

Greetings, today our manna is from Lev 21; Psalm 26 & 27; Ecc. 4; 1Tim 6.

April 17 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Leviticus 21

To be in the presence of YHWH, the Book of the Law requirements had to be followed exactly. In Leviticus 21, standards were given for the priests, the sons of Aaron; for leaders among the people; for future high priests; and specifics were given for any of Aaron's offspring that had a defect. Those with defects were not to draw near to YHWH to make fire offerings.

Holiness and the Priests

Lev 21:1 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Speak to the priests, the sons of Aharon, and say to them: 'No one is to be defiled for the dead among his people,

Lev 21:2 except for his relatives who are nearest to him: for his mother, and for his father, and for his son, and for his daughter, and for his brother;

Lev 21:3 and for his maiden sister who is near to him, who has had no husband – for her he is defiled.

Lev 21:4 'A leader does not defile himself among his people, to profane himself;

Lev 21:5 they do not make any bald place on their heads, and they do not shave the corner of their beard, and they do not make a cutting in their flesh.

Lev 21:6 'They are set-apart to their Elohim and do not profane the Name of their Elohim, for they bring the fire *offerings* of יהוה, and the bread of their Elohim, and shall be set-apart.

Lev 21:7 'They do not take a woman who is a whore or a defiled woman, and they do not take a woman put away from her husband, for he is set-apart to his Elohim.

Lev 21:8 'And you shall set him apart, for he brings the bread of your Elohim, he is set-apart to you. For I, יהוה, setting you apart, am set-apart.

Lev 21:9 'And when the daughter of any priest profanes herself by whoring, she profanes her father. She is burned with fire.

Lev 21:10 'And the high priest among his brothers, on whose head the anointing oil was poured and who is ordained to wear the garments, does not unbind his head nor tear his garments,

Lev 21:11 nor come near any dead body, nor defile himself for his father or his mother,

Lev 21:12 nor go out of the set-apart place, nor profane the set-apart place of his Elohim, for the sign of dedication of the anointing oil of his Elohim is upon him. I am יהוה.

Lev 21:13 ‘And let him take a wife in her maidenhood.

Lev 21:14 ‘A widow or one put away or a defiled woman or a whore – these he does not take. But a maiden of his own people he does take as a wife.

Lev 21:15 ‘And he does not profane his offspring among his people, for I am יהוה', who sets him apart.’ ”

Lev 21:16 And יהוה' spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Lev 21:17 “Speak to Aharon, saying, ‘No man of your offspring throughout their generations, who has any defect, is to draw near to bring the bread of his Elohim.

Lev 21:18 ‘For any man who has a defect is not to draw near: a man blind or one lame or disfigured or deformed,

Lev 21:19 a man who has a broken foot or broken hand,

Lev 21:20 or is a hunchback or a dwarf, or a man who has a defect in his eye, or eczema or scab, or is a eunuch.

Lev 21:21 ‘No man among the offspring of Aharon the priest, who has a defect, is to come near to bring the offerings made by fire to יהוה' – he has a defect, he does not come near to bring the bread of his Elohim.

Those with defects could however partake in the following:

Lev 21:22 ‘He does eat the bread of his Elohim, both the most set-apart and the set-apart,

Lev 21:23 only, he does not go near the veil or approach the slaughter-place, because he has a defect, lest he profanes My set-apart places. For I am יהוה', who sets them apart.’ ”

Lev 21:24 Thus Mosheh spoke to Aharon and his sons, and to all the children of Yisra'el.

Now see the contrast of being in His presence under the [New Covenant and Covenant Torah](#). With Yahusha HaMashiach, the Door (the veil), to the set-apart place was torn from top to bottom. Those that repent and receive forgiveness of their sins are under the ‘blood of the Lamb of Elohim.’ He has removed our imperfections and has given us His righteousness before YHWH. Now we can boldly enter the set-apart place before His throne with our praises, thanksgivings, petitions, and love.

