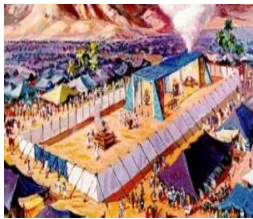


Parasha 19: T'rumah (Contribution/Elevation Offering) Shemot/Exodus 25:1 – 27:19

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In this parasha we see that YHWH is bringing Yisrael to another phase in His *'eternal and redemptive purposes'*. They have been delivered from the *'bondage of Mitzrayim/Egypt'*. YHWH brought them out with His mighty stretched out arm and showed His glory by completely spoiling all the Mitzrim/Egyptian army in the Sea of Reeds/Red Sea. Next, He brought Yisrael to Har/Mount Sinai, where He gave them His *'betrothal'* through the Torah, the *'Ketubah or Wedding Covenant'*. Yisrael accepted YHWH's offer and now, this people who once were teetering close to the edge of complete destruction have been prepared to become YHWH's *'holy nation'*. Yisrael has seen YHWH in many ways up until this time, but now they are about to experience Him in a *'dimension'* beyond their *'conceivable expectations'*. He commanded Moshe while on the mountain to build a *'Mishkan/Tabernacle'* where He may *'dwell among'* Am Yisrael! It is this desire by **YHWH TO DWELL AMONG HIS PEOPLE** that I wish to focus on in this study.

The Willingness To Give Brings Elevation To What Is Given

First, let's look at the words that YHWH *'instructed'* Moshe with regarding obtaining the needed materials for the Mishkan/Tabernacle.

*“And Hashem [YHWH] spoke unto Moshe, saying,
Speak unto the Bnei Yisroel [Sons/Children of Yisrael], that they bring Me a terumah [elevation]- (offering); of every man that giveth it willingly with his lev [heart] ye shall receive My terumah [elevation]- (offering).” (Shemot/Exodus 25:1-2 OJB- definitions mine)*

The instructions were for Moshe to speak to the sons/children of Yisrael about giving the needed materials for the Mishkan/Tabernacle. The word for these offerings in Hebrew is, *'terumah'*. It means, *'an offering that is lifted up above the shoulders'*. In other words, an *'elevation offering'*. This is *'seen'* even more clearly by the *'root word'* from which *'terumah'* comes. It is **רומ** (**mem-waw-resh**) read right-left/**'rum'** (**r-oo-m**) meaning... *'to rise, raise, give, bring up, heave up, lift up or set up on high'*.

The other *'distinction'* is that those who give must do so *'willingly with their heart'*. In other words, this offering was to be *'motivated not by coercion'*, but by the *'free will'* of those who come.

Let us ask ourselves for a moment: *'Just where did Yisrael get these offerings in the first place?'* Prior to their exodus, Yisrael was *'instructed'* to go to the Mitzrim/Egyptians and *'ask'* for the gold, silver, jewels and clothing materials. YHWH *'gave them favor'* with the Mitzrim/Egyptians, and they literally *'plundered them'*. Yisrael left wealthy and prosperous after that Pesach/Passover night.

"And the Bnei Yisroel [Sons/children of Yisrael] did according to the devar [word of] Moshe; they requested of the Egyptians k'lei kesef [jewels of silver], and k'lei zahav [jewels of gold], and garments;

And Hashem [YHWH] gave the people favor in the sight of the Mitzrayim [Egyptians], so that they granted their request. So, they plundered the Egyptians." (Shemot/Exodus 12:35-36 OJB- definitions mine)

So, now, each Yisraelite ****[The Hebrew intimates it was to be done in private- BEFORE offering in public]** was going to have the *'opportunity to show their love'* for all that YHWH had done for them. How? By *'giving back to Him'* a portion in whatever amount they chose. YHWH wasn't asking for it all. He was not towering over them and *'demanding'* that they give Him anything. It was to be *'completely'* as each Yisraelite *'purposed in his own heart'*. Now, here's the thing, what exactly were these jewels of gold, silver and the garments Yisrael now possessed? While they might be esteemed by men to be precious and envied possessions, what were they in *'comparison with heaven/eternity'*? YHWH was giving Yisrael the *'opportunity'* to literally *'elevate'* these things *'out of the realm of human estimation'*. They would become a part of YHWH's *'heavenly economy'*. This gold, silver and clothing material could be stolen or lost in this natural realm. Many times, possessions become a *'source of fear'* which *'produces torment'* in the hearts of those who have them. **(Yochanon Alef/1John 4:18)** Our blessed Master Yeshua taught us,

"Do not store up for yourselves otzarot (treasures) on haaretz [earth], where moth and rust destroy and where ganavim (thieves) break in and steal.

