

*Greetings, today our manna is from 1Chron. 16; Obadiah 1; James 3; Luke 5.*

## *November 21 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **1Chron. 16**

Finally, the day arrived. The presence of YHWH is once again dwelling among Israel. It had been over 20 years and all the house of Israel mourned.

1Sa 7:1 **And the men of Qiryath Ye'arim** came and took the ark of יהוה, and brought it into the house of Abinadab on the hill, and set apart El'azar his son to guard the ark of יהוה.

1Sa 7:2 And it came to be, from the day that the ark remained in Qiryath Ye'arim, that the time increased, **it came to be twenty years**. And all the house of Yisra'el lamented after יהוה.

There were many limitations living under the time of the **Book of the Law**. May we not take for granted that now, His Ruach HaKodesh, dwells in those that have received Yahusha HaMashiach.

1Co 3:16 Do you not know that you are a Dwelling Place of Elohim and that the Spirit of Elohim dwells in you?

**1Pe 2:9** But you are a **chosen race**,<sup>b</sup> Deu 10:15 a **royal priesthood**,<sup>c</sup> Isa 61:6 a **set-apart nation**,<sup>d</sup> Exo 19:6 a **people for a possession**,<sup>e</sup> Isa 43:2 that **you should proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light**, Footnotes: <sup>b</sup>Also see Isa 43:20. <sup>c</sup>Also see Isa 66:21. <sup>d</sup>Also see Deu 7:6. <sup>e</sup>Also see Exo 19:5, Tit 2:14.

1Pe 2:10 who once were **not a people**,<sup>f</sup> but now the **people of Elohim**;<sup>f</sup> who had **not obtained compassion**,<sup>f</sup> but now **obtained compassion**.<sup>f</sup> Hos 1:9-10, Hos 2:23. Footnote: <sup>f</sup>Also see Isa 65:1, Hos 1:9, Isa 63:16, Isa 64:8, Rom 9:25-26.

If a person by faith, with a repentant heart, has received Yahusha HaMashiach as their Savior through the New Covenant, ratified by His blood; if they have partook of the Covenant Confirming Meal of bread and wine in remembrance of Him; they have begun their journey in knowing their High Priest of the Melchizedek Order.

A believer then begins to learn their priestly duties as they stay in His Word. Why? Because YHWH has made us a kingdom of priests of every tongue, tribe, people, and nation. If you are His, foundational basics are to know you are a priest, a living sacrifice, offering praise, thanksgiving, gifts, intercession, etc. This is our REASONABLE service. Only priests can enter His presence with offerings.

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God [Elohim], that **ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.**

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

We no longer look for a physical temple made by 'man'; **we are the temple**. We no longer look toward animal sacrifices because Yahusha laid down His life and made full atonement for our sins once and for all. Being washed by the blood of the Lamb means He has 'justified' us; 'just-as-if' we had never sinned. Non-believers need believers in Yahusha [His kingdom of priests] to intercede for them in hopes that they seek and find Yahusha; for healings; for deliverance; etc. For this reason, we must examine our own lives and keep our temple clean so our prayers and offerings will be well received.

Today, we should approach His Dwelling place with thanksgiving and praise and reverence. He is an Elohim of love, but He is also an Elohim of order. All glory and esteem are His. We are His royal ambassadors. If YHWH has made us His Kingdom of priests; then that means we are priests. We are set-apart and have become part of His holy nation. Now, how positionally close you find yourself in His service depends on; how deeply you know Him by rightly dividing His Word; by being faithful to the Covenant you have entered with Him; by developing your relationship with Him by keeping the appointed times He has scheduled with us on His calendar; by multiplying His talents given to you; and by letting the Ruach HaKodesh lead each of us into all truth.

Exo 19:5 'And now, if you diligently obey My voice, and shall guard My covenant, then you shall be My treasured possession above all the peoples – for all the earth is Mine –

Exo 19:6 'and you shall be to **Me a reign of priests** and a set-apart nation.' Those are the words which you are to speak to the children of Yisra'el."

