

*Greetings, today our manna is from Exodus 21; Job 39; Luke 24; 2Cor. 9.*

*March 10 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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**Exodus 21**

Exodus 21 continues to teach the people His right rulings within the Book of the Covenant [Ex. 19:4-Ex. 24:11] for right living. As His ‘kingdom of priests’, we obey and follow the Book of the Covenant, **our marriage covenant**. By doing so, His people are not only blessed in their relationship with YHWH but also in their relationships with one another. His right rulings cover occurrences that are prone to happen among mankind in this fallen world and YHWH gives instructions for resolution. The following graphic shows the content covered in the Book of the Covenant.

The New Covenant Gospel Message updated and expounded on the Book of the Covenant...

The most current instruction given stands... example...

What does the ‘Book of the Covenant’ contain?  
(Cross References Also Listed)

- Exodus 19:1-17 Israel at Mount Sinai (The proposal begins Ex 19:5)
- Exodus 20:1-17 - The Ten Commandments (Deuteronomy 5:6-21)
- Exodus 20:22-23 Idolatry Forbidden (Leviticus 19:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:14-22)
- Exodus 20:24-26 The Altar of Sacrifice (Deuteronomy 27:1-10)
- Exodus 21:1-17 Laws for Servants (Deuteronomy 15:12-18)
- Exodus 21:12-32 Personal Injury Laws
- Exodus 21:33-36 Laws about Restitution

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- Exodus 22:1-15 Property Laws
- Exodus 22:16-31 Laws of Social Responsibility
- Exodus 23:1-9 Justice and Mercy
- Exodus 23:10-13 Sabbath Laws (Leviticus 25:1-7; Deuteronomy 15:1-6)
- Exodus 23:14-19 Three Yearly Feasts (Leviticus 23:1-5)
- Exodus 23:20-33 God’s Angel to Lead (Deuteronomy 7:12-20)
- Exodus 24:1-11 The Covenant Sealed

As in our day, laws are known to be amended or updated. The last ‘update’ or New Testament entries show us current application. The New Covenant also connects us back to the Book of the Covenant and the Promise given to Abraham by YHWH. Covenant Torah is His guide to us for being obedient to Him and how we are conduct ourselves on earth. In the Gospels we read how Yahusha updated many previous right rulings. Some

reveal even higher standards, and some have been fulfilled once and for all. **In addition, YHWH's covenant laws, trump man's laws; when man's laws go against what His covenant laws require.** By grace we are saved through faith so that whenever we fall short, our advocate, Yahusha will intercede on our behalf.

Therefore, His Word must be viewed in its entirety and in context to specific time periods in history. We should ask questions such as: what priesthood was reigning; and therefore, what law was ruling. Covenant Confirming Torah including the Royal Torah [Gen. 1:1-Ex. 24:11], Book of the Covenant [Ex. 19:4-Ex. 24:11], and the New Covenant, teach His bride how-to walk-in covenant with Him; yet does NOT diminish the importance of the rest of His Word! Even the Book of the Law foretold of Yahusha! Yes, it was a tutor and a schoolmaster but also it was a living 3-dimensional **parable** to show all that Yahusha would fulfill!

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,<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup> 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?

The Book of the Covenant and the Book of the Law are NOT synonymous. The Book of the Law [Ex. 24:12 – Deuteronomy 31:26] was placed beside the Ark of the Covenant as Moses completed the writing. The Book of the Law was added due to the transgression with the sin of the golden calf. It served as a tutor, UNTIL Yahusha, as our Melchizedek High Priest, would usher in the New Covenant and restore the Melchizedek Priesthood back to its reigning position. All Scripture is profitable, none is left out, but all His Word must be rightly divided and rightly applied.

The Aaronic Levitical Priesthood was established to implement the Book of the Law **after the sin of the golden calf**. Yet, we see in Exodus 24, that **Aaron and two of his sons, Nadab and Abihu, were very much present at the covenant confirming meal of the Book of the Covenant under the Melchizedek Priesthood in Ex. 24:9-11.**

Therefore, it is very important to rightly divide His Word in truth contextually and on the historic timeline.