But zamlet (collect) for yourselves otzarot (treasures) in Shomayim [the heavens], where neither moth nor rust destroys, neither do ganavim [thieves] break in and steal.

For where your otzar (treasure) is, there also will be your lev (heart)." (Mattityahu/Matthew 6:19-21 OJB- definitions mine)

There are many *'levels of giving'*. We don't have the space here to look in depth at them. Whether it be the *'tithe, alms to the poor, the widow, the orphan or any type of free will offering'* the one thing that YHWH is looking at **IS NOT** the *'amount'*, but **THE HEART**. This is the *'target'* of the Torah. What is our motive? What's behind what we do? The Torah *'cuts through'* all the facade of the flesh. It *'cuts to the heart, to the root'*. YHWH here is giving Yisrael the *'privilege of engaging with Him in taking something of the earth'*, and literally **ELEVATING IT TO ETERNAL DIMENSIONS!** What they *'give'* is going to *'provide a place'* where YHWH may **DWELL AMONG HIS PEOPLE!** This *'dwelling'* would forever *'set Yisrael apart'* from all other people and their false elohim/mighty ones. The **GLORY OF YHWH** would be *'manifest'* to and in Yisrael. This *'indwelling'* would be the *'testimony'* that all the inhabitants of the earth would *'see and confess'*: **YISRAEL'S ELOHIM/MIGHTY ONE DWELLS AMONG THEM!**

“There is a nahar (river), the streams whereof shall make glad the Ir [City – Yerushalayim/Jerusalem] Elohim [The ONLY true Mighty One], the Kedosh Mishkenei Elyon (the holy dwelling of the Most High).

Elohim [The ONLY true Mighty One] is in the midst of it [i.e., the Ir Elohim [City of the Mighty One- Yerushalayim/Jerusalem]; it shall not be moved; Elohim [The Mighty One] shall help it at early boker [morning].” (Tehillim/Psalms 46:5-6 OJB- definitions mine)

What Caused YHWH To Manifest His Presence In And Through The Mishkan/Tabernacle?

“And let them make Me a Mikdash [Sanctuary]; THAT I MAY DWELL AMONG THEM. According to all that I show thee, after the tavnit HaMishkan (pattern of the Tabernacle), and the tavnit [pattern] of all the vessels thereof, even so shall ye make it.” (Shemot/Exodus 25:8-9 OJB- emphasis/definitions mine)

Now, we come to the most interesting part in this historical/Scriptural record of Yisrael’s relationship with YHWH. Moshe is ‘instructed’ to have Am Yisrael construct a ‘Mishkan/Sanctuary’ for His ‘Sh’khinyah/Manifest Presence’. Why? Our blessed YHWH says **THAT I MAY DWELL AMONG THEM!** Can you see the heart of our Abba YHWH? He has never wanted to be far away from His people. Even in the opening moments after Adam’s creation, we find Him ‘coming to walk’ **WITH ADAM** in the cool of the evening.

“And they heard the kol [voice] of Hashem Elohim [YHWH the Mighty One] walking in the gan [garden] in the cool [ruach- wind; spirit] of the day...” (B’resheet/Genesis 3:8a OJB- definitions mine)

This is something that YHWH apparently did on a ‘regular basis’ with Adam. He wanted to be ‘close to him’. In fact, He has always desired to be ‘close to His people’. It is sin that destroyed that intimacy. It is then that YHWH undertook the way to ‘restore that intimacy’ we know as ‘the plan of redemption’. Just as a side note, I included the definition of the word most translations of the Scriptures have as ‘cool’ by its Hebrew word... ‘ruach’. How did Adam know when YHWH came into the garden to walk with him? We are told it was literally the ‘Voice of YHWH’ that Adam heard. Of course, that ‘voice’ was YHWH’s Word which we know today is our blessed Master Yeshua. **(Yochanon/John 1:1)** The ‘sound of YHWH’s voice was manifest as a wind’ blowing through the garden. When Adam ‘heard that wind’, which undoubtedly gave a ‘distinct pitch or sound as it manifested’. He knew his Creator had come to be with him. ****[Interesting Note- Brother Judah refers to the ‘sound of the shofar’ as the ‘Voice that walks’]**