Rev 1:6 and has **made us sovereigns and priests to His Elohim and Father**, to Him be esteem and rule forever and ever. Amēn.

He doesn't expect perfection, but He does expect a broken and contrite heart that by faith, desires to please Him and know Him according to His Word; minus the leaven of false doctrine and/or paganistic traditions of man.

We are betrothed to Him. Do we live as one betrothed to YHWH? He takes us just as we are because we are saved by grace through faith; this is how we are 'justified' before Him. He then shapes us and prunes us as the Master Gardener as we go through the sanctification process day by day. His desire for us is the very best.

Now, please read about this glorious day when the Ark is brought back to Israel and is set in the midst of the Tent that David had prepared. Please pay attention to all the various roles, skills, and the details done by Israel to show reverence and bring Him glory.

YHWH was being welcomed home among His people.

### **The Ark Placed in a Tent**

**1Ch 16:1** **And they brought the ark of Elohim, and set it in the midst of the Tent that Dawid had pitched for it. And they brought ascending offerings and peace offerings before Elohim.**

**1Ch 16:2** And when Dawid had made an end of offering the ascending offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the Name of יהוה,

**1Ch 16:3** and gave a portion to everyone of Yisra'el, both man and woman, to everyone a loaf of bread, a measure, and a cake of raisins.

Psa 30:11 You have turned my mourning into dancing for me; You have torn off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness.

Psa 30:12 So that esteem might praise You and not be silent. O יהוה my Elohim, I thank You forever.

**1Ch 16:4** And he appointed some of the Lēwites to serve before the ark of יהוה, to bring to remembrance, and to thank, and to praise יהוה Elohim of Yisra'el:

**1Ch 16:5** Asaph the chief, and his second Zekaryah, Ye'i'el, and Shemiramoth, and Yehi'el, and Mattithyah, and Eliyab, and Benayahu, and Obēd-Edom, and Ye'i'el, with harps and lyres, but Asaph was sounding with cymbals;

**1Ch 16:6** and Benayahu and Yaḥazi'el the priests continually blew the trumpets before the ark of the covenant of Elohim.

**1Ch 16:7** And on that day Dawid first gave thanks to יהוה by the hand of Asaph and his brothers:

### **David's Song of Thanks**

1Ch 16:8 Give thanks to יהוה, call upon His Name, Make known His deeds among the peoples!

1Ch 16:9 Sing to Him, sing praise to Him, Speak of all His wonders!

1Ch 16:10 Boast in His set-apart Name, Let the hearts of those seeking יהוה rejoice!

1Ch 16:11 Seek יהוה and His strength, Seek His face continually!

1Ch 16:12 Remember His wonders which He has done, His signs and the right-rulings of His mouth,

1Ch 16:13 O seed of Yisra'el, His servant; O children of Ya'aqob, His chosen ones!

1Ch 16:14 He is יהוה our Elohim, His right-rulings are in all the earth.

1Ch 16:15 Remember His covenant forever, The Word He commanded for a thousand generations.

1Ch 16:16 Which He made with Abraham, And His oath to Yitshaq,

1Ch 16:17 And He established it to Ya'aqob for a law, To Yisra'el as an everlasting covenant,

1Ch 16:18 Saying, "To you I give the land of Kena'an, The portion of your inheritance,"

1Ch 16:19 When you were but few in number, Few indeed, and sojourners in it.

1Ch 16:20 And they went up and down, From one nation to another, And from one reign to another people.

1Ch 16:21 He allowed no one to oppress them, And He reprov'd sovereigns for their sakes, *saying*:

1Ch 16:22 "Do not touch My anointed ones, And do My prophets no evil."

1Ch 16:23 Sing to יהוה, all the earth; Proclaim His deliverance from day to day.

1Ch 16:24 Declare His esteem among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.

1Ch 16:25 For great is יהוה and greatly to be praised; And He is to be feared above all mighty ones.

