

## Transcript – Removing Sin From Your Life

Okay, Chag Semeach, and Chag Semeach to all those who are watching with us today. Here we are, another feast here in Jerusalem, and what a time of the year to be here. The name of this sermon is called, *Removing Sin From Your Life*.

This is the first day of Unleavened Bread. We have seven days of Unleavened Bread. And Unleavened Bread *pictures* the removing sin from our life. I'm going to read one scripture here in Exodus 12 and verse 15. Exodus the 12th chapter in verse 15. It says:

**Exodus 12:15** *You shall eat unleavened ... bread is referred or unleavened things ... seven days. Indeed, on the first day you shall cause leaven to cease from your houses. For anyone eating any leaven, that soul shall be cut off from Israel, from the first day until the seventh day.*

So, we know that leaven isn't always representative of sin, but at this time of the year, leaven is representative of sin. So, when we're removing the leaven from our house, any kind of leavening agent, which would be yeast, baking soda, cookies, whatever. Ultimately, if you've been keeping the Feast for many years, at times all of a sudden, in the middle of the Feast, you'll look in the back of your freezer and you'll find an old piece of bread back there that you didn't get to, or maybe behind your television set will be a cookie that was left there from six months ago. Maybe it would have a bunch of ants on top of it.

But the key of it is that the same way, that at this time of the year, the leaven which rises is representing sin, it also shows us the reason why we're removing the leaven from our houses, it's not always evident what that leaven is, right? And that's why I say **you have to know your enemy if you're going to defeat it**, but we don't always know what the enemy is.

So today, what I really want to go into in the sermon of removing sin from your life is to really explain to you what sin is, what is sin that we have to remove from our life? 1st John 3:4 says:

**1<sup>st</sup> John 3:4** *Everyone practicing sin also practices lawlessness, and sin is the breaking of the Torah.*

So, in a very basic definition, we use this many times when we're trying to show that the Torah is relevant in the New Testament, we know that **sin is the breaking of the Torah**. Romans 7:7 says:

**Romans 7:7** *What shall we say then? Is the instruction sin? Let it not be! But I did not know sin except through the Torah; for also I did not know lust except the Torah said, "You shall not lust."*

So far from the Torah being done away with or nailed to a cross or a tree or anything else, the Torah is very relevant in our life because **the Torah literally defines sin**. The Torah is like a mirror to show us what sin is in our life. In 1st John 2:15 ... 1st John 2:15:

**1<sup>st</sup> John 2:15-17** *Do not love the world nor the things of the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him, because all that which is in the world: The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and its lust. But the one doing the will of Elohim abides forever.*

And when we connect this with Genesis 3:6, the sin of Adam and Eve in the Garden, we see Genesis

3:6 says:

**Genesis 3:6** *And the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and the tree was desirable to make one wise. And she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.*

So when you put these two scriptures together, 1st John 2 with Genesis 3:6, we see **the lust of the eyes, desirable to the eyes, with the lust of the flesh, good for food, and the pride of life with desirable to make one wise**. So we can really see the connection here. And **the point of it shows you - is that sin is pleasurable**. People are not sinning because they consciously see sin as something that's harmful in their life but they see sin as something that is pleasurable to them on some level or as another.

And in this message, I really want to help you to understand how damaging sin is to you. Because **Romans 6:23**, *the wages of sin is death but the gift of Yahweh's everlasting life in Yahshua, our Master*. And we have to ... **if we don't concept that sin brings death, we're never going to overcome sin in our life**.

In English, no matter what Bible you're looking at, you go to King James and NIV, American Standard, whatever, in English the word we use - sin. That's the English definition. Sometimes we use iniquity, you'll see that word there, also means sin or transgression, but basically they all mean the same thing. If you use the word sin, iniquity or transgression, there's really no difference in the English language.

However in Hebrew it is not that way. Hebrew is very different. And they say that you can know what's important in the language sometimes by how many words they have for something. Like in English, we have one word for camel. Because how many camels do you really see in America or in these places? But if you look at Arabic, I think they have 30 or 40 different words for camel because it's something that's more in their culture.

So like I said, **we have to understand our enemy and you have to know who the enemy is to defeat them**. So what I want to do is today, I want to give you four different words for sin. From the Hebrew, I'll also go into Aramaic and even Greek a little bit, showing you the corresponding word for that, so that you can understand there really is a big difference. The Bible is not written in English, the Bible is written in Hebrew and Aramaic.