However, there is something more that Abba YHWH wants than to simply be ‘with us’ as His people. There is something that ‘draws Him to us’. The answer is found ‘deep within the three areas’ that comprise our being. Our ‘body’ is our ‘fleshy mishkan/tabernacle’. The ‘soul’ is the ‘realm’ where the ‘voice and sensation of our human spirit are interpreted’. Our ‘spirit’ is the ‘dwelling place’ of YHWH’s ‘HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness’. In this ‘third most inner portion’ **(or first if you view it from YHWH’s perspective- ‘from the inside out!’)** is what is known as the ‘Most Holy Place’ of our being. Let’s see what was within this area.

“And they shall make an Aron (Ark) of acacia wood...” (Shemot/Exodus 25:10 OJB)

“And thou shalt put into the Aron [Ark] the Edut (Testimony [of Tablets]) which I shall give thee.” (Shemot/Exodus 25:16- OJB- definitions mine)

Did you get that? What was inside the Aron/Ark? It was the ‘Tablets’ upon which YHWH had written the ‘Aseret HaDibrot/Ten Words’. **IT WAS HIS TORAH!** Up until the ‘*mattan Torah/giving of the Torah*’ at Har/Mt. Sinai, the Torah (YHWH’s Word) was with Him. Now, He was ‘*placing His Word in written form*’ (the tablets) **INTO THE ARON/ARK**. This was in the ‘*third inner compartment*’ known as the ‘*Most Holy Place*’ within the ‘*Mishkan/Tabernacle*’. You must get the import of this. **IT IS THE TORAH THAT CAUSES YHWH TO COME AND DWELL AMONG HIS PEOPLE!** He places the Torah ‘*among Yisrael*’. As Yisrael ‘*shomer/guards, diligently listens to and does what YHWH instructs them*’ to **LOVE HIM ALONE** with *all their heart, soul and strength*; **THEN HE WILL DWELL AMONG THEM!** He promised to be an ‘*Adversary to their adversaries and an Enemy to their enemies*’. YHWH will ‘*manifest Himself among Yisrael*’. **ALL THE NATIONS WILL KNOW: YISRAEL’S MIGHTY ONE DWELLS AMONG THEM!**

Before we make a more ‘*distinct point*’ about what this means, let’s first look at a familiar passage in the sefer/book of ‘*Divrei HaYamin Beit/11 Chronicles*’. The setting is when Sh’lomo/Solomon has finished the first Heikhal/Temple and is ready for the ‘*dedication*’. In most instances, it is verses 11-14 of chapter 5 that receive the most emphasis. This is where the Kohanim/Priests and the Levi’im/Levites were all gathered praising in song and musical instruments. The Kohanim/Priests were sounding the shofars. The one point that is usually emphasized, and rightly so, is that ‘*all that was done*’ was in **COMPLETE UNITY**. There was **ONE SOUND** as the Kohanim/Priests and the Levi’im/Levites worshipped before YHWH. Then, the ‘*Sh’khinyah/Manifest Presence*’ of YHWH fell in their midst and the effect was so overwhelming **NO ONE COULD STAND IN THE HEIKHAL/TEMPLE!**

Now, I will shout with everyone at the picture of YHWH’s ‘*Sh’khinyah/Manifest Presence*’ being poured out here. But, was it merely ‘*the unity of the praisers*’ that caused YHWH to ‘*show up and show out*’ in such a mighty demonstration of His Presence? That’s what most preachers and teachers have taught. Yet, considering what we have learned in this Torah portion, was it ‘*unity alone*’ (as the cause or the effect) or was it ‘*something else*’ that set the stage? Let us digress in this chapter to the first ten verses and see if we can answer that question.