1Ch 16:26 For all the mighty ones of the peoples are matters of naught,<sup>a</sup> But יהוה made the heavens. *Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See Psa 96:5.*

1Ch 16:27 Excellency and splendor are before Him, Strength and gladness are in His place.

1Ch 16:28 Ascribe to יהוה, O clans of the peoples, Ascribe to יהוה esteem and strength.

1Ch 16:29 Ascribe to יהוה the esteem of His Name; Bring an offering, and come before Him; Bow yourself to יהוה In the splendor of set-apartness!

1Ch 16:30 Tremble before Him, all the earth. The world also is firmly established, immovable.

1Ch 16:31 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; And let them say among the nations, "יהוה shall reign."

1Ch 16:32 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; Let the field rejoice, and all that is in it.

1Ch 16:33 Let the trees of the forest then sing before יהוה, For He shall come to judge the earth.

1Ch 16:34 Give thanks to יהוה, for He is good, For His loving-commitment is everlasting!

1Ch 16:35 And say, “Save us, O Elohim of our deliverance; And gather us together, And deliver us from the nations, To give thanks to Your set-apart Name, And boast in Your praise.”

1Ch 16:36 Blessed be יהוה Elohim of Yisra'el From everlasting to everlasting! And all the people said, “Amēn!” and praised יהוה.

### Worship Before the Ark

1Ch 16:37 So he left Asaph and his brothers there before the ark of the covenant of יהוה to perform regular service before the ark, as each day required;

Ezr 3:4 They kept also the feast of tabernacles, as *it is written*, and *offered* the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the custom, as the duty of every day required;

1Ch 16:38 also, Obēd-Edom with his sixty-eight brothers, including Obēd-Edom son of Yeduthun, and Hōsah, to be gatekeepers;

1Ch 16:39 and Tsadoq the priest and his brothers the priests, before the Dwelling Place of יהוה at the high place that was at Gib'on,

1Ch 16:40 to offer ascending offerings to יהוה on the slaughter-place of ascending offering regularly morning and evening, and to do according to all that is written in the Torah of יהוה which He commanded Yisra'el;

1Ch 16:41 and with them Hēman and Yeduthun and the rest who were chosen, who were designated by name, to give thanks to יהוה, because His loving-commitment is everlasting;

1Ch 16:42 and with them Hēman and Yeduthun, to sound aloud with trumpets and cymbals and instruments for the songs of Elohim, and the sons of Yeduthun for the gate.

1Ch 16:43 **And all the people went, each one to his house, and Dawid returned to bless his house.**

### Obadiah Introduction

**F.B. Meyer excerpt:** With regard to the personal life of Obadiah, information is lacking. His prophecy was probably delivered about the time of the fall of Jerusalem, B.C. 586. It is the shortest of the prophetic writings, containing but twenty-one verses. Its theme is the doom of Edom, because that nation mocked Jerusalem when the latter was destroyed. [Note: Date of Obadiah's prophecy varies.]

**Brief Summary:** Obadiah's message is final and it is sure: the kingdom of Edom will be destroyed completely. Edom has been arrogant, gloating over Israel's misfortunes, and when enemy armies attack Israel and the Israelites ask for help, the Edomites refuse and choose to fight against them, not for them. These sins of pride can be overlooked no longer. The book ends with the promise of the fulfillment and deliverance of Zion in the Last Days when the land will be restored to God's people as He rules over them. [Excerpt: <https://www.gotquestions.org/Book-of-Obadiah.html>]

## Obadiah 1

### Edom Will Be Humbled

**Oba 1:1** The vision of Obadiah: This is what the Master יהוה said concerning Edom.

We have heard a report from יהוה, and a messenger has been sent among the nations, saying, “Arise, and let us rise up against her for battle!”

- ✚ Oba 1:2 “See, I have made you small among the nations, you are greatly despised.
- ✚ Oba 1:3 “The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, whose dwelling is high, who say in your heart, ‘Who shall bring me down to the ground?’
- ✚ Oba 1:4 “Though you rise high as the eagle, and though you set your nest among the stars, from there I shall bring you down,” declares יהוה.
- ✚ Oba 1:5 “If thieves came to you, if robbers by night, how ruined you would have been! Would they not steal till they had enough? If grape-gatherers had come to you, would they not leave gleanings?

