

Greetings, today our manna is from Lev. 15; Psalm 18; Prov. 29; 2Thes. 3.

April 11 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Leviticus 15

Bodily discharges, blood, semen, and more - Wash, wash, why? Because ‘He said so’ in **Covenant Torah** Exodus 15:26! His only desire is to love us and care for us! He wants the VERY BEST for us!

Now, we see in Leviticus that due to their prior disobedience by not diligently obeying the voice of YHWH, they had been placed under **the Book of the Law** to spare their very lives in more ways than one! They would need remedial education until Yahusha HaMashiach would come. Like children, they didn’t understand the ‘why’ behind His commands. They had not understood that His plans for them were for good and not of evil. He is omniscient; we are not.

Exo 15:26 And He said, “**If you diligently obey the voice of יהוה your Elohim and do what is right in His eyes, and shall listen to His commands and shall guard all His laws, I shall bring on you none of the diseases I brought on the Mitsrites, for I am יהוה who heals you.**”

Wash, wash, why? Let’s read another excerpt from ‘What the Bible Says About Healthy Living’ by Rex Russell, MD

"The hospitals in Vienna, Austria, had a problem. New mothers were dying at a rate of one in six! At the time—in the mid-1800s—physicians who had just examined the recent dead would enter the wards and examine the expectant mothers without washing their hands. Sadly, these doctors were unknowingly spreading bacteria and disease—and death. 1 This tragedy could have been avoided if the physicians of the day had known and followed the principle God had laid down thousands of years earlier, as recorded in Numbers 19: 11: Whoever touches the dead body of anyone will be unclean for seven days. God offered no explanation of this law. Had the physicians in Vienna simply obeyed it, however, hundreds of lives could have been spared. One Viennese physician, Dr. Ignaz Semmelweiss, searched for a solution to the problem. He required his staff to wash their hands in a bowl of water before examining any patients on his ward. They didn’t scrub their hands with soap, as doctors and nurses do today, but only rinsed them."

"The death rate in Dr. Semmelweiss’s ward dropped to 1 in 84. As happens with many who develop new ideas, this good doctor wasn’t an immediate hero. Instead, **he was fiercely attacked for his claims, and faced ridicule and attack from the medical community.** Eventually his battle cost him his practice and his sanity. And, women continued to die until more doctors discovered, through science, **the truth of God’s Word.** When All Else Fails, Try Reading Directions Diseases fill our daily lives—everything from the common cold to cancer and high blood pressure. Yet the early pages of Genesis tell of a perfect world designed by a benevolent Designer. What happened? Early in my studies of the Scriptures, I sought to answer this basic question about illness. **Considering all the sickness and disease we experience today, could it be that we have not listened carefully enough to the voice of the Lord as related in Exodus 15: 26?** If you listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if

you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you. Just like the doctors in nineteenth-century Vienna (and elsewhere), we have not paid attention to God's instructions regarding healthful living. This is one reason we get sick. **Did you notice that the women who died in the Viennese hospitals were not necessarily guilty of specific sins? It was their caregivers who did not follow God's law regarding cleanliness.** This contributes to a second reason we fall ill: We live in a fallen world. The earth, our home, just hasn't worked as well as it did when God created it, as recorded in Genesis 1. **The sad fact is that Genesis 3 happened—we fell, and the earth fell with us, producing all sorts of harmful influences that were not in God's original, grand design."**

"But the Lord immediately set about instituting **His plan of redemption**. Eventually it would culminate in God's sending His Son and the blood of Jesus being shed as a sacrifice for our sins. Yet even prior to that "new creation," God gave His people a law to show them their need. That is the law referred to in **Exodus 15**. Those commands include dozens of ways to live—morally, spiritually and in good health. The law promised that God's people would suffer "none of these diseases" if they could and would follow His way."

Laws About Bodily Discharges

Lev 15:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, saying,

Lev 15:2 "Speak to the children of Yisra'el, and say to them, 'When any man has a discharge from his flesh, his discharge is unclean.

Lev 15:3 'And this is his uncleanness in regard to his discharge; whether his flesh runs with his discharge, or his flesh is stopped up by his discharge, it is his uncleanness.

Lev 15:4 'Any bed becomes unclean on which he who has the discharge lies, and any object on which he sits becomes unclean.

Lev 15:5 'And anyone who touches his bed has to wash his garments, and shall bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

Lev 15:6 'And he who sits on any object on which he who has the discharge sat, has to wash his garments, and shall bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

Lev 15:7 'And he who touches the flesh of him who has the discharge has to wash his garments, and shall bathe in water, and shall be unclean until evening.

Lev 15:8 'And when he who has the discharge spits on him who is clean, then he shall wash his garments, and shall bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

Lev 15:9 'Any saddle on which he who has the discharge rides becomes unclean.

