly blasphemed Adonai, the child born to you must die."

Her husband dead and now her child too having died, Bat-Sheva remained with David and thus through that commitment, Adonai would bless them with a child...

**2Sa 12:24** David comforted his wife Bat-Sheva, came to her and went to bed with her; she gave birth to a son and named him Shlomo. Adonai loved him

**2Sa 12:25** and sent through Natan the prophet to have him named Y'didyah [*loved by God*], for Adonai's sake.

For it would not be through the other children of David that Adonai would continue the line of Y'hudah but through this child.

For Tamar, it was through her action in pursuing the line of succession for Y'hudah, that which Adonai would come to honor through the line of Messiah that she is honored. It was through her action that the line of Messiah would continue.

For Rachav, it was through her actions in protecting and thus keeping her word that Adonai would come to honor her through the line of Messiah

For Ruth, it was through her action to remain with Naomi and thus her people that Adonai would come to honor her through the line of Messiah.

All women.

All Gentile women.

Gentile women whose reputation on the surface did not appear to be righteous, yet as Adonai sees the heart, he honored them for their action. In their own ways, each was a Proverbs 31 woman.

**Pro 31:30** ∞ Charm can lie, beauty can vanish, but a woman who fears Adonai should be praised.

**Tamar... Rachav ... Rut ... the wife of Uriyah** (Bat-sheva)... Women, especially those born Gentiles, were rarely included in biblical genealogies. The first four were Gentile women whom God honored by including them among the recorded ancestors of Yeshua the Jewish Messiah-through whom Gentiles, women and slaves are saved equally with Jews, men and free.

You are not defined by what you do, but rather who Adonai has created you to be. It is through what you do that Adonai honors you. Honor Him and He will honor you.

I want to conclude with a writing by whom I believe her name is Eva Hussain...

When God created woman he was working late on the 6th day. An angel came by and asked, "Why spend so much time on her?"

The Lord answered, "Have you seen all the specifications I have to meet to shape her?"

"She must function in all kinds of situations, cure herself when sick and have the ability to work 18 hours a day.

"She must be able to embrace several kids at the same time, have a hug that can heal anything, from a bruised knee to a broken heart, and she must do all this with only two hands."

The angel was impressed. "Just two hands, impossible! And this is the standard model?"

The Angel came closer and touched the woman. "But you have made her so soft, Lord."

"She is soft," said the Lord, "but I have made her strong; you can't imagine what she can endure and overcome."

"Can she think?" the Angel asked.

The Lord answered, “Not only can she think; she can also reason and negotiate.”

The Angel touched her cheeks, “Lord, it seems this creation is leaking. You have put too many burdens on her!”

“She is not leaking, it is a tear,” the Lord corrected the Angel.

“What is it for?” asked the Angel.

The Lord said, “Tears are her way of expressing her grief, her doubts, her love, her loneliness, her suffering and her pride.”

This made a big impression on the Angel. “Lord, you are a genius, you thought of everything. A woman is indeed marvellous!”

The Lord agreed, “Truly she is. She has the strength to amaze a man. She can handle trouble and carry heavy burdens. She holds happiness, love and opinions.

“She smiles when she feels like screaming. She sings when she feels like crying, cries when she’s happy and laughs when she’s afraid.

“She fights for what she believes in. Her love is unconditional. Her heart is broken when a loved one dies but she finds the strength to get on with life.”

The Angel asked, “So she is a perfect being?”

The Lord replied: “No. She has just one drawback: she often forgets what she is worth.”

So, today and everyday know that you are honored by Adonai in doing what you do to honor Him. He created you to be who you are for you are His work, His craftsmanship, His creation.