Now, there is no longer the need to go through an Aaronic Levitical High Priest nor any other man. Only through Yahusha HaMashiach, has he made believers [a kingdom of priests so that we offer up spiritual sacrifices without the need for any further blood sacrifices](#). Yahusha HaMashiach offered His blood; once and for all! Read the following Scriptures in [Rev. 5](#) and [1Peter 2](#).

The Scroll and the Lamb

Rev 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne **a scroll written inside and on the back**, [Eze 2:10](#) having been sealed with seven seals.

Rev 5:2 And I saw a strong messenger proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loosen its seals?”

Rev 5:3 And no one in the heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.

Rev 5:4 And I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.

Rev 5:5 And one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Yehudah,^a the Root of Dawid,^b overcame to open the scroll and to loosen its seven seals.” Footnotes: ^a [Gen 49:9-10](#), [Heb 7:14](#). ^b [Isa 11:1](#) and [Isa 11:10](#).

Rev 5:6 And I looked and saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders a Lamb standing, as having been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of Elohim sent out into all the earth.

Rev 5:7 And He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him sitting on the throne.

Rev 5:8 And when He took the scroll, **the four living creatures** and **the twenty-four elders** fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the set-apart ones.

Rev 5:9 And **they sang** a renewed song, saying, “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals, because You were slain, and **have redeemed us** to Elohim by Your blood **out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation**,”^c Footnote: ^cThis fact is given in 6 other texts in the Book of Revelation.

Rev 5:10 and **made us sovereigns and priests to our Elohim**, and we shall reign upon the earth.”^d Footnote: ^d [Dan 7:18-27](#).

Rev 5:11 And I looked, and I heard the voice of many messengers around the throne, and the living creatures, and the elders. And the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,

Rev 5:12 saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb having been slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and respect and esteem and blessing!”

Rev 5:13 And every creature which is in the heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying, “To Him sitting on the throne, and to the Lamb, be the blessing and the respect and the esteem and the might, forever and ever!”

Rev 5:14 And the four living creatures said, “Amēn!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and bowed before Him who lives forever and ever.

Today we observe and obey Covenant Torah. We are not without law, but we now walk in His covenant commands. We are no longer a nation with an Aaronic Levitical high priest under the ‘tutor’ of the Book of the Law; we are a kingdom of priests under the order of Melchizedek. The Book of the Law is still revealing all that Yahusha has done for us. We still glean understanding from the Book of the Law but we are no longer under it’s curses; we are saved by grace through faith.

As His kingdom or priests, we are still to walk orderly as His royal (kingly) ambassadors representing His holy nation; His set-apart nation.

1Pe 2:9 But you are a **chosen race**,^b [Deu 10:15](#) a **royal priesthood**,^c [Isa 61:6](#) a **set-apart**

nation,^d [Exo 19:6](#) a people for a possession,^e [Isa 43:2](#) that you should proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light, Footnotes: ^bAlso see [Isa 43:20](#).
^cAlso see [Isa 66:21](#). ^dAlso see [Deu 7:6](#). ^eAlso see [Exo 19:5](#), [Tit 2:14](#).

1Pe 2:10 who once were **not a people**,^f but now the **people of Elohim**;^f who had **not obtained compassion**,^f but now **obtained compassion**.^f [Hos 1:9-10](#), [Hos 2:23](#). Footnote: ^fAlso see [Isa 65:1](#), [Hos 1:9](#), [Isa 63:16](#), [Isa 64:8](#), [Rom 9:25-26](#).

Psalm 26

YHWH is our protector. He is our light. He is our deliverer. We stay in obedience to His voice and His Word and He does the rest. We refrain from slipping into our fleshly desires and submit to His ways. His ways are higher. His ways are perfect. He rightly judges all. Wait on Him. Be strong. Be of good courage.

I Will Bless the YHWH

Psa 26:1 Rule me rightly, O יהוה, For I have walked in my integrity. And I have trusted in יהוה, without wavering.

