Greetings, today our manna is from Lev. 17; Psalm 20 & 21; Prov. 31; 1Tim. 2.

April 13 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Leviticus 17

Leviticus 17 now addresses <u>the slaughterings done by the people</u>. It clearly states that whether the people slay a bull, goat, or lamb, <u>inside the camp or outside the camp</u>; they were to bring those slaughterings to the Tent of Appointment <u>to YHWH</u>. A man would be charged with <u>blood guilt</u> upon violating the slaughtering commands.

Apparently, this was meant to bring an end to whoring after idols and doing slaughterings to demons. Any man making an ascending offering or slaughtering which was not brought to the Tent of Appointment, that man was to be cut off from his people. This would apply to any man of the House of Israel or the sojourner.

Today under Covenant Torah, we too should not have any other Elohim before YHWH; we should not have idols and should not commit whoring with such. There should be <u>no blending</u> of worship and praise to YHWH mixed with <u>any other little 'g' gods</u>. This would clearly <u>rule out believers</u> from participating in such <u>man-made holidays such as Saturnalia and Tamuz at 'Christmas' and Ishtar at 'Easter</u>.' To slap YHWH's Name on such is blasphemous. <u>When done in ignorance</u>, that is one thing, but once someone knows the Truth; they ARE responsible for that truth. This applies to believers in all cultures and nations with their associated man-made holidays and festivals.

<u>Believers</u> should truly contemplate the implications of participating in the various cultural traditions of man in which many of us were raised celebrating, rather than observing and celebrating YHWH's feasts. YHWH's feasts are our wedding rehearsals preparing us to meet the King of kings. They each portray wisdom <u>that highlight the qualities He is</u> looking for in His mature bride much like we read in Proverbs 31.

The Place of Sacrifice

Lev 17:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Lev 17:2 "Speak to Aharon, to his sons, and to all the children of Yisra'ěl, and say to them, 'This is the word which יהוה has commanded, saying,

Lev 17:3 "Any man from the house of Yisra'ěl who slays a bull or a lamb or a goat in the camp, or who slays it outside the camp,

Lev 17:4 and does not bring it to the door of the Tent of Appointment, to bring an offering to יהוה before the Dwelling Place of יהוה, blood-guilt is reckoned to that man. He has shed blood, and that man shall be cut off from among his people,

Lev 17:5 in order that the children of Yisra'ěl bring their slaughterings which they slaughter in the open field. And they shall bring them to יהוה at the door of the Tent of Appointment, to the priest, and slaughter them as slaughterings of peace *offerings* to 'הוה.

Lev 17:6 "And the priest shall sprinkle the blood on the slaughter-place of at the door of the Tent of Appointment, and shall burn the fat for a sweet fragrance to יהוה.

Lev 17:7 "And let them no longer slaughter their slaughterings to demons, after whom they whored. This is a law forever for them throughout their generations."

Lev 17:8 "And say to them, 'Any man of the house of Yisra'ěl, or of the strangers who sojourn among you, who offers an ascending offering or slaughtering,

Lev 17:9 and does not bring it to the door of the Tent of Appointment, to do it to יהוה, that man shall be cut off from among his people.

The rest of **Leviticus 17** are commands that dovetail from Covenant Torah.

Laws Against Eating Blood

Lev 17:10 'And any man of the house of Yisra'ěl, or of the strangers who sojourn among you, who eats any blood, I shall set My face against that being who eats blood, and shall cut him off from among his people.

Gen 9:4 "But do not eat flesh with its life, its blood.

Lev 17:11 <u>'For the life of the flesh is in the blood</u>, and I have given it to you upon the slaughter-place to make atonement for your lives, for it is the blood that makes atonement for the life.'

Lev 17:12 "Therefore I said to the children of Yisra'ěl, 'No being among you eats blood, nor does any stranger who sojourns among you eat blood.'

Exo 12:49 "There is one Torah for the native-born and for the stranger who sojourns among you."

Lev 17:13 "And any man from the children of Yisra'ěl, or from the strangers who sojourn among you, who hunts and catches any beast or bird, which is eaten, shall pour out its blood and cover it with dust.

Lev 17:14 for it is the life of all flesh. Its blood is for its life. And I said to the children of Yisra'ěl, 'Do not eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood. Anyone eating it is cut off.'

Lev 17:15 "And any being who eats a carcass or what was torn by a beast, be he a

native or a stranger, he shall wash his garments and bathe in water, and shall be unclean until evening. Then he shall be clean.

Lev 17:16 "And if he does not wash or bathe his body, then he shall bear his crookedness."

Exo 22:31 "And you are set-apart men to Me, and you do not eat any meat which is torn to pieces in the field, you throw it to the dogs.