So that when you're looking in the Bible, I hope from today on, and you see a scripture about sin, that you're not just thinking of sin in a general term as just the breaking of the Torah. But once we understand what sin is defining, it'll help us to better define the enemy and hopefully better to defeat him.

So the first word, the first word, **chata**. Chata in the Hebrew literally means: *a sin or offence, a sin or offence to miss the mark, to miss the mark, to lead astray to forfeit*. When I thought that was an interesting definition to forfeit something because literally when we sin, consciously your mind is thinking you're gaining something, right? But literally you're forfeiting something, you're not gaining something, you're forfeiting something.

Now the corresponding word also, there's a word called **shegah** in the Hebrew. Shegah, which is similar to *strain or to wander*. So sin is: *straying or wandering away*. Away from what? Away from the Torah, *to be carried away, to be lofty or inaccessible, to be lofty or inaccessible*. And it's very similar, shegah and chata, and then the Aramaic word is Cheta, it's very almost the same as chata, just a Qof instead of a Chet. And the Greek,

which also is similar in the definition, is **hamartia**, meaning the same, *to miss the mark, to be led astray, to take your aim off the goal*. So *this is the basic definition*. Most of the time in the Bible, whether it's the Brit Chadashah, the New Testament, or in the Tanakh, this is the *main words* that are being *used for sin*, which is literally like its saying. **You're missing the mark, you're going astray, you're forfeiting something.**

Let me give you some scriptures, let's talk about this, **Psalm 51 and verse 4**, where King David says, *against You, **You only** have I sinned*. Against You, You only have I gone astray, have I missed the mark, have I failed. *And done evil in Your eyes, that You might be justified in Your speaking and be clear when You judge*.

Also in Genesis 4, remember when Yahweh is talking with Cain, and Cain had just killed his brother, what does He say? Genesis 4: 6, and 7:

**Genesis 4:6-7** *And YAHWEH said to Cain, Why have you angrily glowed, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, is there not exaltation? And if you do not do well, **sin** (chata) is crouching at the door; and **its desire is toward you**; but you should rule over it.*

So, I've talked a lot recently about self-discipline in overcoming in your body, because like I said, if you can surrender to Yahweh, the rest is easy. There's one spirit, there's not a thousand different spirits, and that same spirit would do the same in me and you and you and you and you and every believer. So if there's a question of whatever, of how would you react in a situation? Technically, if it's a moral question, every single believer should have the same answer, because the Holy Spirit would say the same thing in every single situation.

The problem is that we're not disciplined in our flesh, we're not disciplined in our body, and that way, Satan is able to deceive us. So, and what do we do? We miss the mark, and why do you miss the mark? Because you don't practice. When I think of missing the mark, I don't know about you, but I think of archery. That's the first thing I think of, of shooting a bow in archery, and how are you going to make sure you always hit that mark? By practice, there's no other way around it. Or maybe in basketball shooting a free throw, that there's some coaches that will have the players take a thousand free throws every day to make sure when the time comes and the game is on the line, you have to make that free throw that you're going to make it.

So, the first thing **we have to realize when we're looking at this type of sin, of missing the mark, being led astray, it's from not disciplining ourselves, it's from not practicing over and over and over again that it's part of our life**. And that's exactly what Yahweh is saying here to Cain. If you do [not do] well, sin is crouching at the door, if you do well, is there not exultation, and if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door and its desire is toward you, but **you shall rule over it**.

**You need to be disciplined, you have to control yourself**. Like I said, when I've given sermons on emotional immaturity, that an angry spirit is no different than a demonic spirit, you have no control over your spirit or over your soul in that case.

Mark 4:18 and 19 ... Mark the 4th chapter 18 and 19 says:

**Mark 4:18-19** *And those which were sown into a thorny places ...this is the parable of the sower and the seed ... And those which were sown into a thorny place are they who hear the word, And the cares of the world and the deception of riches and the rest of the other lusts enter in and choke the word and it becomes without fruit.*

So clearly when you're looking at chata, when you're looking at going astray, missing the mark and forfeiting your reward, it definitely has to deal with the cares of the world. **It has to deal with not being solid, not being grounded and the cares of the world taking us away, not having root because we're not disciplining ourselves.**

1st Corinthians 9 and verse 24 ... 1st Corinthians 9 and verse 24, says:

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 9:24** *Do you not know that those running in a stadium indeed all run, but one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain.*

And this is really important, especially around Passover time now, because Passover has everything to do with what? Passover has to do with the Exodus. This is what we're reading this time of the year. Corinthians 10 tells us all the things that happen to the Israelites in the wilderness are for our example in the last generation.