Psa 26:2 Examine me, O יהוה, and prove me; Try my kidneys and my heart.

Psa 26:3 For Your loving-commitment is before my eyes, And I have walked in Your truth.

Psa 26:4 I have not sat with men of falsehood, Nor do I enter with pretenders.

Psa 26:5 I have hated the assembly of evil-doers, And I do not sit with the wrong.

Psa 26:6 I wash my hands in innocence; And I walk around Your slaughter-place, O יהוה,

Psa 26:7 To raise a voice of thanksgiving, And to declare all Your wonders.

Psa 26:8 יהוה, I have loved the abode of Your house, And the place where Your esteem dwells.

Psa 26:9 Do not gather my being together with sinners, Nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

Psa 26:10 In whose hands is a plot, And their right hand is filled with bribes.

Psa 26:11 But as for me, I walk in my integrity; Redeem me and show me favour.

Psa 26:12 My foot shall stand on a level place; In the assemblies I bless יהוה.

Psalm 27

YHWH Is My Light and My Salvation

Psa 27:1 יהוה is my light and my deliverance; Whom should I fear? יהוה is the refuge of my life; Whom should I dread?

Psa 27:2 When evil-doers come against me To eat up my flesh, My adversaries and

my enemies, They shall stumble and fall.

Psa 27:3 Though an army encamps against me, My heart does not fear; Though battle comes up against me, Even then I would be trusting.

Psa 27:4 One *matter* I asked of יהוה – this I seek: To dwell in the House of יהוה All the days of my life, To see the pleasantness of יהוה, And to inquire in His Hēḵal.

Psa 27:5 For in the day of evil He hides me in His booth; In the covering of His Tent He hides me; On a rock He raises me up.

Psa 27:6 And now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me; And I slaughter in His Tent with slaughters of sounding; I sing, yes, I sing praises to יהוה.

Psa 27:7 Hear, O יהוה, when I cry with my voice! And show me favor, and answer me.

Psa 27:8 To my heart You have said, “Seek My face.” Your face, יהוה, I seek.

Psa 27:9 Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in displeasure; You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O Elohim of my deliverance.

Psa 27:10 When my father and my mother have forsaken me, Then יהוה does take me in.

Psa 27:11 Teach me Your way, O יהוה, And lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.

Psa 27:12 Do not give me over To the desire of my adversaries; For false witnesses have risen against me, And they breathe out cruelty to me.

Psa 27:13 What if I had not believed To see the goodness of יהוה In the land of the living!

Psa 27:14 Wait on יהוה, be strong, And let Him strengthen your heart! Wait, I say, on יהוה!

Ecclesiastes 4

The weight of oppression can only be eased by YHWH. We can do all things through Yahusha HaMashiach who strengthens us.

2Ti 2:10 So I endure through it all for the sake of the chosen, so that they too obtain deliverance which is in Messiah יהושע with everlasting esteem.

2Ti 2:11 Trustworthy is the word: For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him.

2Ti 2:12 If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also shall deny us.

2Ti 2:13 If we are not trustworthy, He remains trustworthy, it is impossible for Him to deny Himself.

Ecc 4:1 Then I looked again at all the oppression that is done under the sun: And see! The tears of the oppressed, but they have no comforter; and power on the side of their oppressors, but they have no comforter.

Ecc 4:2 Therefore I commended the dead who were already dead, more than the living who are still alive.

Ecc 4:3 And better than both is he who has never existed, who has not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.

Ecc 4:4 And I saw that all the toil and skill of the work bring envy between man and his neighbour. That too is futile and feeding on wind.

Ecc 4:5 The fool folds his hands and consumes his own flesh.

Ecc 4:6 Better is a hand filled with rest than both hands filled with toil and feeding on wind.

Ecc 4:7 Then I looked again at futility under the sun:

Ecc 4:8 There is one, without a second, who has neither son nor brother. And there is no end to all his labours. His eye also is not satisfied with riches. “And for whom am I toiling and depriving myself of good?” That too is futility, and an evil task.

