

Greetings, today our manna is from Lev. 7; Psalm 7 & 8; Proverbs 22; 1Thes 1.

April 4 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Leviticus 7

At this point, we have gleaned many insights as to the laws required in conjunction with the various offerings. One cannot fully comprehend the dire predicament mankind faced; because of our multi-faceted sinful nature. A person would truly have to be blind to ever want to be placed back under the Book of the Law; and not see His hand reaching out saying:

Mat 11:28 "Come to Me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I shall give you rest.

Mat 11:29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and humble in heart, and you shall find rest for your beings.^d Footnote: ^d Jer 6:16.

Mat 11:30 "For My yoke is gentle and My burden is light."

In Leviticus 7 we read about the laws of guilt, sin, grain, and peace offerings. By the time an individual gets to the end of chapter seven, the only thing that remains crystal clear, is that without Yahusha HaMashiach, there is no hope. For all of us have sinned and have fallen short of His glory. Only by the blood of the Lamb was full atonement achieved (if received); once and for all.

This is the great lesson that this 'tutor', **the Book of the Law**, was ultimately conveying. It is not by works that any of us can achieve salvation. Such a great salvation could only be achieved by Yahusha HaMashiach, YHWH in Son, which makes us humbly bow before Him with repentant and thankful hearts.

Upon doing so, He no longer sees our 'spotted' garments; but He sees us standing in spotless white garments that have been washed by the blood of the Lamb. What love! What mercy! What grace, He has shown us!

Trying to follow all of these laws were a curse; yet, after the sin of the golden calf, these laws spared their very lives, **UNTIL** Yahusha would come and offer the New Covenant. The wheels were put into motion for the Savior to come, but it would be a hard road. It would be a long road. It would be a lesson hard taught and hard learned.

Gal 3:10 For as many as are of works of Torah are under the curse, for it has been written, **"Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all that has been written in the Book of the**

Torah, to do them.” [Deu 27:26](#).

We break forth in praise and thanksgiving to YHWH for all that He has done for us. He loved us while we were yet sinners. He forgave us knowing we ‘knew not’ what we did against Him. Though we may not fully comprehend everything about these offerings; we do know, that Yahusha met all their requirements under the Book of the Law to atone for our sins.

We stand amazed at His great love for us; and we bow humbly before Him knowing; we were and are in need of our wonderful Savior. May all esteem and glory be unto Him; the author and finisher of our faith!

Leviticus 7:11 speaks about ‘peace offerings.’ There seems to have been three kinds of peace offerings: thanksgiving; vow or voluntary; and free-will. These peace offerings were to be brought to YHWH with the individual’s own hands. Lev 7:30 ‘With his own hands he brings the offerings made by fire to יהוה. He brings the fat with the breast, to be waved as a wave offering before יהוה.

We too must individually accept His proposal with a sincere and contrite heart.

John 3: אָנְשׁוֹ answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born from above, he is unable to see the reign of Elohim.”

Lev 7:1 ‘And this is the Torah of the guilt offering – it is most set-apart.

Lev 7:2 ‘The guilt offering is slain in the place where they slay the ascending offering, and its blood is sprinkled on the slaughter-place all around.

Lev 7:3 ‘Then he brings from it all its fat: the fat tail and the fat that covers the entrails,

Lev 7:4 and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them by the loins, and the appendage on the liver, which he removes with the kidneys.

Lev 7:5 ‘And the priest shall burn them on the slaughter-place as an offering made by fire to יהוה'. It is a guilt offering.

Lev 7:6 ‘Every male among the priests eats it. It is eaten in the set-apart place, it is most set-apart.

Lev 7:7 ‘The guilt offering is like the sin offering, there is one Torah for them both: the priest who makes atonement with it, it is his.

Lev 7:8 ‘And the priest who brings anyone’s ascending offering, the skin of the ascending offering which he has brought is the priest’s, it is his.

Lev 7:9 ‘And every grain offering that is baked in the oven and all that is prepared in the stewing-pot, or on a griddle, is the priest’s who brings it, it is his.

Lev 7:10 ‘And every grain offering mixed with oil, or dry, is for all the sons of Aharon, for all alike.

Lev 7:11 ‘And this is the Torah of the slaughtering of peace offerings which is brought

to יהוה':

Lev 7:12 'If he brings it for a thanksgiving, then he shall bring with the slaughtering of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened thin cakes anointed with oil, or cakes of finely blended flour mixed with oil.

Lev 7:13 'Besides the cakes, he brings as his offering leavened bread together with the slaughtering of thanksgiving of his peace *offerings*.