Lev 15:10 'And whoever touches any of that which was under him is unclean until evening. And he who is carrying them up has to wash his garments, and shall bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

Lev 15:11 'And anyone whom he who has the discharge touches without rinsing his hands in water, shall wash his garments and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

Lev 15:12 'And the earthen vessel which he who has the discharge touches has to be broken, and every wooden vessel has to be rinsed in water.

Lev 15:13 'And when he who has a discharge is cleansed of his discharge, then he shall count for himself seven days for his cleansing, and shall wash his garments, and shall bathe his flesh in running water, and be clean.

Lev 15:14 'And on the eighth day he takes for himself two turtledoves or two young pigeons, and shall come before יהוה', to the door of the Tent of Appointment, and shall give them to the priest.

Lev 15:15 'And the priest shall prepare them, the one as a sin offering and the other as an ascending offering. And the priest shall make atonement for him before יהוה' because of his discharge.

Lev 15:16 'And when a man has an emission of semen, then he shall wash all his flesh in water, and be unclean until evening.

Lev 15:17 'And any garment and any leather on which there is semen, shall also be washed with water, and be unclean until evening.

Lev 15:18 'And when a woman lies with a man, and there is an emission of semen, they both shall bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

Lev 15:19 'And when a woman has a discharge, and the discharge from her flesh is blood, she has to be in her separation for seven days. And whoever touches her is unclean until evening.

Lev 15:20 'And whatever she lies on during her separation is unclean. And whatever she sits on is unclean.

Lev 15:21 'And anyone who touches her bed has to wash his garments, and shall bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

Lev 15:22 'And whoever touches any object that she sat on has to wash his garments, and shall bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

Lev 15:23 'And if it is on the bed or on any object on which she sits, when he touches it, he is unclean until evening.

Lev 15:24 'And if a man lies with her at all, and her monthly flow is on him, he shall be unclean seven days. And any bed he lies on is unclean.

Lev 15:25 'And when a woman has a discharge of blood for many days, other than at the time of her monthly separation, or when she discharges beyond her usual time of monthly separation, all the days of her unclean discharge shall be as the days of her monthly separation. She is unclean.

Lev 15:26 'Any bed on which she lies all the days of her discharge is to her as the bed of her monthly separation. And whatever she sits on is unclean, as the uncleanness of her monthly separation.

Lev 15:27 'And anyone who touches them is unclean, and shall wash his garments, and shall bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

Lev 15:28 'But if she is cleansed of her discharge, then she shall count for herself seven days, and after that she is clean.

Lev 15:29 'And on the eighth day she takes for herself two turtledoves or two young pigeons, and shall bring them to the priest, to the door of the Tent of Appointment.

Lev 15:30 'And the priest shall prepare the one as a sin offering and the other as an ascending offering, and the priest shall make atonement for her before יהוה' for the discharge of her uncleanness.

Lev 15:31 'Thus you shall separate the children of Yisra'ël from their uncleanness, lest

they die in their uncleanness when they defile My Dwelling Place which is in their midst.

Lev 15:32 'This is the Torah for one who has a discharge, and for him who emits semen and is unclean thereby,

Lev 15:33 and for her who is sick in her monthly separation, and for one who has a discharge, either man or woman, and for him who lies with an unclean woman.' ”

Psalm 18

A person can choose to navigate life his 'own way' and choose his 'own paths'; or [a person can turn to YHWH](#), the Omniscient, Omnipotent, Omnipresent, Creator of the Universe, Good Shepherd, to guide them through all the pit falls, valleys, and dangers that lay in wait in this fallen world. This is everyone's choice.

You would think everyone would [choose the obvious right choice](#); but no, many live in a strong delusion and they believe the lie of the enemy.

There is a strong lovingly committed relationship between YHWH and King David in Psalm 18. Yahusha is our Good Shepherd, and David having been a shepherd himself; understood the importance and the great need, that caring for sheep required. Otherwise, they wouldn't last long. Sheep need a shepherd, plain and simply; and we need YHWH Yahusha, the Good Shepherd!

YHWH Is My Rock and My Fortress

Psa 18:1 I love You, O יהוה, My strength.

Psa 18:2 יהוה is my rock and my stronghold and my deliverer; My Ēl is my rock, I take refuge in Him; My shield and the horn of my deliverance, my high tower.

Psa 18:3 I call upon יהוה, the One to be praised, And I am saved from my enemies.

Psa 18:4 The cords of death surrounded me, And the floods of Beliya'al made me afraid.

Psa 18:5 The cords of She'ol were all around me; The snares of death were before me.

Psa 18:6 In my distress I called upon יהוה, And to my Elohim I cried; He heard my voice from His Hēkal, And my cry went before Him, into His ears.