### **Laws About Slaves**

**Exo 21:1** “These are the right-rulings which you are to set before them:

**Exo 21:2** “When you buy a Hebrew servant, he serves six years, and in the seventh he goes out free, for naught.

**Exo 21:3** “If he comes in by himself, he goes out by himself; if he comes in married, then his wife shall go out with him.

**Exo 21:4** “If his master has given him a wife, and she has borne him sons or daughters, the wife and her children are her master’s, and he goes out by himself.

**Exo 21:5** “And if the servant truly says, ‘I love my master, my wife, and my children, let me not go out free,’

**Exo 21:6** then his master shall bring him before Elohim, and shall bring him to the door, or to the doorpost, and his master shall pierce his ear with an awl. And he shall serve him forever.

**Exo 21:7** “And when a man sells his daughter to be a female servant, she does not go out as the male servants do.

**Exo 21:8** “If she is displeasing in the eyes of her master who has engaged her to himself, then he shall let her be ransomed. He shall have no authority to sell her to a foreign people, because of him deceiving her.

**Exo 21:9** “And if he has engaged her to his son, he is to do to her as is the right of daughters.

**Exo 21:10** “If he takes another *wife*, her food, her covering, and her marriage rights are not to be diminished.

**Exo 21:11** “And if he does not do these three for her, then she shall go out for naught, without silver.

**Exo 21:12** “He who strikes a man so that he dies shall certainly be put to death.

**Exo 21:13** “But if he did not lie in wait, but Elohim delivered him into his hand, then I shall appoint for you a place where he is to flee.

**Exo 21:14** “But when a man acts presumptuously against his neighbour, to kill him by treachery, you are to take him *even* from My slaughter-place to die.

**Exo 21:15** “And he who strikes his father or his mother shall certainly be put to death.

**Exo 21:16** “And he who kidnaps a man and sells him, or if he is found in his hand, shall certainly be put to death.

**Exo 21:17** “And he who curses his father or his mother shall certainly be put to death.

**Exo 21:18** “And when men strive together, and one strikes the other with a stone or with his fist, and he does not die but is confined to his bed,

**Exo 21:19** if he rises again and walks about outside with his staff, then he who struck him shall be innocent. He only pays for lost time and sees to it that he is completely healed.

**Exo 21:20** “And when a man strikes his male or female servant with a rod, so that he dies under his hand, he shall certainly be punished.

**Exo 21:21** “But if he remains alive a day or two, he is not punished; for he is his property.

**Exo 21:22** “And when men strive and they shall smite a pregnant woman, and her children come out, yet there is no injury, he shall certainly be punished accordingly as the woman’s husband lays upon him. And he shall give through the judges.

**Exo 21:23** “But if there is injury, then you shall give life for life,

**Exo 21:24** eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

**Exo 21:25** burn for burn, wound for wound, lash for lash.

**Exo 21:26** “And when a man strikes the eye of his male or female servant, and destroys it, he is to let him go free for the sake of his eye.

**Exo 21:27** “And if he knocks out the tooth of his male or female servant, he is to let him go free for the sake of his tooth.

**Exo 21:28** “And when an ox gores a man or a woman to death, then the ox shall certainly be stoned, and its flesh is not eaten, and the owner of the ox is innocent.

**Exo 21:29** “However, if the ox was previously in the habit of goring, and its owner has been warned, and he has not kept it confined, so that it has killed a man or a woman, the ox is stoned and its owner also is put to death.

**Exo 21:30** “If a *sin*-covering is laid upon him, then he shall give the ransom of his life, whatever is laid on him.

**Exo 21:31** “Whether it has gored a son or gored a daughter, according to this right-ruling it is done to him.

**Exo 21:32** “If the ox gores a male or female servant, he is to give to their master thirty sheqels of silver, and the ox is stoned.

### **Laws About Restitution**

**Exo 21:33** “And when a man opens a pit, or if a man digs a pit and does not cover it, and an ox or a donkey falls in it,

**Exo 21:34** the owner of the pit is to repay, he is to give silver to their owner, and the dead *beast* is his.

**Exo 21:35** “And when the ox of a man smites the ox of his neighbour and it dies, then they shall sell the live ox and divide the silver from it, and also divide the dead ox.