Lev 7:14 'And from it he shall bring one cake from each offering as a contribution to יהוה': to the priest who sprinkles the blood of the peace *offerings*, it is his.

Lev 7:15 'As for the flesh of the slaughtering of his peace *offerings* for thanksgiving, it is eaten the same day it is offered, he does not leave any of it until morning.

Lev 7:16 'And if the slaughtering he brings is a vow or a voluntary offering, it is eaten the same day that he brings his slaughtering, and what is left of it is eaten the next day,

Lev 7:17 but whatever is left of the flesh of the slaughtering on the third day is burned with fire.

Lev 7:18 'However, if any of the flesh of the slaughtering of his peace *offerings* is eaten at all on the third day, it is not accepted. It is not reckoned to him who brings it, it is unclean to him, and the being who eats of it bears his crookedness.

Lev 7:19 'And the flesh that touches that which is unclean is not eaten, it is burned with fire. And as for the clean flesh, all who are clean eat of it.

Lev 7:20 'But the being who eats the flesh of the slaughtering of peace *offerings* that belongs to יהוה', while he is unclean, that being shall be cut off from his people.

Lev 7:21 'And when a being who touches that which is unclean, of the uncleanness of man, or of the uncleanness of beast, or of any unclean abomination, and shall eat the flesh of the slaughtering of peace *offerings* that belongs to יהוה', that being shall be cut off from his people.' "

Lev 7:22 And יהוה' spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Lev 7:23 "Speak to the children of Yisra'el, saying, 'Do not eat any fat, of bull or sheep or goat.

Lev 7:24 'And the fat of a dead body, and the fat of what is torn, is used for any purpose, but you do not eat it at all.

Lev 7:25 'For whoever eats the fat of the beast of which men bring as an offering made by fire to יהוה', even the being who eats it shall be cut off from his people.

Lev 7:26 'And do not eat any blood in any of your dwellings, of bird or of beast.

Lev 7:27 'Any being who eats any blood, even that being shall be cut off from his people.' "

Lev 7:28 And יהוה' spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Lev 7:29 "Speak to the children of Yisra'el, saying, 'He who brings his slaughtering of peace *offerings* to יהוה' brings his offering to יהוה' from the slaughtering of his peace *offerings*.

Lev 7:30 'With his own hands he brings the offerings made by fire to יהוה'. He brings the fat with the breast, to be waved as a wave offering before יהוה'.

Lev 7:31 ‘And the priest shall burn the fat on the slaughter-place, but the breast shall be Aharon’s and his sons.’

Lev 7:32 ‘And the right thigh you give to the priest as a contribution from the slaughtering of your peace *offerings*.

Lev 7:33 ‘He among the sons of Aharon, who brings the blood of the peace *offerings*, and the fat, the right thigh is his for a portion.

Lev 7:34 ‘For the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the contribution I have taken from the children of Yisra’ël, from the slaughterings of their peace *offerings*, and I give them to Aharon the priest and to his sons, as a law forever, from the children of Yisra’ël.’ ”

Lev 7:35 This is the anointed portion for Aharon and the anointed portion for his sons, from the offerings made by fire to יהוה, on the day when Mosheh presented them to serve as priests to יהוה,

Lev 7:36 which יהוה commanded to be given to them by the children of Yisra’ël, on the day that He anointed them, a law forever throughout their generations.

Leviticus 7 closes with:

Lev 7:37 This is the Torah [Law] of the ascending offering, of the grain offering, and of the sin offering, and of the guilt offering, and of the ordinations, and of the slaughtering of peace offerings,

Lev 7:38 which יהוה commanded Mosheh on Mount Sinai, on the day when He commanded the children of Yisra’ël to bring their offerings to יהוה, in the Wilderness of Sinai.

Bottom line, these offerings paint a masterpiece of His indescribable love toward us.

Psa 116:16 O יהוה, I am truly Your servant, I am Your servant, the son of Your female servant; You have loosed my bonds. Psa 116:17 I slaughter You a slaughtering of thanksgiving, And call upon the Name of יהוה.

Exo 19:11 and shall be prepared by the third day. For on the third day יהוה shall come down upon Mount Sinai before the eyes of all the people.

Hos 6:2 After two days He shall revive us, on the third day He shall raise us up, so that we live before Him.

1Co 15:4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised the third day, according to the Scriptures,

Joh 10:17 “Because of this the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life, in order to receive it again.

Joh 10:18 “No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to receive it again. This command I have received from My Father.”

Joh 3:16 “For Elohim so loved the world that He gave His only brought-forth Son, so that everyone who believes in Him should not perish but possess everlasting life.