“Thus, all the melachah (work) that Sh’lomo [Solomon] made for the Beis Hashem [House/Temple of YHWH] was completed; and Sh’lomo [Solomon] brought in all the things that Dovid Aviv [David his father] had dedicated as kodesh [holy]; and the kesef [silver], and the zahav [gold], and all the articles, he put among the otzerot [treasures] of the Bais HaElohim [House/Temple of THE Mighty One- YHWH].

Then Sh’lomo [Solomon] gathered unto Yerushalayim [Jerusalem] the Ziknei Yisroel [Leaders of Yisrael], and kol Rashei HaMattot (all the Heads of the Tribes), the Nesi’ei HaAvot (Fathers/Family Chiefs) of the Bnei Yisroel [Sons of Yisrael], to bring up the Aron Brit Hashem [Ark of the Covenant of YHWH] out of Ir Dovid [The City of David], which is Tziyon [Zion].

*Kol Ish Yisroel [All of the Men of Yisrael] assembled themselves unto the Melech [King] in the Chag (Feast, i.e., Sukkot) which was in the seventh month [Hebrew month... Tishri]. And all the Ziknei Yisroel [Leaders of Yisrael] came; and the Levi’im [Levites] took up **THE ARON [ARK]**.*

And they brought up the **ARON [ARK]**, and the Ohel Mo'ed [*Tent of Meeting*] and kol Klei HaKodesh (all the Holy Articles) that were in the Ohel [*Tent*], these did the Kohanim [*Priests*] and the Levi'im [*Levites*] bring up.

Also, HaMelech Sh'lomo [*King Solomon*], and Kol Adat Yisroel [*All The Congregation of Yisrael*] that were assembled unto him before the **ARON [ARK]**, sacrificed tzon [*sheep*] and bakar [*oxen*], which could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

And the Kohanim [*Priests*] brought in the **ARON BRIT HASHEM [ARK OF THE COVENANT OF YHWH]** unto its **MAKOM** (place), to the Devir HaBeis [*Word/Oracle of The House*], into the Kodesh HaKadoshim [*Holy of The Holies*], even under the wings of the Keruvim [*Cherubs*];

For the Keruvim [*Cherubs*] spread forth their wings over the place of the Aron [*Ark*], and the Keruvim [*Cherubs*] covered over the Aron [*Ark*] and the carrying poles thereof.

And they drew out the poles of the Aron [*Ark*], that the ends of the poles were seen from the Aron [*Ark*] before the Devar [*Word/Oracle*]; but they were not seen from the outside. And there it is unto this day.

There was nothing in the Aron [*Ark*] except **THE TWO LUCHOT [Tablets]** which Moshe put therein at Chorev [*Horeb*], when Hashem [*YHWH*] made a Brit [*Covenant*] with the Bnei Yisroel [*Sons of Yisrael*], when they came out of Mitzrayim [*Egypt*].” (Divrei HaYamim Bais/11 Chronicles 5:1-10 OJB- *emphasis/definitions mine*)

Look at what Sh'lomo/Solomon did. He assembled all of the Leaders of Yisrael, along with the Kohanim/Priests and Levi'im/Levites. Then, he had the Levi'im/Levites bring in the 'Ark of the Covenant' which had been in his father David's Tabernacle on Mount Zion. The Levi'im/Levites carried the 'Ark of the Covenant' on their shoulders by the poles and took it into the 'inner most chamber of the Heikhal/Temple', the place called 'Kodesh HaKadoshim/the 'Holy of Holies'. Then we are told that inside this 'Ark of the Covenant' were the 'two Stone Tablets', the Torah. **IT WAS WHEN THE TORAH WAS 'SET IN ITS PROPER PLACE' THAT THE KAVOD/GLORY OF YHWH CAME!** Yes, the UNITY of the Kohanim/Priests and the Levi'im/Levites in worship was an intricate part of the 'manifestation of YHWH's Sh'khinyah/Manifest Presence': but... **IT WAS THE PRESENCE OF THE TORAH [THE TWO STONE TABLETS WITHIN THE ARK] THAT DREW YHWH THERE!**

Man As The Mishkan/Tabernacle Of YHWH

While the Torah gives us a picture of many things through the 'Mishkan/Tabernacle', it does give us a 'schematic outline' of man's 'three-dimensional make-up'. In our parasha, did you notice where YHWH started in regard to the 'instruction' He was giving to Moshe? He **STARTED** 'in the inner most chamber, the Most Holy Place'! From there, He began to work 'outward' through the 'second chamber, the Holy Place'. Finally, to the 'Outer Court'. In his letter to the Thessalonians, Rav Sha'ul/Paul gives us a very clear picture of how man himself was constructed by YHWH.