Oba 1:6 “How Ėsaw shall be searched out! His hidden treasures shall be sought out!”

- ✚ Oba 1:7 “All your allies shall send you forth to the border, your friends shall deceive you and overpower you.
- ✚ They make your bread a snare under you, without you discerning it!

Oba 1:8 “In that day,” declares יהוה,

- ✚ “I shall destroy the wise men from Edom, and discernment from the mountains of Ėsaw!
- ✚ Oba 1:9 “And your mighty men shall be discouraged, O Těman, so that everyone from the mountains of Ėsaw is cut off by killing.

### Edom's Violence Against Jacob

Oba 1:10 “Because of your violence against your brother Ya'aqob, let shame cover you. And you shall be cut off forever.

- ✚ Oba 1:11 “In the day that you stood on the other side,
- ✚ in the day that strangers took captive his wealth,
- ✚ when foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Yerushalayim,
- ✚ you also were like one of them!

- ✚ Oba 1:12 “And you should not have looked on your brother’s day in the day of his estrangement,
- ✚ nor rejoiced over the children of Yehudah in the day of their destruction,
- ✚ nor made your mouth great in the day of distress,
- ✚ Oba 1:13 nor have entered the gate of My people in the day of their calamity,
- ✚ nor looked down on their evil in the day of their calamity,
- ✚ nor have seized their wealth in the day of their calamity,
- ✚ Oba 1:14 nor have stood at the parting of the way to cut off his fugitives, nor handed over his survivors in the day of distress.

### The Day of the Lord Is Near

Oba 1:15 “For the day of יהוה is near upon all the nations. As you have done, it shall be done to you, your reward shall come back on your own head.

- ✚ Oba 1:16 “For as you have drunk on my set-apart mountain, so do all the nations drink continually.
- ✚ And they shall drink and shall swallow, and they shall be as though they had never been.

Oba 1:17 “**But on Mount Tsiyon there shall be an escape,<sup>a</sup> and they shall be set-apart. And the house of Ya’aqob shall possess their possessions.** Footnote: <sup>a</sup> [Isa 4:2-3](#), [Joe 2:32](#), [Rev 14:1](#).

- ✚ Oba 1:18 “And the house of Ya’aqob shall be a fire,
- ✚ and the house of Yosëph a flame,
- ✚ but the house of Ĕsaw for stubble.
- ✚ And they shall burn among them and they shall consume them, **so that no survivor is left of the house of Ĕsaw.**” For יהוה has spoken.

### The Kingdom of YHWH

Oba 1:19 And they shall possess the South with the mountains of Ĕsaw, and low country with the Philistines. And they shall possess the fields of Ephrayim and the fields of Shomeron, and Binyamin with Gil’ad,

Oba 1:20 and the exiles of this host of the children of Yisra’ël possess that of the Kena’anites as far as Tsarephath, and the exiles of Yerushalayim who are in Sepharad possess the cities of the South.

Oba 1:21 And saviors shall come to Mount Tsiyon to judge the mountains of Ĕsaw. **And the reign shall belong to יהוה.<sup>b</sup>** Footnote: <sup>b</sup> [Psa 2:8](#), [Psa 22:28](#), [Dan 2:44](#), [Dan 7:13-14](#) and [Dan 7:27](#), [Zec 14:9](#), [Rev 11:15](#), [Rev 12:10](#).

Dan 2:44 “And in the days of these sovereigns the Elah of the heavens shall set up a reign which shall never be destroyed, nor the reign pass on to other people – it crushes and puts to an end all these reigns, and **it shall stand forever.**” Footnote: <sup>b</sup> [Dan 7:1-28](#), [Psa 22:28](#), [Jer 30:11](#), [Joe 3:16](#), [Oba 1:15-17](#), [Hab 3:12-13](#), [Zep 3:8](#), [Hag 2:22](#), [Rev 11:15](#).