As we read on, be thankful if you have someone by your side. Be mindful and thoughtful of those that may not.

Ecc 4:9 **Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor.**

Ecc 4:10 **For if they fall, one lifts his companion up. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up.**

Ecc 4:11 Also, if two lie down together, they keep warm; but how does one keep warm *by himself*?

Ecc 4:12 Although one might be overpowered, two withstand him. **And a threefold cord is not readily broken.**

Remember, in Him, a person is never alone. For He tells us that He will never leave us or forsake us.

Ecc 4:13 A poor and wise youth is better than an old and foolish sovereign who no longer knows how to take warning.

Ecc 4:14 For he comes out of prison to be sovereign, although in his reign he was born poor.

Ecc 4:15 I have seen all the living who walk under the sun; they were with the second youth who stands in his place.

Ecc 4:16 There was no end of all the people; all of whom he headed. But the ones who come afterward do not rejoice in him. For that too is futile and feeding on wind.

1Timothy 6

Paul's words to Timothy speak for themselves; and to this day they still speak to all YHWH's set-apart ones.

1Ti 6:1 Let those who are servants under a yoke regard their own masters worthy of all respect, lest the Name of Elohim and His teaching be blasphemed.

False Teachers and True Contentment

1Ti 6:2 And those who have believing masters, let them not disregard them because they are brothers, but rather serve them because they are believing and beloved ones, those receiving of the good service in return. Teach and urge these *matters*.

1Ti 6:3 If anyone teaches differently and does not agree to the sound words, those of our Master יהושע Messiah, and to the teaching which is according to reverence,

1Ti 6:4 he is puffed up, understanding none at all, but is sick about questionings and verbal battles from which come envy, strife, slander, wicked suspicions,

1Ti 6:5 worthless disputes of men of corrupt minds and deprived of the truth, who think that reverence is a means of gain – **withdraw from such.**

1Ti 6:6 **But reverence with contentment is great gain.**

1Ti 6:7 For we brought naught into the world, and it is impossible to take any out.

1Ti 6:8 When we have food and covering, we shall be satisfied with these.

1Ti 6:9 But those wishing to be rich fall into trial and a snare, and into many foolish and injurious lusts which plunge men in ruin and destruction.

1Ti 6:10 **For the love of silver^a is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some, by longing for it, have strayed from the belief, and pierced themselves through with many pains.**

Footnote: ^aImplying money.

Paul then encourages Timothy to fight the good fight of faith!

1Ti 6:11 But you, O man of Elohim, flee from all this, and **pursue righteousness, reverence, belief, love, endurance, meekness.**

1Ti 6:12 **Fight the good fight of the belief**, lay hold on everlasting life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession before many witnesses.

1Ti 6:13 In the sight of Elohim who gives life to all, and **of Messiah יהושע who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate**, I charge you:

1Ti 6:14 that you **guard the command^b spotlessly, blamelessly**, until the appearing of our Master יהושע Messiah, **Footnote:** ^bCommand (singular) often means commands, e.g. [Deu 17:20](#), [Psa 19:8](#).

1Ti 6:15 which in His own seasons He shall reveal – **the blessed and only Ruler, the Sovereign of sovereigns and Master of masters,**

1Ti 6:16 **who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no**

one has seen or is able to see, to whom be respect and everlasting might. Aměn.

1Ti 6:17 Charge those who are rich in this present age not to be high-minded, nor to trust in the uncertainty of riches, but in the living Elohim, who gives us richly all for enjoyment,

1Ti 6:18 to do good, to be rich in **good works,**^c to be generous, ready to share,

Footnote: ^cSee [Mat 16:27](#).

1Ti 6:19 storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, so that they lay hold on everlasting life.

1Ti 6:20 **O Timotiyos! Watch over that which has been entrusted to you, turning aside from the profane and empty babblings and contradictions of the falsely called ‘knowledge,’**

1Ti 6:21 **which some, having professed it, have missed *the goal* concerning the belief. Favour be with you. Aměn.**

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