“And now Elohei HaShalom [*The Mighty One of Peace*] wholly set you apart as Kadoshim [*Holy Ones*] and may your **WHOLE RUACH [SPIRIT]** and **NEFESH [SOUL]** and **BASAR [BODY]** be preserved without blame at the Bi'as [*Arrival/Coming of*] HaMoshiach Adoneinu Yehoshua. [*The Messiah, Our Master Yeshua*]” (1 Thessalonians 5:23 OJB- *emphasis/definitions mine*)

Rav Sha'ul prays for these believers in Thessalonica that YHWH would sanctify, 'set them apart', on three different levels': **SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY**. Again, each of these 'dimensions' answers to the 'three chambers of the Mishkan/Tabernacle'. It is the 'spirit of man' that YHWH **BEGINS** to work in **FIRST**. Just as He began to reveal the 'inner most chamber of the Mishkan/Tabernacle' **FIRST**. It is man's 'ruach/spirit' that is preemptive when he receives 'redemption'. Out from here, YHWH by His 'indwelling HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness' ****[Mashiach/Messiah within]** begins to work to bring YHWH's own 'holiness into man's nefesh/soul and body'. Again, we don't have time to go in-depth into that 'process of sanctification' except to make the following observations.

First, as we have said, the 'human spirit' answers to the 'Most Holy Place' of the 'Mishkan/Tabernacle'. The 'soul' answers to the 'middle chamber... the Holy Place'. The 'human body' answers to the 'Outer Court'. Each area of man's being needs to experience YHWH's 'redemptive power'. It is through the Torah that YHWH's 'holiness is revealed and applied' by His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness. ****[Torah minus The Spirit of His Holiness = Law... which equals death!]** It is through the Torah that we learn 'how to discern the holy from the profane, the clean from the unclean' and what brings 'life and what brings death'. The error of the church of Christendom is **DISREGARDING YHWH'S TORAH!** By making it 'unwanted and unnecessary' for the so-called New Testament believers, it has unwittingly 'thrown away the tavnit/pattern for perfecting holiness'. This is of no small matter. Listen to the writer of the book of Ivrim/Hebrews,

"Pursue shalom [peace] with kol Bnei Adam [all the Sons of Men], and the kedushah [holiness] WITHOUT WHICH NO ONE WILL SEE YHWH." (Ivrim/Hebrews 12:14 OJB- emphasis/definitions mine)

The Torah is what YHWH, by His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness within the believer's reborn human spirit will use to keep us holy/set-apart for His kavod/glory. This, in turn, brings His Presence into the 'inner most recesses' of a believer's being. Rav Sha'ul goes on to tell us that now, through YHWH's 'Ketuvim HaNotzrim/Messianic Scriptures' (**Matthew-Revelation**), the believer's 'physical body' is an 'extension of the physical Heikhal/Temple' of YHWH. ****[The one-dimensional 'theology of Christendom' cannot allow there to exist at the same time a 'physical AND a spiritual dimension' together in harmony. The 'Hebraic mind' can. AS LONG AS THE SPIRITUAL REALITY/THE TRUE ELEMENT IS PRE-EMINENT, THE PHYSICAL/THE SHADOW ELEMENT CAN EXIST TOGETHER WITHOUT CONFLICT!].**

"Do you not have da'as [intimate knowledge] that you are a Heikhal Hashem [an extension of the physical Temple of YHWH] and the Ruach Hakodesh [Spirit of Holiness] of Hashem [YHWH] dwells in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16 OJB- definitions/comments mine)

"Or have you no da'as [intimate knowledge] that your body is a Heikhal Hashem [an extension of the physical Temple of YHWH] of the Ruach Hakodesh [Spirit of Holiness] in you, whom you have from Hashem [YHWH], and you are not your own?" (1 Corinthians 6:19 OJB- definitions mine/comments)

So, we find here, that YHWH 'indwells' each believing Yisraelite by His own HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness within their reborn human spirit. Now, let us look at another verse, that speaks to us of YHWH's desire to 'dwell in the midst' of each believing Yisraelite.