[Hab 3:12](#) You step through the earth in rage, You thresh the nations in wrath.



Hab 3:13 You shall go forth to save Your people; to save Your Anointed. You shall smite the head from the house of the wrong, By laying bare from foundation to neck. Selah.

Rev 11:15 And the seventh messenger sounded, and there came to be loud voices in the heaven, saying, "**The reign of this world has become the reign of our Master, and of His Messiah, and He shall reign forever and ever!**"<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See [Rev 12:10](#), [Psa 2:8](#), [Psa 22:28](#), [Dan 2:44](#), [Dan 7:13-14](#), [Oba 1:15-21](#), [Hag 2:22](#), [Zec 14:9](#).

The great tribulation will be the final battle between 'Esau & Jacob [Israel].'

## James 3

As His kingdom of priests, this chapter speaks to us. Our goal should be that we are swift to hear; slow to speak; and slow to wrath. Our words can speak life or death into a situation; speak life. We, as priests, are gate keepers of our ears, eyes, and mouths.

### Taming the Tongue

**Jas 3:1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, knowing that we shall receive greater judgment.**

**Jas 3:2** For we all stumble in many *matters*. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the entire body.

**Jas 3:3** Look, we put bits in the mouths of horses, for them to obey us, and we turn their body.

**Jas 3:4** Look at the ships too: although they are so big and are driven by strong winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot intends.

**Jas 3:5** **So too the tongue is a little member, yet boasts greatly. See how a little fire kindles a great forest!**

**Jas 3:6** **And the tongue is a fire, the world of unrighteousness.** Among our members the tongue is set, the one defiling the entire body, and setting on fire the wheel of life, and it is set on fire by GēHinnom.

**Jas 3:7** For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind.

**Jas 3:8** **But no man is able to tame the tongue. It is unruly, evil, filled with deadly poison.**

**Jas 3:9** With it we bless our Elohim and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made **in the likeness of Elohim.** [Gen 1:26-27](#).

**Jas 3:10** **Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brothers, this should not be so.**

**Jas 3:11** Does the fountain send forth the sweet and the bitter from the same opening?

**Jas 3:12** My brothers, is a fig tree able to bear olives, or a grapevine figs? **So neither is a fountain able to make salt and sweet water.**



## Wisdom from Above

**Jas 3:13** Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by his good behavior his works in meekness of wisdom.

**Jas 3:14** But if you have bitter jealousy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast against and lie against the truth.

**Jas 3:15** This is not the wisdom coming down from above, but it is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

**Jas 3:16** For where jealousy and self-seeking are, there is confusion and every foul deed.

**Jas 3:17** But the wisdom from above is

- + first clean,
- + then peaceable,
- + gentle,
- + ready to obey,
- + filled with compassion and good fruits,
- + without partiality and
- + without hypocrisy.

**Jas 3:18** And the fruit of righteousness<sup>a</sup> is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See [Php 1:11](#).

## Luke 5

In Luke Chapter 5, we see the difference of **knowing Him** and **knowing of Him**. How do we **know** Him? By faith!

By faith they let down their nets; by faith the man was healed of leprosy; by faith sins are forgiven; by faith we follow Him; by faith we become friends of the bridegroom; by faith we are made new, as new wine is placed in fresh wineskins!

## Yahusha Calls the First Disciples

**Luk 5:1** And it came to be, while the crowd was pressing upon Him to hear the word of Elohim, that He stood by the Lake of Gennēsar,

**Luk 5:2** and He saw two boats standing by the lake, but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets.

**Luk 5:3** And entering into one of the boats, which belonged to Shim'on, He asked him to pull away a little from the land. And He sat down and was teaching the crowds from the boat.

The following fishing account in Luke 5 will have much more significance one day in the life of Shimon Peter. There will be a similar future account that we will read in John 21.