Psalm 20 & 21

YHWH will never leave us or forsake us. He is our ever-present help in time of trouble.

Trust in the Name of YHWH our Elohim

Psa 20:1 יהוה does answer you in the day of distress! The Name of the Elohim of Ya'aqob does set you on high!

Psa 20:2 He does send you help from the set-apart place, And does uphold you from Tsiyon!

Psa 20:3 He does remember all your offerings, And does accept your ascending offering! Selah.

Psa 20:4 He does give you according to your heart, And fills all your plans!

Psa 20:5 We sing of Your deliverance, And in the Name of our Elohim we set up a banner! יהוה does fill all your requests!

Psa 20:6 Now I know that יהוה shall save His Anointed; <u>He answers him from His setapart heavens With the saving might of His right hand.</u>

Psa 20:7 Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses, But we remember the Name of our Elohim.

Psa 20:8 They, they have bowed down and fallen; But we have risen and are established.

Psa 20:9 Save, יהוה! Let the Sovereign answer us in the day we call.

Psalm 21

In Psalm 21 the king rejoices in YHWH's strength. This king is a believer in the one true Eloah. Leaders are placed in their positions and we are instructed to pray for leaders so that we may live peaceably. It can be lonely governing at the top; and leaders must make tough calls; we should pray for YHWH's will to be done in their lives.

1Ti 2:1 First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for all men.

1Ti 2:2 for sovereigns and all those who are in authority, in order that we lead a calm and peaceable life in all reverence and seriousness.

Whoever this king is in Psalms 21, he has been blessed by YHWH and his life extended. This king trusted YHWH. [Some suggest David others suggest Hezekiah due to his life extension.]

This king proclaimed that YHWH knew His enemies and would deal with them accordingly. Afterall, who can stand against the Most High El?

The King Rejoices in the YHWH's Strength

Psa 21:1 The sovereign rejoices in Your strength, O יהוה; And how greatly he exults in Your deliverance!

Psa 21:2 You have given him the desire of his heart, And You have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah.

Psa 21:3 For You put before him the blessings of goodness; You set a crown of fine gold on his head.

Psa 21:4 He asked life from You, and You gave it to him – Length of days forever and ever.

Psa 21:5 Through Your deliverance his esteem is great; You have laid excellency and splendour on him.

Psa 21:6 For You have made him most blessed forever; You have made him glad with the joy of Your presence.

Psa 21:7 For the sovereign is trusting in יהוה, And through the loving-commitment of the Most High he is not moved.

Psa 21:8 Your hand reaches all Your enemies; Your right hand reaches those who hate You.

Psa 21:9 You make them as a furnace of fire in the time of Your presence; יהוה does swallow them up in His wrath, And fire does consume them.

Psa 21:10 You destroy their fruit from the earth, And their seed from among the sons of men.

Psa 21:11 For they held out evil against You; They devised a plot; they do not prevail.

Psa 21:12 For You make them turn their back, When You aim with Your bowstring toward their faces.

Psa 21:13 Be exalted, O יהוה, in Your strength! We sing and we praise Your might.

Proverbs 31

Proverbs 31:1 defines the source of these words of wisdom. Words in the Bible are penned by mankind, but <u>they are inspired by the Ruach HaKodesh</u>.

Pro 31:1 The words of Sovereign Lemu'ěl, a message which his mother taught him:

This is a heartfelt message from a mother but recorded by her son that is a king. Her skills in raising her son had apparently flourished to this point; and she wanted his life to continue to be successful and guided by wise decisions in his rulership; in his personal conduct; and in appreciating the skills, support, and values of a wife devoted to Yah.

Her son, Sovereign Lemuel, must have listened carefully. Her wise words were a legacy to her son and by recording them, they impart wisdom to others. Words that have survived the test of time. There is much time, energy, risks, and love involved in raising up a wise child, and Sovereign Lemuel's mother showed her loving commitment to do her very best.

The Words of King Lemuel

- **Pro 31:1** The words of Sovereign Lemu'ěl, a message which his mother taught him:
- Pro 31:2 What, my chosen? And what, chosen of my womb? And what, chosen of my vows?
- Pro 31:3 Do not give your strength to women, Nor your ways to wiping away sovereigns.
- Pro 31:4 Not for sovereigns, O Lemu'ěl, Not for sovereigns to drink wine, Nor for princes to desire strong drink;
- Pro 31:5 Lest they drink and forget *what is* inscribed, And pervert the right of all the afflicted.
- Pro 31:6 Give strong drink to him who is perishing, And wine to those embittered in being.
- Pro 31:7 Let him drink and forget his poverty, And remember his trouble no more.
- Pro 31:8 Open your mouth for the dumb, In the cause of all the sons of the departed.
- Pro 31:9 Open your mouth, judge righteously, And plead the cause of the poor and needy.