Psa 18:7 And the earth shook and trembled; Even the foundations of the mountains were troubled And they shook, because He was wrath.

Psa 18:8 Smoke went up from His nostrils, And consuming fire from His mouth; Coals were kindled by it.

Psa 18:9 And He bowed the heavens and came down, And thick darkness was under

His feet.

Psa 18:10 And He rode upon a kerub, and flew; He flew upon the wings of the wind.

Psa 18:11 He made darkness His covering; Around Him His booth, Darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies.

Psa 18:12 From the brightness before Him, His thick clouds passed, hail and coals of fire.

Psa 18:13 And יהוה thundered in the heavens, And the Most High sent forth His voice, Hail and coals of fire.

Psa 18:14 And He sent out His arrows and scattered them, And much lightning, and confused them.

Psa 18:15 And the channels of waters were seen, And the foundations of the world were uncovered At Your rebuke, O יהוה, At the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.

Psa 18:16 He sent from above, He took me; He drew me out of many waters.

Psa 18:17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, And from those hating me, For they were stronger than I.

Psa 18:18 They confronted me in the day of my calamity, But יהוה was my support.

Psa 18:19 And He brought me out into a large place; He delivered me for He delighted in me.

Psa 18:20 יהוה rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands He repaid me.

Psa 18:21 For I have guarded the ways of יהוה, And have not acted wrongly against my Elohim.

Psa 18:22 For all His right-rulings are before me, And I did not turn from His laws.

Psa 18:23 And I am perfect before Him, And I guard myself from my crookedness.

Psa 18:24 And יהוה repays me according to my righteousness, According to the cleanness of my hands before His eyes.

Psa 18:25 With the lovingly-committed You show Yourself lovingly-committed; With the perfect one You show Yourself perfect;

Psa 18:26 With the clean You show Yourself clean; And with the crooked You show Yourself twisted.

Psa 18:27 For You save the afflicted people, But bring down those whose eyes are haughty.

Psa 18:28 For You Yourself light my lamp; יהוה my Elohim makes my darkness light.

Psa 18:29 For with You I run against a band, And with my Elohim I leap over a wall.

Psa 18:30 The Ĕl – His way is perfect; The Word of יהוה is proven;^a He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him. Footnote: ^a Psa 12:6, Psa 119:140, Pro 30:5.

Psa 18:31 For who is Eloah, besides יהוה? And who is a rock, except our Elohim?

Psa 18:32 **It is Ĕl who girds me with strength, And makes my way perfect,**

Psa 18:33 Making my feet like the feet of deer, And sets me on my high places,

Psa 18:34 Teaching my hands for battle, So that my arms shall bend a bow of bronze.

Psa 18:35 And You give me the shield of Your deliverance; And Your right hand supports me, And Your lowliness makes me great.

Psa 18:36 You enlarge my step under me; And my feet shall not slip.

Psa 18:37 I pursue my enemies and overtake them; And do not turn back till they are destroyed.

Psa 18:38 I crush them, and they are unable to rise; They fall under my feet.

Psa 18:39 And You gird me with strength for battle; Cause my adversaries to bow under me.

Psa 18:40 And You have made my enemies turn their backs, As for those hating me, I cut them off.

Psa 18:41 They cry – but no one is there to save, To יהוה – but He answers them not.

Psa 18:42 And I beat them as dust before the wind; I empty them out like dirt in the streets.

Psa 18:43 You deliver me from the strivings of the people, You set me at the head of the nations; A people I have not known serve me.

Psa 18:44 As soon as they hear of me they obey me; The foreigners submit to me.

Psa 18:45 The foreigners fade away, And come frightened from their strongholds.

Psa 18:46 יהוה lives! And blessed is my Rock! And exalted is the Elohim of my deliverance,

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Psa 18:47 The Ėl who avenges me, And He humbles the peoples under me;

Psa 18:48 My deliverer from my enemies. You lift me up above those who rise against me; You deliver me from a man of violence.

Psa 18:49 Therefore I give thanks to You, O יהוה, among nations, And I sing praise to Your Name,

Psa 18:50 Making great the deliverance of His sovereign, And showing loving-commitment to His anointed, To Dawid and his seed, forever.

Proverbs 29

We continue to read the contrasts between [those that choose their own path](#); and [those that choose His path](#) for their lives; the two are [polar opposites](#).

Pro 29:1 One often reproved, hardening his neck, Is suddenly broken, and there is no healing.

Pro 29:2 When the righteous increase, the people rejoice; But when a wrong one rules, the people sigh.

Pro 29:3 He who loves wisdom gladdens his father, But a companion of whores destroys wealth.

Pro 29:4 A sovereign establishes a land by right-ruling, But one who receives bribes throws it down.