Luk 5:4 And when He ceased speaking, He said to Shim'on, "Pull out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

Luk 5:5 And Shim'on answering, said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught none, but at Your word I shall let down the net."

Luk 5:6 And when they did so, **they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.**

Luk 5:7 and they motioned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they were sinking.

**Joh 21:3** Shim'on Kěpha said to them, "I am going to fish." They said to him, "We are also coming with you." They went out and immediately entered into the boat. And that night they caught none at all.

Joh 21:4 But when it became early morning, יהושע stood on the beach. However, the taught ones did not know that it was יהושע.

Joh 21:5 Then יהושע said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No."

Joh 21:6 And He said to them, "Throw the net on the right side of the boat, and you shall find." So they threw, and they were no longer able to draw it in because of the large number of fish.

Joh 21:7 That taught one whom יהושע loved then said to Kěpha, "It is the Master!" Then Shim'on Kěpha, hearing that it was the Master, put on his outer garment – for he was stripped – and plunged into the sea.

In the fishing account in John 21, Shimon Peter was at one of his lowest points in his life. He had denied Yahusha three times; Yahusha had been crucified; the apostles were confused and afraid in the minutes, hours, and days immediately after the crucifixion, etc. Feelings of helplessness and the piercing silence around them, they turn to what they knew – fishing. To add 'insult to injury' they go and catch nothing; until the voice of Yahusha magnifies the moment of *déjà vu*. Both accounts were divine appointments with the Master.

Luk 5:8 And when Shim'on Kěpha saw it, he fell down at the knees of יהושע, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a man, a sinner, O Master!"

Luk 5:9 **For astonishment had seized him and all those with him, at the catch of fish which they took,**

Luk 5:10 so too were Ya'aqob and Yoħanan, the sons of Zabdai, who were partners with Shim'on. Then יהושע said to Shim'on, "Do not fear, from now on you shall catch men."

Luk 5:11 **And having brought the boats to land, they left all and followed Him.**

### Yahusha Cleanses a Leper

Luk 5:12 And it came to be when He was in a certain city, that see, a man covered with leprosy saw יהושע. And he fell on his face and begged Him, saying, "Master, if You desire, You are able to cleanse me."

This leprous man exhibited strong faith. With all his heart, mind, soul, and strength, while being covered in leprosy for all to see; fell on his face and begged Yahusha with undoubting faith, that Yahusha was able to cleanse him.

Without physically touching Yahusha, this leprous man touched Him through His faith. It is our faith in Yahusha that touches His power! It is our faith that His anointed presence fills the room. It is our faith as small as a mustered seed that moves mountains. It is our faith in Him.

Luk 5:13 And He stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, "I desire it. Be cleansed." And immediately the leprosy left him.

Luk 5:14 And He ordered him to say it to no one, "But go and show yourself to the priest, [Lev 13:49](#), [Lev 14:2](#) and make an offering for your cleansing, as a witness to them, as Mosheh commanded."

Yahusha was born in the days under the Book of the Law. Therefore, being obedient to the Law of Moses, Yahusha directs the man healed of leprosy to go and show himself to the priest and make an offering for his cleansing; which would serve as a witness to them. Yahusha had not ushered in the New Covenant at this point.

Luk 5:15 And the news about Him was spreading even more. And large crowds were coming together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their sicknesses.

Luk 5:16 But He was *often* withdrawing Himself to lonely places and praying.

### Yahusha Heals a Paralytic

Luk 5:17 And on a certain day it came to be, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the Torah sitting by, who had come out of every village of Galil, Yehudah, and Yerushalayim. And the power of יהוה' was *there* to heal them.

Faith attracts the power of YHWH to be there. Faith brings the anointing of YHWH upon us. Faith demonstrated, pokes the embers of faith in others; and faith burns brighter and brighter. Faith draws from the power of YHWH. The whole atmosphere becomes alive; it is vibrant. His Ruach HaKodesh works mightily in the presence of faith and anointing.

The following account perfectly demonstrates this:

Luk 5:18 And see, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed. And they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Him.