This 'indwelling' makes each a 'little extension of the Mishkan/Tabernacle or Heikhal/Temple' of YHWH. You will notice, that Rav Sha'ul is also quoting some things that each Yisraelite **MUST DO** if he wants to enjoy a 'continuous abiding' Presence of YHWH within his reborn human spirit.

“Do not become unequally yoked with koferim (unbelievers) for what shuttafut (partnership) has Tzedek [righteousness] with Lawlessness [lit. Torahlessness/iniquity]? Or where is the Brit (Covenant) between Ohr (light) and Choshech (darkness)?

And what harmony does Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach [Master, King, The Messiah] have with B'liya'al [Wickedness]? Or what chelek (allotment, inheritance) has a ma'amin [believer] with an Apikoros [Unbeliever]?

And what agreement has the Heikhal of Hashem [Temple of YHWH] with elim [idols]? For we are a Heikhal of the Elohim Chayyim [an extension of the Temple of the Mighty One Who Lives] as G-d said, “V'HITHALLACHTI B'TOCHCHEM (“And I will walk in the midst of you” I WILL BE MISHKANI ALEHEM (“dwelling place of Me with them” V'HAYU LI L'AM VAANI EHEYEH LAHEM L'ELOHIM (“And they will be to me as people and I will be to them as Elohim. [The Mighty One])”

Therefore, SURU (Depart!), come out from the midst of them and be separated, says Adoneinu [Your Master], and a TAMEH AL TIGAU “unclean thing do not touch;” ERTZEH ETCHEM “and I will receive you”,

And I will be to you an AV [FATHER] and you will be to me BANIM [SONS] and BANOT (“my daughters” says Adonoi Tzva'ot [YHWH of Hosts].

Therefore, having these havtachot (promises), Chaverim [Friends], let us submit to his tavorah [cleansing], cleansing ourselves from every defilement of basar and ruach [flesh and spirit], perfecting kedushah (holiness) in yirat Shomayim [fear/reverence of the Heavens].”
(11 Corinthians 6:14-7:1 OJB- definitions mine)

Holiness is 'setting ourselves apart' from all that would cause the 'Sh'khinyah/Manifest Presence' of YHWH to 'withdraw' from our spirit. It is the Torah that calls us away from the 'unclean', the 'idols/false mighty ones, the unbelief, the darkness and wickedness'. It is Torah that 'instructs' us what sin is, and it is YHWH by His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness that empowers us to yield to Him.

“Everyone practicing chet [sin] also does averah [transgression], and chet [sin] is averah al HaTorah [transgression of The Torah].” (Yochanon Aleph/1 John 3:4 OJB- definitions mine)

How can we say we no longer need the Torah? It is through the Torah that YHWH brings our hearts into the 'stark light of His holiness'. There, where nothing is hidden, we can see as YHWH's HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness 'instructs' us about what He calls 'sin'. Our hearts fall before him in 'brokenness'. The Torah finds its 'mark' as YHWH 'convicts and convinces' us of sin, righteousness and judgment. **(Yochanon/John 16:8)** How is it that we can say we need to 'hear' the Scriptures about faith, healing, prayer...etc. Why? So, we can have 'trusting faithfulness' to receive these blessings. But we don't need to 'hear' YHWH's Word on sin? How will we 'know' what sin is? Some would say, 'Well I have the Holy Spirit to give me discernment'. While that is true, the danger is that this 'type of reliance is very subjective'. As a result, one will say, 'This is sin to me'. But, another says, 'I have no conviction about that. Therefore, it is not sin to me'. Beloved... **YHWH's WORD DOES NOT CHANGE!** The Torah is constant. It is 'completely objective **NOT** subject to our own discretions'. Look at how much shame and sorrow has come over these many years with preachers in very high-profile positions,