Pro 29:5 A man who flatters his neighbour Spreads a net for his own feet.

Pro 29:6 An evil man is ensnared by transgression, But the righteous sings and rejoices.

Pro 29:7 The righteous knows the plea of the poor, The wrong does not understand *such* knowledge.

Pro 29:8 Scoffers ensnare a city, But the wise turn away wrath.

Pro 29:9 When a wise man disputes with a foolish man, Whether he rages or laughs, there is no peace.

Pro 29:10 Bloodthirsty men hate the perfect, And seek the life of the straight.

Pro 29:11 A fool lets out all his breath, But the wise keeping it back calms it down.

Pro 29:12 If a ruler listens to lying words, All his servants become wrong.

Pro 29:13 The poor man and the oppressor have this in common: יהוה¹ gives light to the eyes of both.

Pro 29:14 The sovereign who rightly rules the poor with truth, His throne is established forever.

Pro 29:15 A rod and reproof give wisdom, But a child unrestrained brings shame to his mother.

Pro 29:16 When the wrong become many, transgression increases; But the righteous look on their fall.

Pro 29:17 **Discipline your son, And he brings you rest and delight to your life.**

Pro 29:18 **Where there is no vision, the people are let loose, But blessed is he who guards the Torah.**

Pro 29:19 A servant is not disciplined by words; Though he understands, he does not respond.

Pro 29:20 Have you seen a man hasty in his words? There is more expectancy for a fool than for him.

Pro 29:21 He who deals tenderly With his servant from youth, Has him as a son in the end.

Pro 29:22 A man of displeasure stirs up strife, And a master of rage has many a transgression.

Pro 29:23 The pride of man brings him low, But the humble in spirit obtains esteem.

Pro 29:24 He who shares with a thief hates his own life; He hears an oath, but does not report.

Pro 29:25 **The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in יהוה¹ is set on high.**

Pro 29:26 Many seek the face of a ruler, **But right-ruling for man comes from יהוה.**

Pro 29:27 **An unrighteous man is an abomination to the righteous, And he who is straight in the way is an abomination to the wrong.**

2Thes. 3

Paul concludes 2 Thessalonians written by his own hand. 2Th 3:17 The greeting of Sha'ul with my own hand, which is a sign in every letter, thus I write.

Paul requested and knew the importance of prayer! Not placing our petitions before YHWH, is like trying to drive a car without fuel. He is the Vine we are the branches; without Him we can do nothing.

We should pray for one another and be diligent in spreading the Good News by being led by His Ruach HaKodesh. We should not become idle; but fill our days with His Word and doing good toward one another. Paul also addresses the importance of providing for one's own needs; and not being a burden on those around us. If there is a true need

among the brethren, then absolutely provide; but some among the Thessalonians upon hearing that the Day of Elohim was near; reasoned in themselves, why should they labor daily.

We most certainly should understand that His return draws nigh, but at the same time understand that we are not guaranteed of tomorrow; and that today may be our last day. Today is the day of salvation. We should live everyday as our last! Each day He gives us, is an opportunity to be His ambassadors on earth and be about His kingdom work. We should imitate Him and His faithful ones in our daily lives; and not become idle which invites missed opportunities and sin.

Pray for Us

2Th 3:1 For the rest, brothers, pray for us, so **that the Word of יהוה spreads rapidly and be praised, as also with you,**

2Th 3:2 and that we might be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men, for not all have belief.

2Th 3:3 But the Master is trustworthy, who shall establish you and guard you from the wicked one.

2Th 3:4 And we trust in the Master as to you, both that you do and shall do what we command you.

2Th 3:5 And the Master direct your hearts into the love of Elohim and into the endurance for Messiah.

Warning Against Idleness

2Th 3:6 But we command you, brothers, in the Name of our Master יהושע Messiah, that you **withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which you received from us.**

2Th 3:7 For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, for we were not disorderly among you,

2Th 3:8 nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but worked with labor and toil night and day, in order not to burden any of you,

2Th 3:9 not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example, for you to imitate us.

2Th 3:10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone does not wish to work, neither let him eat.

2Th 3:11 For we hear of some among you walking disorderly, not working at all, but are busybodies.

2Th 3:12 But we command and urge such, through our Master יהושע Messiah, to settle down, work and eat their own bread.

2Th 3:13 And you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

2Th 3:14 And if anyone does not obey our word in this letter, note that one, and do not keep company with him, so that he is put to shame.

2Th 3:15 However, do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

Benediction

2Th 3:16 And the Master of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Master be with you all.

2Th 3:17 The greeting of Sha'ul with my own hand, which is a sign in every letter, thus I write.

2Th 3:18 The favor of our Master יהושע Messiah be with you all. Aměn.

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