**Exo 21:36** “Or if it was known that the ox was previously in the habit of goring, and its owner has not kept it confined, he shall certainly repay ox for ox, while the dead *beast* is his.

## Job 39

YHWH is Elohim of all creation. Everything was created miraculously by Him. YHWH continues with His rhetorical questions to Job concerning several animals and birds. We stand in awe of His creation every day. Just read how He describes the horse. None compare to the awesomeness of YHWH!

**Job 39:1** “Do you know the time when the wild mountain goats bear young? Or do you observe when the deer gives birth?

**Job 39:2** Do you number the months they complete? Or do you know the time when they bear young?

**Job 39:3** They bow down, they bring forth their young, their labour pains are ended.

**Job 39:4** Their young ones are thriving, they grow up in the field. They shall leave and shall not return to them.

**Job 39:5** Who set the wild donkey free? Who loosed the bonds of the wild donkey,

**Job 39:6** whose home I have made the desert, and the salt land his dwelling?

**Job 39:7** He laughs at the commotion of the city; he does not hear the shouts of the driver.

**Job 39:8** The range of the mountains is his pasture, and he searches for all that is green.

**Job 39:9** Would the wild ox be pleased to serve you? Or spend the night by your feeding trough?

**Job 39:10** If you bind the wild ox in the furrow with ropes, would he plough the valleys behind you?

**Job 39:11** Would you rely on his great strength? Or would you leave your labour to him?

**Job 39:12** Would you trust him to bring home your grain, and gather it to your threshing-floor?

**Job 39:13** The wings of the ostrich flap joyously, but they are not the pinions and plumage of a [stork!](#)<sup>a</sup> **Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Hebrew: Hacidah.**

**Job 39:14** She leaves her eggs on the ground, and warms them in the dust;

**Job 39:15** and she forgets that a foot might crush them, or a wild beast tread on them.

**Job 39:16** She treats her young harshly, as if not hers; her toil is in vain, without fear,

**Job 39:17** because Eloah has made her forget wisdom, and did not endow her with understanding.

**Job 39:18** When she lifts herself on high, she laughs at the horse and its rider.

**Job 39:19** **Have you given the horse strength? Have you covered his neck with a mane?**

**Job 39:20** **Would you make him leap like a locust? His splendid snorting is frightening.**

**Job 39:21** **He paws in the valley, and rejoices in strength. He gallops into the clash of arms.**

**Job 39:22** He laughs at fear, and is not frightened; nor does he turn back from the sword.

**Job 39:23** The quiver rattles against him, the glittering spear and lance.

**Job 39:24** He eats up the ground with fierceness and rage, and he does not stand still because of a voice of a shophar.

**Job 39:25** At the blast of the shophar he says, ‘Aha!’ And from afar he smells the battle, the thunder of commanders and shouting.

**Job 39:26** Does the hawk fly by your wisdom, spreading its wings toward the south?

**Job 39:27** Does the eagle mount up at your mouth, and make its nest on high?

**Job 39:28** It dwells on the rock, and lodges on the crag of the rock and the stronghold.

**Job 39:29** From there it searches out the prey, its eyes see it from afar.

**Job 39:30** And its young ones suck up blood. And where the slain are, there it is!”

## Luke 24

The Resurrection takes place on the Sabbath at early dawn that was breaking into the first day of the week, that we call Sunday. Therefore, Yahusha was resurrected on the Sabbath; but ascended as the First Fruits offering on the first day of the week when He makes full atonement on the heavenly altar as our Melchizedek Priest. [See clarification under Luke 24:1 below – this is how I understand it to date]

When the women arrive at the tomb, they find the stone rolled away; linen wrappings were seen where He had laid; and Yahusha’s body was not there. Luke later defines who ‘they’ were in the following verse. They had gone to the tomb to anoint Yahusha’s body with spices.

**Luk 24:10** And it was Miryam from Maḡdala, and Yoḡanah, and Miryam *the mother of* Ya’aqob, and the rest with them, who told this to the emissaries.

They encounter two men in glittering garments. And the men ask why do you seek the living among the dead. The men in glittering garments go on to remind them what Yahusha had already told them.