Joh 3:17 “For Elohim did not send His Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Psalm 7

YHWH means everything to David! He is his refuge and his strength. He loves YHWH with all his heart, mind, soul, and strength. David knows He is all powerful, wonderful, and He is righteous.

In You Do I Take Refuge

Psa 7:1 O יהוה my Elohim, in You I have taken refuge; Save me from all my pursuers; And deliver me,

Psa 7:2 Lest they tear at my throat like a lion, Rending in pieces, with no one to deliver.

Psa 7:3 O יהוה my Elohim, if I have done this: If there is unrighteousness in my hands,

Psa 7:4 If I have done evil to him who was at peace with me, Or have plundered my enemy without cause,

Psa 7:5 Let the enemy pursue me and overtake my being, And trample my life to the ground, And lay my esteem in the dust. Selah.

Psa 7:6 Arise, O יהוה, in Your displeasure; Lift Yourself up against the rage of my adversaries, And awake for me! You shall command judgment!

Psa 7:7 And let the congregation of the peoples gather about You; And over them return on high.

Psa 7:8 יהוה judges the peoples; Judge me, O יהוה, according to my righteousness, And according to my integrity within me.

Psa 7:9 Please let the evil of the wrong be ended, And establish the righteous; For the righteous Elohim is a trier of hearts and kidneys.

Psa 7:10 My shield is upon Elohim, Who saves the upright in heart.

Psa 7:11 Elohim is a righteous judge. And Ėl is enraged every day,

Psa 7:12 If one does not repent! He sharpens His sword, He bends His bow and makes it ready,

Psa 7:13 And He has prepared for Himself instruments of death, He makes His arrows hot for pursuers.

Psa 7:14 See, he who is bound with wickedness, And has conceived trouble and brought forth falsehood,

Psa 7:15 He has made a pit and dug it out, And falls into the ditch he made!

Psa 7:16 His trouble turns back upon his own head, And his wrongdoing comes down on the top of his head.

Psa 7:17 I give thanks to יהוה according to His righteousness, And praise the Name of יהוה Most High.

How Majestic Is Your Name - David proclaims how majestic is His Name. YHWH is Creator of all things and He has crowned man with esteem and splendor. In reverence to YHWH, we should daily reflect His esteem and splendor by being faithful as His set-apart ones.

Psalm 8

Psa 8:1 O יהוה, our Master, how excellent is Your Name in all the earth, You who set Your splendor above the heavens!

Psa 8:2 Out of the mouth of babes and infants You have founded strength, Because of Your adversaries, To put an end to enemy and avenger.

Psa 8:3 For I see Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have established.

Psa 8:4 What is man that You remember him? And the son of man that You visit him?

Psa 8:5 Yet You have made him a little less than Elohim,^a And have crowned him with esteem and splendor. **Footnote:** ^aOr - elohim.

Psa 8:6 You made him rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all under his feet,

Psa 8:7 All sheep and oxen, And also the beasts of the field,

Psa 8:8 The birds of the heavens, And the fish of the sea, Passing through the paths of the seas.

Psa 8:9 O יהוה, our Master, How excellent is Your Name in all the earth!

Proverbs 22

Be washed in His Word and retain wisdom. We should work within the boundaries of His Word and His plans He has for our lives.

Pro 22:1 A good name is preferable to great riches. Favour is better than silver and gold.

Pro 22:2 The rich and the poor meet together – יהוה is the Maker of them all.

Pro 22:3 A clever one foresees evil and hides himself, But the simple go on and are punished.

Pro 22:4 The reward of humility is the fear of יהוה, Riches, and esteem and life.

Pro 22:5 Thorns, snares are in the way of the perverse; He who guards his life keeps far away from them.

Pro 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he turns not away from it.

Pro 22:7 The rich rules over the poor, And the borrower is servant to the lender.

Pro 22:8 He who sows unrighteousness reaps trouble, And the rod of his wrath perishes.

Pro 22:9 He who has a good eye is blessed, For he gives of his bread to the poor.

Pro 22:10 Cast out the scoffer and strife goes out, And contention and shame cease.

Pro 22:11 He who loves cleanness of heart, Whose speech is pleasant, A sovereign is his friend.

Pro 22:12 The eyes of יהוה shall watch over knowledge, But He overthrows the words of the treacherous.

Pro 22:13 The lazy one says: “There is a lion outside!” “I am going to be murdered in the streets!”

Pro 22:14 The mouth of a strange woman is a deep pit; The one denounced by יהוה falls in there.