Proverbs 31 woman exhibits a woman devoted to Yah; her husband; her family; and shows compassion to others. She is not idle, and she redeems the time she has using each moment wisely.

The Woman Who Fears YHWH

- Pro 31:10 Who does find a capable wife? For she is worth far more than rubies.
- Pro 31:11 The heart of her husband shall trust her, And he has no lack of gain.
- Pro 31:12 She shall do him good, and not evil, All the days of her life.
- Pro 31:13 She shall seek wool and flax, And with delight she works with her hands.
- Pro 31:14 She shall be as the ships of Tarshish, She brings in her food from afar.
- Pro 31:15 She also rises while it is still night, And provides food for her household, And what is lawfull for her girls.
- Pro 31:16 She shall consider a field and buy it; From her profits she shall plant a

vineyard.

- Pro 31:17 She shall gird herself with strength, And strengthen her arms.
- Pro 31:18 She shall taste when her gain is good; Her lamp does not go out by night.
- Pro 31:19 She shall stretch out her hands to the distaff, And her hand shall hold the spindle.
- Pro 31:20 She shall extend her hand to the poor, And she shall reach out her hands to the needy.
- Pro 31:21 She is not afraid of snow for her household, For all her household is dressed in scarlet.
- Pro 31:22 She shall make tapestry for herself; She is dressed in fine linen and purple.
- Pro 31:23 Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land.
- Pro 31:24 She shall make fine linen and sell them, And shall give girdles for the merchants.
- Pro 31:25 Strength and splendour are her garments, And she rejoices in time to come.
- Pro 31:26 She shall open her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue is the Torah of loving-commitment.
- Pro 31:27 She watches over the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness.
- Pro 31:28 Her children shall rise up and call her blessed; Her husband *too*, and he praises her:
- Pro 31:29 "Many daughters have done nobly, But you have risen over them all."
- Pro 31:30 Loveliness is deceptive And prettiness is vain, A woman who fears יהוה is to be praised.
- Pro 31:31 Give her of the fruit of her hands, And let her works praise her in the gates.

1Tim. 2

Our daily devotional reading plans must have truly been prayed over by Pastor Robert M'Cheyne. Repeatedly, the books and scriptures seem almost to be purposely weaved together to support one another.

Beautifully we see Paul giving words of wisdom to Timothy, who was like his own son! There are no greater writings when inspired by love. Not only are these words written to those in the upcoming generation; they were Elohim inspired words to all His children.

Oh, if we all would have been raised up in His Word! What a different place this earth would be! But praise Yah, He works all thing together for good for those that love Him and are called according to His purpose.

Pray for All People

- **1Ti 2:1** First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for all men,
- 1Ti 2:2 for sovereigns and all those who are in authority, in order that we lead a calm and peaceable life in all reverence and seriousness.
- 1Ti 2:3 For this is good and acceptable before Elohim our Savior,
- 1Ti 2:4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- 1Ti 2:5 <u>For there is one Elohim,^a and one Mediator between Elohim and men, the Man Messiah יהושע, Footnote: a 1Co 8:6, Eph 4:6, Mar 12:29-34.</u>
- 1Ti 2:6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be witnessed in its own seasons,
- 1Ti 2:7 for which I was appointed a proclaimer and an emissary I am speaking the truth in Messiah and not lying a teacher of the nations in belief and truth.
 - 1Ti 2:8 So I resolve that the men pray everywhere,
 - lifting up hands that are set-apart,
 - without wrath and disputing.

An important part of being set-apart, is dressing conservatively for Him and not according to the lewd fashions and swimwear designs of the world. This world focuses on seducing people through the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life. It promotes sensual dressing; tattoos; and so forth.

- 1Ti 2:9 Likewise, that the women dress themselves becomingly, with decency and sensibleness, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly garments,
- 1Ti 2:10 but with good works,^b which is becoming for women undertaking worship of Elohim. Footnote: ^b Mat 16:27.
- 1Ti 2:11 Let a woman learn in silence, in all subjection.
- 1Ti 2:12 But I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, rather, to be in silence.
- 1Ti 2:13 Because Adam was formed first, then Ḥawwah.
- 1Ti 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman, having been deceived, fell into transgression.
- 1Ti 2:15 But she shall be saved in childbearing if they continue in belief, and love, and set-apartness, with sensibleness.

Paul goes on to impart the proper conduct of men and women in the assemblies. Again, following YHWH's design of being wise and supportive. YHWH gives both men and women voices of wisdom, but those voices need to be <u>used with respect and honor</u> among the brethren to maintain orderly gatherings.

~ Shalom ~ Libby

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