### The Resurrection

**Luk 24:1** But on *day* one of the week<sup>a</sup>, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared, **Footnote:** <sup>a</sup>Lit. Sabbath.

Note: “Day” is italicized so it was not in the original text plus we have the foot note referring to the Sabbath. The following translations record this viewpoint.

(Darby) But on the morrow of the sabbath, very early indeed in the morning, they came to the tomb, bringing the aromatic spices which they had prepared.

(JUB) Now upon the first of the sabbaths, very early in the morning they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them.

Luk 24:2 and they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.

Luk 24:3 And having entered, they did not find the body of the Master יהושע.

Luk 24:4 And it came to be, as they were perplexed about this, that see, two men stood by them in glittering garments.

Luk 24:5 And becoming frightened and bowing their faces to the earth, these said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead?”

Luk 24:6 “He is not here, but has been raised up! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galil,

Luk 24:7 saying, ‘The Son of Adam has to be delivered into the hands of sinners, and be impaled, and the third day rise again.’ ”

Luk 24:8 And they remembered His words.

Luk 24:9 And having returned from the tomb they reported all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

Luk 24:10 And it was Miryam from Maḡdala, and Yoḥanah, and Miryam *the mother* of Ya'aqob, and the rest with them, who told this to the emissaries.

Luk 24:11 And their words appeared to them to be nonsense, and they did not believe them.

Luk 24:12 But Kēpha arose and ran to the tomb. And stooping down, he saw the linen wrappings lying by themselves. And he went away home, marvelling at what took place.

The following verses are just a few other accounts of His resurrection in the gospels. They all vary somewhat and give us a broader description of the resurrection scene that morning. The account that puzzles me the most is found in the Book of Mark that describes ‘a young man’ sitting on the right, wearing a white robe. Could this young man be the same one we read about in Mark 14:51?

Mar 14:51 And **a certain young man** was following Him, having **a linen cloth** thrown around *his* naked *body*. And when they seized him,

Mar 14:52 he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.

Mar 16:5 And having entered into the tomb, they saw **a young man** sitting on the right, **wearing a white robe**, and they were greatly astonished.

Joh 20:11 But Miryam was standing outside by the tomb weeping. Then as she wept, she stooped down to the tomb,

Joh 20:12 and saw **two messengers in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of יהושע had been laid.**

Those that had gone to the tomb, return to the eleven and the others to report all they had witnessed; yet their witnessed account was not believed and was considered nonsense. Luke records that Peter goes to the tomb to see for himself.

### On the Road to Emmaus

We then read the account of the two on the road to Emmaus. One of the two is later identified as Cleopas.

Emmaus was thought to be located approximately 7 miles away from Jerusalem. While they traveled, they bemoaned their disappointment in all that had taken place over the past several days. As they did so, Yahusha draws near to them, but they are restrained from 'seeing' who He was.

When Yahusha inquired about their conversation, Cleopas somewhat sarcastically replies. Sometimes in our own weaknesses and frustrations, we give flippant replies that usually come back to 'bite us'. This is one of those time. Cleopas goes on to answer Yahusha's question as per Cleopas's understanding as to 'What?' took place.

Yahusha, still being concealed from their eyes, replies.

#### On the Road to Emmaus

**Luk 24:13** And see, two of them were going that same day to a village called Amma'us, which was sixty **stadia**<sup>b</sup> from Yerushalayim. **Footnote: <sup>b</sup>Approx. 11 km or 6.8 miles.**

**Luk 24:14** And they were talking to each other of all this which had taken place.

**Luk 24:15** And it came to be, as they were talking and reasoning, that יהושע Himself drew near and went with them.

**Luk 24:16** But **their eyes were restrained**, so that they did not know Him.

**Luk 24:17** And He said to them, "What are these words you are exchanging with each other as you are walking – and you are sad?"