Luk 5:19 But having found no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the house-top and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before יהוה.

Luk 5:20 **And having seen their belief**, He said to him, **“Man, your sins are forgiven you.”**

Luk 5:21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, **“Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who is able to forgive sins except Elohim alone?”**

Lack of faith brings a dry dead atmosphere. It quenches the power of the Ruach HaKodesh. The Pharisees speak accusations.

Luk 5:22 And יהוה, **knowing their thoughts**, answering, said to them, **“Why are you reasoning in your hearts?”**

Luk 5:23 “Which is easier, to say, **‘Your sins are forgiven you,’** or to say, **‘Rise up and walk’?**

Luk 5:24 **“But in order for you to know that the Son of Adam possesses authority on earth to forgive sins...”** He said to the man who was paralyzed, **“I say to you, rise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”**

Luk 5:25 **And at once,**

- ✚ having risen up before them,
- ✚ he took up what he had been lying on,
- ✚ and went away to his house, praising Elohim.

Luk 5:26 And astonishment seized them all, and they praised Elohim and were filled with fear, saying, “We have seen extra-ordinary *feats* today!”

### Yahusha Calls Levi

Yahusha calls Levi. Levi is Hebrew for the name Matthew in Greek.

Luk 5:27 And after this He went out and saw a tax collector named Lěwi, sitting at the tax office, and said to him, **“Follow Me.”**

Luk 5:28 And he, having left all, rose up and followed Him.

Luk 5:29 And Lěwi made a great feast for Him in his house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them.

Luk 5:30 And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled against His taught ones, saying, **“Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”**

Luk 5:31 And יהוה answering, said to them, **“Those who are well do not need a physician, but those who are sick.”**

Luk 5:32 **“I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”**

## A Question About Fasting

Luk 5:33 And they said to Him, “Why do the taught ones of Yoḥanan fast often and make prayers, and likewise those of the Pharisees, but Yours eat and drink?”

Luk 5:34 And He said to them, “**Are you able to make the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them?**

Luk 5:35 **“But days shall come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, then they shall fast in those days.”**

Luk 5:36 **And He also spoke a parable to them,**

✚ “No one puts a piece from a fresh garment on an old one, otherwise the fresh one makes a tear, and also the piece that was taken out of the fresh one does not match the old.

✚ Luk 5:37 “And no one puts new wine into old wineskins, otherwise the new wine shall burst the wineskins and run out, and the wineskins shall be ruined.

Luk 5:38 **“But new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.**

Luk 5:39 “And no one, having drunk old wine, immediately desires new *wine*, for he says, ‘The old is better.’ ”

When we repent of our sins and receive Him by faith, we become a new creation. We are born anew.

2Co 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Messiah, he is a renewed creature – the old *matters* have passed away, see, all *matters* have become renewed!<sup>d</sup> Footnote: <sup>d</sup> [Rom 6:2-22](#), [Gal 2:20](#), [Eph 4:22-24](#), [Col 3:10](#), [1Jn 3:9-10](#).

The Ruach HaKodesh dwells in us and we are given new garments.

Mat 22:12 and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here not having a **wedding garment?**’ And he was speechless.

Rev 3:18 “I advise you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire,<sup>b</sup> so that you become rich; and **white garments**, so that you become dressed, so that the shame of your nakedness might not be shown; and anoint your eyes with ointment, so that you see. Footnote: <sup>b</sup> [Psa 19:10](#), [Psa 119:72](#) and [Psa 119:127](#), [Pro 30:5](#).

Flesh and blood cannot inherit the reign of Elohim. When we are ‘born anew’ by faith; we are a new creature. Something changes within us and makes us ready to one day receive our bodies of glorification! We are marked ‘set-apart’ by YHWH. It will then be like the days when Adam and Eve walked in the Garden with YHWH.

1Co 15:50 And this I say, brothers, that flesh and blood is unable to inherit the reign of Elohim, neither does corruption inherit incorruption.

*'The power of YHWH was there'...*

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