who have fallen into such gross and terrible sin. The Name of YHWH is desecrated. Their lives, families and ministries lost. Why? This *'sinful behavior'* is not only in the leaders, it is rampant among the followers too. Why? **BECAUSE WE HAVE THROWN AWAY YHWH'S PLUMB LINE!** Everything has become *'relative'*. There are no *'absolutes'*. It's all about grace and love. One thing is sure. YHWH *'will not dwell'* where there is sin! If we have learned anything in this Torah parasha it is: **WHAT DRAWS YHWH TO DWELL IN US IS THE PRESENCE OF HIS TORAH IN OUR HEART!** The *'Messianic Scriptures'* which testify to the *'Final ReNewal'* of YHWH's *'Covenant'* through Mashiach's *'redemptive work'*, **IS NOT IN OPPOSITION TO THE TORAH. THE TORAH IS ITS VERY ROOT!** It is because we have been *'scattered, lost among the nations'* having learned the *'pagan ways and practices'* of those who have no *'Torah knowledge'* that we have incorporated the *'ways of darkness'* into our worship of YHWH. Baruch HaShem! He is *'opening our eyes'* again to His Torah. Baruch HaShem! He is *'calling us to receive the gift of repentance that we may teshuv/return'*. **RETURN TO THE WAYS OF HIS ANCIENT PATHS/HIS TORAH.** Here is where we can once again find *'rest for our souls'*! ([Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 6:16](#)/[Mattityahu/Matthew 11:28-30](#))

The ReNewed Covenant: Torah And YHWH's Presence

Much is made of the *'so-called New Testament'* promise of YHWH *'dwelling among His people'*. But, as we are learning in our parasha this week, what draws YHWH to *'dwell among His people'* is His Torah. Today, as the *'Messianic Scriptures'* testify to the *'final ReNewed Covenant'* it is no different. The only difference is that the *'Messianic Scriptures'* in promise of the *'final ReNewal of YHWH's Covenant'* with Yisrael ([Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 31:27-34](#)) originally made with Yisrael at Mt. Sinai... **TORAH IS NO LONGER TO BE ON STONE TABLETS!** They are *'being placed'* by YHWH in *'the inward parts... the spirit'*. Then, He promises to *'write it on their/our hearts'*.

"But this shall be the Brit [Final Renewed Covenant] that I will cut with Bais Yisroel [the House of Yisrael] After those days, saith Hashem [YHWH], I will set My Torah in them inwardly, and I will write ketuvim [writings] on their hearts; and I will be their Elohim [Mighty One], and they shall be My People." ([Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 31:33](#) OJB-*definitions mine*)

Through the *'redemptive work'* of our blessed Mashiach, the Torah of YHWH is now within the *'Most Holy Place'* of each Yisraelite's *'reborn spirit'*! However, it is from *'within'* that YHWH, by His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness will *'write/engrave'* ****[lit. Heb. kathab]** His Torah *'upon the heart'*. This *'engraving'* is a **PROCESS!** It does not occur *'automatically or all at once'*. Just as the *'finger of YHWH'* wrote with *'fire upon the tablets of stone'*, so by that same *'finger'* (**Etzba Elohim/Finger of the Mighty One**), He will *'engrave'* His Torah on our heart. It is through the *'fiery process'* of our *'trials and sufferings of obedience'* that this becomes a reality. Thus, you have Rav Sha'ul's words to the Philippians, that also echo the words we looked at above to the Corinthians ([11 Cor. 7:1](#)),

"Therefore, Chaverim [Friends], just as you have always had mishma'at (obedience 2:8) concerning me, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, WORK OUT YOUR OWN YESHU'AH (SALVATION) B'YIR'AH ("with fear") and BIRA'DAH "with trembling" [TEHILLIM 2:11]. ([Philippians 2:13](#) OJB-*emphasis/definitions mine*)