**Luk 24:18** And the one whose name was Qleophas answering, said to Him, **"Are You the lone visitor in Yerushalayim who does not know what took place in it these days?"**

**Luk 24:19** And He said to them, "What?" And they said to Him, "Concerning יהושע of Natsareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before Elohim and all the people,

**Luk 24:20** and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and impaled Him.

**Luk 24:21** "We, however, were expecting that it was He who was going to redeem Yisra'el. **But besides all this, today is the third day since these *matters* took place.**

**Luk 24:22** "But certain women of ours, who arrived at the tomb early, also astonished us,

**Luk 24:23** when they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of messengers who said He was alive.

**Luk 24:24** "And some of those with us went to the tomb and found it, as also the women had

said, but they did not see Him.”

**Luk 24:25** And He said to them, “O thoughtless ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!

**Luk 24:26** “Was it not necessary for the Messiah to suffer these and to enter into His esteem?”

**Luk 24:27** And **beginning at Mosheh and all the Prophets**, He was explaining to them in all the Scriptures the *matters* concerning Himself.

Yahusha shows us all much patience; and daily He shows us his loving commitment. Cleopas and the other traveler invite the ‘visitor’ to tarry with them since it was late. As they later sit at the table and break bread, their eyes are open; revealing it was Yahusha. No sooner than this revelation is shown to them; Yahusha disappears.

Then that same hour, they start the approximately 7-mile journey back to tell the 11 disciples and those gathered with them all that had happened! Note: If they went to tell the 11 disciples, that means that the other person traveling with Cleopas was not one of the eleven disciples. But then we read an interesting verse in Luke 24:34.

**Luk 24:28** And they approached the village where they were going, and He seemed to be going on.

**Luk 24:29** But they urged Him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening, and the day has declined.” And He went in to stay with them.

**Luk 24:30** And it came to be, when He sat at the table with them, having taken the bread, He blessed, and having broken, He was giving it to them.

**Luk 24:31** **And their eyes were opened and they recognized Him**. And He disappeared from their sight.

**Luk 24:32** And they said to each other, “**Was not our heart burning within us as He was speaking to us on the way, and as He was opening the Scriptures to us?**”

**Luk 24:33** And rising up that same hour they returned to Yerushalayim, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,

**Luk 24:34** saying, “**The Master was truly raised, and has appeared to Shim'on!**”

Wait, we just read that Yahusha had appeared to both. So why do we read that Yahusha appeared to Shimon? Could it be that the two on the road to Emmaus were from the tribe of Shimon? Just a thought to ponder. Because the next verse they both tell all that had happened as He was recognized by them!

**Luk 24:35** And they related what *took place* on the way, and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.

### Yahusha Appears to His Disciples

**Luk 24:36** And as they were saying this, ישוע Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, “Peace to you.”

**Luk 24:37** And being startled and frightened, they thought they had seen a spirit.

**Luk 24:38** And He said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts?”

**Luk 24:39** **“See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.”**

Prior to ascending, Yahusha could not be touched for He was still needing to make His atonement for our sins on the heavenly altar; after this, Yahusha appeared in His resurrected body that now could be touched. He had made full atonement for our sins that He had taken upon Himself. He paid our sin debt in full.

**Luk 24:40** And saying this, He showed them His hands and His feet.

**Luk 24:41** And while they were still not believing for joy, and marvelling, He said to them, “Have you any food here?”

**Luk 24:42** And they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb.

**Luk 24:43** And taking it He ate in their presence.

**Luk 24:44** And He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, **that all have to be filled that were written in the Torah of Mosheh and the Prophets and the Tehillim concerning Me.**”

**Luk 24:45** Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

**Luk 24:46** and said to them, “Thus it has been written, and so it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and **to rise again from the dead the third day,**

**Luk 24:47** and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His Name to all nations, beginning at Yerushalayim.

**Luk 24:48** “And you are witnesses of these *matters*.”

**Luk 24:49** “And see, **I am sending the Promise of My Father upon you, but you are to remain in the city of Yerushalayim until you are clothed with power from on high.**”<sup>C</sup>

Footnote: <sup>C</sup> [Act 1:4-8](#).

### The Ascension

**Luk 24:50** And He led them out as far as Bēyth Anyah, and lifting up His hands He blessed them.

**Luk 24:51** And it came to be, while He was blessing them, that He was parted from them and was taken up into the heaven.