Pro 22:15 Folly is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of discipline drives it far from him.

Pro 22:16 One oppresses the poor to increase his *wealth*, Another gives to the rich, only to come to poverty.

Words of the Wise

Pro 22:17 Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise, And apply your heart to my knowledge;

Pro 22:18 For they are pleasant If you guard them within you; Let all of them be ready on your lips.

Pro 22:19 That your trust might be in יהוה, I caused you to know today, even you:

Pro 22:20 Have I not previously written to you Of counsels and knowledge,

Pro 22:21 To cause you to know The certainty of the words of truth, To return words of truth to those who send to you?

Pro 22:22 Do not rob the poor because he is poor, And oppress not the afflicted at the gate.

Pro 22:23 For יהוה pleads their cause, And shall plunder those who plunder them.

Pro 22:24 Make no friendship with one given to wrath, And do not go with a man of rage,

Pro 22:25 Lest you learn his ways, And find yourself ensnared.

Pro 22:26 Do not be one of those who shakes hands in a pledge, One of those who are guarantors for debts.

Pro 22:27 If you do not have the means to pay, Why should he take away your bed from under you?

Pro 22:28 Do not move the ancient boundary Which your fathers have set.

Pro 22:29 Do you see a man who is skilled in his work? He does stand before sovereigns, He does not stand before obscure ones.

Thessalonians Intro

1st and 2nd Thessalonians stem from the Good News being shared during Paul's second missionary journey and his subsequent journeys. Paul's first stay in Thessalonica encompassed three Sabbaths and the impact was great. The people were also strengthened through Silas and Timothy. Thessalonica flourished with belief in Yahusha HaMashiach, despite persecution.

Take a moment to read these opening verses in Acts 17 recording Paul's arrival on his secondary missionary journey:

Act 17:1 And having passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonike, where there was a congregation of the Yehudim.

Act 17:2 And according to his practice, Sha'ul went in unto them, and for **three Sabbaths** was reasoning with them from the Scriptures,

Act 17:3 explaining and pointing out that the Messiah had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This is the Messiah, יהושע, whom I proclaim to you."

Act 17:4 And some of them did believe, and a large number of the worshipping Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Sha'ul and Silas.

Act 17:5 But the Yehudim who did not believe, having become envious, took some of the wicked men from the market-place, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and came upon the house of Jason, and were seeking to bring them out to the people.

Act 17:6 But not finding them, **they dragged Jason and some of the brothers** to the city rulers, crying out, "They who have turned the world upside down have come here too,

Act 17:7 whom Jason has received. And all of them are acting contrary to the dogmas of Caesar, saying there is another sovereign, יהושע."

Act 17:8 And they troubled the crowd and the city rulers when they heard this.

Act 17:9 And when they had **received a pledge from Jason** and the rest, they let them go.

The account in Acts 17 clearly shows the tension caused by the transference from the reigning Aaronic Levitical Priesthood to the Melchizedek Priesthood with Yahusha HaMashiach as our High Priest of the Melchizedek Order.

The last time there had been a transference was after the sin of the golden calf at Mt. Sinai. We know that the Melchizedek Priesthood predated the creation of the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. At that time, the people would no longer be a kingdom of priests as proposed in Exodus 19:4-6; but now, after the sin of the golden calf, they would be a nation with a priest to administer the Book of the Law. This would stay in place UNTIL Yahusha would fulfill the conditional death penalty arm of the blood ratified covenant. The Book of the Law and the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood pointed to the Tent that was not made with hands. Heb. 9 explains:

Heb 9:1 Now the first *covenant* indeed had regulations of worship and the earthly set-apart place.

Heb 9:2 For a Tent was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, and the table, and the showbread, which is called the Set-apart Place.

Heb 9:3 And after the second veil, the part of the Tent which is called Most Set-apart,

Heb 9:4 to which belonged the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that held the manna, and the rod of Aharon that budded, and the tablets of the covenant,

Heb 9:5 and above it the keruḇim of esteem were overshadowing the place of atonement – about which we do not now speak in detail.

Heb 9:6 And these having been prepared like this, the priests always went into the first part of the Tent, accomplishing the services.

Heb 9:7 But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for sins of ignorance of the people,^a Footnote: ^a Num 15:15-28.

Heb 9:8 the Set-apart Spirit signifying this, that the way into the Most Set-apart Place was not yet made manifest **while the first Tent has a standing,**

Heb 9:9 **which was a parable for the present time** in which both gifts and slaughters are offered which are unable to perfect the one serving, as to his conscience,

Heb 9:10 only as to foods and drinks, and different washings, and fleshly regulations imposed until a time of setting *matters* straight.