The Torah 'within our hearts' is what 'draws' YHWH to 'dwell within us'. What is that Torah? **IT IS THE RUACH/SPIRIT OF MASHIACH, THE INDWELLING OF THE LIVING TORAH HIMSELF (Romans 8:9; 10:8-10; Devarim/Deuteronomy 30:11-14) BY THE INDWELLING OF YHWH BY HIS HARAUCH HAKODESH/THE SPIRIT OF HIS HOLINESS.** It is our 'continual pressing into obedience' **IN LOVE** to pursue YHWH's 'mitzvot/commandments/instructions' (the suffering of obedience- Ivrim/Hebrews 5:8), that 'causes the Torah to be written on our hearts'. We 'walk out our salvation' by allowing YHWH's 'HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit Of His Holiness' dwelling in our 'reborn human spirit to continuously move out' from our **SPIRIT**, to our **SOULS** and into our **BODIES**. The most fearful thing that the 'church of Christendom' has done is to **REJECT AND REMOVE** the Torah from the heart. We are **REMOVING THE VERY THING** that **DRAWS YHWH TO DWELL WITHIN US! THE DANGER OF NOT BEING TORAH PURSUANT, IS TO BECOME TORAHLESS!** Miracles may still happen. However, there is a 'fearful pronouncement' awaiting those in this position.

“Not all the ones SAYING to me, Adoneinu, Adoneinu, [Our Lord, Our Lord] will enter the Malchut HaShomayim [the Kingdom of the Heavens], but the one DOING the ratzon Avishba-Shomayim (the will of my Father in Heaven).

Many [messianic darshanim- preachers] will say to me [Moshiach] on that Day [the Yom HaDin, the Day of Judgment], Adoneinu, Adoneinu [Our Lord, Our Lord] did we not speak as neviim [prophets] in your Name? Did we not cast out shedim (evil spirits, demons) in your Name? Did we not accomplish many niflaot (miracles) in your Name?

*And then I will tell them to their face, I NEVER HAD DA'AS ****[Intimate Knowledge- AS A BRIDEGROOM SHARES WITH HIS BRIDE IN THE MARRIAGE BED]** of you.*

DEPART FROM ME, you workers of mufkarut (lawlessness/torahlessness).”

(Mattityahu/Matthew 7:21-23 OJB- emphasis/definitions mine)

Final Word Of Exhortation

In this wonderful hour of the 'restoration of the Whole House of Yisrael', now as never before we must 'guard the Torah of YHWH in our heart'. It is what will 'keep His Presence real and vital' in these 'perilous hours of these last of the Last Days'. **(11 Timothy 3:1) WE DO NOT TRUST IN TORAH OBEDIENCE FOR OUR ETERNAL SALVATION.** Torah **IS NOT** the salvation portion of YHWH's covenant with His people! **IT IS THE SANCTIFICATION/HOLINESS PART OF THAT COVENANT!** We put our trusting faithfulness in the **FINISHED REDEMPTIVE WORK** of our blessed Master Yeshua **ONLY** for eternal salvation. Then, from there, we must get on with the **PROCESS OF SANCTIFICATION/HOLINESS**, having His holiness 'worked out' into our lives. This is the **WORKING OUT OF OUR SALVATION** so that our **WHOLE BEING** 'spirit, soul, and body' may benefit. **MASHIACH IS COMING!** But He is coming for a Bride adorned with the beauty of the **SPIRIT OF HOLINESS**. As Jan O'Dell says, *'The Bride of Mashiach MUST BE a Torah pursuant Bride. This is the only Bride who knows YHWH's standard of holiness and knows how to let His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of Holiness apply the Torah to our lives. This is how YHWH removes the spots, wrinkles and blemishes'*! May we **REMEMBER** the words of our blessed Rebbe Yeshua and 'guard' YHWH's Torah **ALWAYS** within our heart in love,

“If you have ahavah [love] for me, you will be shomer [guarding/keeping] regarding my commandments.” (Yochanon/John 14:15 OJB- definitions mine)

Chaverim [Friends], now yeladim [children] of Elohim [The Mighty One] we are, and not yet it is niglah (is revealed) what we will be. We have da'as [intimate knowledge] that when He [Mashiach] is niglah [revealed], LIKE HIM WE WILL BE, because we will SEE HIM AS HE IS.” (Yochanon Alef/1 John 3:2 OJB- emphasis/definitions mine)

In light of the above promise, remember these powerful words...

**BEFORE OUR BLESSED MASHIACH YESHUA COMES FOR US...
HE WILL COME IN US!**

We say the following blessing as we continue each week's study of Torah...

*Chazak u'Barukh...
Strength and Blessing!*

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