**Luk 24:52** And they, having bowed down to Him, returned to Yerushalayim with great joy,

**Luk 24:53** and were continually in the Set-apart Place praising and blessing Elohim. Amēn.

### Yahusha Appears to His Disciples

Now, as the two from Emmaus were sharing all that had happened, Yahusha appears and stands in their very midst. All eyes gaze on His nailed scarred hands and feet; He said handle Me for a spirit does not have flesh and bone; He then asks for food and He eats in

their presence; He tells them this is what I had taught you; He then opens their minds to understanding the Scriptures; He explains that His prophesied death, burial, and resurrection on the third day had to take place; He tells them they are to be witnesses and preach repentance and forgiveness of sins in His Name to all nations beginning at Jerusalem; and they were to tarry in Jerusalem for the Promise that would cloth them with power from on high.

The Ascension – Yahusha departs with them as far as Bethany. He lifts His hands and blesses them then ascends into heaven. Yahusha conducted His Melchizedek High Priestly duties over his own sacrifice. Many things had to be completed between and through His death, burial, and resurrection on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day (Shabbat). He was the First Fruits offering on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week making full atonement on the heavenly altar with His precious blood. We later see Him making several witnessed appearances before ascending in view of His disciples on the 40<sup>th</sup> day in Acts 1:9.

## 2Corinthians 9

Paul continues his writings to the Corinthians; about giving, about encouraging one another, about setting the example for others and so on. His desire was to set-up these new congregations for success by having them walk in the Spirit and not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

### The Collection for Believers in Jerusalem

**2Co 9:1** Indeed, concerning the service to the set-apart ones, it is unnecessary for me to write to you;

**2Co 9:2** for I know your eagerness, about which I boast of you to the Makedonians, that Achaia was ready a year ago. And your ardor has stirred up most of them.

**2Co 9:3** But I sent the brothers, lest our boasting on behalf of you should be made empty in this part, in order that, as I said, you were ready,

**2Co 9:4** lest if some Makedonians come with me and find you not ready, we – not to speak of you – should be put to shame because of our belief.

**2Co 9:5** So I thought it necessary to appeal to the brothers to come to you in advance, and arrange your promised blessing beforehand – this to be ready as a blessing and not as greediness.

Paul wrote similar words of encouragement to the Thessalonians.

1Th 4:9 And it is not necessary to write to you about brotherly love, for you yourselves are taught by Elohim to love one another,

1Th 4:10 for, in fact, you do so toward all the brothers who are in all Makedonia. But we call upon you, brothers, that you do so more and more,

1Th 4:11 and to make it your ambition to live peaceably, and to attend to your own, and to work

with your own hands, as we commanded you,  
 1Th 4:12 so that you behave decently toward those who are outside, and not be in any need.

### The Cheerful Giver

2Co 9:6 **And this:**

- ✚ He who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly,
- ✚ and he who sows on blessing shall also reap on blessing.
- ✚ 2Co 9:7 Let each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not of grief or of necessity, for **Elohim loves a joyous giver.**
- ✚ 2Co 9:8 And **Elohim is able to make all favor overflow toward you**, that you, **always having all you need in every way, have plenty for every good work.**

2Co 9:9 As it has been written, **“He scattered abroad, He gave to the poor, His righteousness remains forever.”** [Psa 112:9](#).

2Co 9:10 And He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, **shall supply and increase the seed you have sown and increase the fruit of your righteousness,**

2Co 9:11 being enriched in every way for all simplicity, which works out thanksgiving to Elohim through us.

2Co 9:12 **Because the rendering of this service not only supplies the needs of the set-apart ones, but also is overflowing through many thanksgivings to Elohim.**

2Co 9:13 Through the proof of this service, they esteem Elohim on the submission of your confession to the Good News of Messiah, and **generosity in sharing with them** and all men,

2Co 9:14 and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding favor of Elohim in you.

2Co 9:15 Thanks also to Elohim for His unspeakable gift!

We are to be good stewards of His unspeakable gift He has given us. We are to be His Royal Ambassadors on earth letting His Spirit rule and reign through our earthen vessels. We are to be used as His hands, feet, mouthpiece etc. We are to let His light shine through us.

*Shalom ~ Libby*

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