Redemption Through the Blood of Yahusha

Heb 9:11 But Messiah, having become a High Priest of the coming good *matters*, **through the greater and more perfect Tent not made with hands, that is, not of this creation,**

Heb 9:12 **entered into the Most Set-apart Place once for all, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood, having obtained everlasting redemption.**

Heb 9:13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the defiled, sets apart for the cleansing of the flesh,

Heb 9:14 **how much more shall the blood of the Messiah,** who through the everlasting Spirit offered Himself unblemished to Elohim, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living Elohim?

Heb 9:15 And because of this He is the Mediator of a renewed covenant, so that, death having taken place for redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called might receive the promise of the everlasting inheritance.

Heb 9:16 For where a covenant is, it is necessary for the death of the covenanted one to be established.

Heb 9:17 For a covenant over those dead is firm, since it is never valid while the covenanted one is living.

Heb 9:18 Therefore not even the first *covenant* was instituted without blood.

Heb 9:19 For when, according to Torah, every command had been spoken by Mosheh to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people,

Heb 9:20 saying, **“This is the blood of the covenant which Elohim commanded you.”**
Exo 24:8.

Heb 9:21 And in the same way he sprinkled with blood both the Tent and all the vessels of the service.

Heb 9:22 And, according to the Torah, almost all is cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Heb 9:23 It was necessary, then, that the copies of the heavenly ones should be cleansed with these, but the heavenly ones themselves with better slaughter *offerings* than these.

Heb 9:24 For Messiah has not entered into a Set-apart Place made by hand – figures of the true – but into the heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of Elohim on our behalf,

Heb 9:25 not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters into the Set-apart Place year by year with blood not his own.

Heb 9:26 **For if so, He would have had to suffer often, since the foundation of the world. But now He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the offering of Himself.**

Heb 9:27 And as it awaits men to die once, and after this the judgment,

Heb 9:28 **so also the Messiah, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, isa_53:12 shall appear a second time, apart from sin, to those waiting for Him, unto deliverance.**

1Thes. 1

Brief Historical Background of Thessalonica: Thessalonica was located at the intersection of two major Roman roads, one leading from Italy eastward (Ignatia Way) and the other from the Danube to the Aegean. Thessalonica's location and use as a port made it a prominent city. <https://www.bibleplaces.com/thessalonica/>

The greeting in 1Thes. 1 by Paul, includes the names of Silas and Timothy of whom the believers in Thessalonica also knew and loved.

This opening chapter overflows with the love and joy Paul had for the Thessalonians. **The Good News was received by teachable joyful hearts.** We read:

Greeting

1Th 1:1 Sha'ul, and Silas, and Timotiyos, to the assembly of the Thessalonians in Elohim the Father and the Master יהושע Messiah: Favour to you and peace from Elohim our Father and the Master יהושע Messiah.

The Thessalonians' Faith and Example

1Th 1:2 We give thanks to Elohim always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers,

1Th 1:3 remembering without ceasing your work of the belief, and the labor of love, and the endurance of the expectation in our Master יהושע Messiah in the presence of our Elohim and Father,

1Th 1:4 knowing, brothers beloved by Elohim, that you were chosen.

1Th 1:5 Because our Good News did not come to you in word only, **but also in power, and in the Set-apart Spirit and in entire confirmation,** as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.

1Th 1:6 And you became imitators of us and of the Master, having received the word in much pressure, with joy of the Set-apart Spirit,

1Th 1:7 so **that you became an example to all who believe in Makedonia and**

Achaia.

It is important as believers that we walk in the Spirit and not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For we too should walk worthily as an example for others. We must constantly remind ourselves that it is no longer we that live but Yahusha that lives in us and through us. It is not about us, but about sharing Him with a lost and dying world.

1Th 1:8 For from you the word of the Master has sounded forth, not only in Makedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your belief toward Elohim has gone out, so that it is unnecessary for us to say whatever.

1Th 1:9 For they themselves report what kind of reception we had with you, **and how you turned to Elohim from idols, to serve the living and true Elohim,**

1Th 1:10 **and to wait for His Son from the heavens, whom He raised from the dead, יהושע, who is delivering us from the wrath to come.**

Not only had they believed, but their transformation was so powerful by the Ruach HaKodesh working through them, that they served as a great witness in the land. They turned from idols to Elohim, as we too turn away from the pagan cultural holidays. What rejoicing there is to see the Good News flourish. There is nothing greater than to see people move from death unto life in Yahusha!

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