And here, what do we know about the Israelites? Out of 2 million people, only two - 20 and above, entered the Promised Land. I always say, my mind works in mathematics. I don't like those odds. Two out of 2 million is not good odds. The chances of me being one of them is not very good at all. And yet this is exactly what Paul is saying here. *Don't you know that those running in the stadium indeed all run, but only one receives the prize.* So you have to run.

We're living in the worst generation that has ever been. And we don't see it because this is all we know. If we had lived maybe in the 1800s or 1700s, and it was the Time Changer where you came here today from there, you would see a vast difference. As you get older, you'll see a vast difference. I mean to me when I was a little boy, and I'm not that old, but I remember it's a little boy, we still only got milk delivered to our house in glass containers. And I remember growing up as a little boy, there was no plastic yet. Everything we got ... I remember when they changed in the supermarkets to paper bags to plastic bags. And for the first couple months, they would ask the people "plastic or paper, plastic or paper?" then they just stopped.

So even in our day and age, and I say this to some of my uncles that I was talking to, because they talk a lot about different things in culture and whatnot, and I say, do you realize there are things that happen, maybe every 500 or 1000 years, it literally changed society; like the industrial revolution. It changed how everything worked. And we are living in one of those times because of the internet.

We're living in a time good, better and indifferent, not to say if it's good or bad, but just it has changed the world. That there are certain time periods, that things ... we see it here when we're looking, even as you're going to tells. And you're seeing the difference of maybe when they come ... certain types that this comes up from this time period. The Iron Age, we see it in the Bible, how that changed everything. Because when the Israelites first came into the Promised Land, the Philistines already were having iron weapons and Israelites didn't. And it caused a big problem; they almost wiped them out because you need iron weapons. They were better. Nuclear weapons, we're living in a nuclear age that has changed things. So we're living in a whole different world today, and we can't take for granted that world. We can't take for granted our calling, and we have to look. Verse 25:

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 9:25a** *And every man who battles in the contest **frees his mind from everything else** ... every man who battles in the contest **frees his mind from everything else**.*

So how many races are you running at one time? When you look at chata, it has everything about taking your eyes off the goal, not conditioning yourself. And how do you condition yourself? We don't do it shooting basketballs, or we don't do it shooting archery. **We do it with every day, studying our Bible, every day praying, consistently fasting, meditating.** These are the things that will keep you online.

And if you do a study on people who fall away from the truth, probably at least 99% it starts with prayer, study, fasting, and meditation going down. That's the first thing. It's like, it's like the way you fast with food, you're fasting spiritually when you do that. And then what happens? You're not sharp, you miss the goal.

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 9:25-27** *Every man who battles in the contest **frees his mind from everything else**. And yet they run to win a crown that is perishable, but we to win one that is everlasting. So **I run accordingly, as not uncertainly**; ... No doubt in our life ... so I fight, as not beating the air; but **I conquer and subdue my body**, so that, by no chance, when I have preached to others, I myself be rejected.*

And this is where we're living in a really hard time. We got to bunker in. If we're going to overcome sin, and this is what these things are all about, we're going to have to get discipline in our life. And like I said, in the chaotic world, the simplest thing; you give your word to somebody, it doesn't matter what that word is. You have to keep your word to the best of your ability. **We have to be disciplined in our life. Or we're going to miss the mark. We miss the mark by not practicing enough.**

And again, we have to become masters at believers. We have to become masters, meaningly, that it's **something that is ingrained in you**, that you don't have to look it up that if someone is to ask us any of our basic beliefs, we should be able to **immediately tell them** about the basic beliefs of the Sabbath, the Holy Days, the name of Yahweh, without even having to look it up in a concordance or in the Scriptures.

Jacob 4:4 and 5. Jacob the fourth chapter, 4 and 5 it says:

**Jacob 4:4-5** *Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that the friendship of the world is enmity with Elohim? Whoever, then, purposes to be a friend of the world is an enemy to Elohim ... We were just reading them 1<sup>st</sup> John 2 ... Or do you think that vainly the Scripture says, **The pride dwelling in us lusts with envy**? ... Drop down the verse 7.*

**Jacob 4:7-10** *Then **submit to YAHWEH** ... number one ... **Resist the Devil**, ... number two ... **and he will flee from you** ... number three. That's the pattern Yahweh has ... **Submit to Yahweh, resist the devil, and he will flee from you** ... You can't resist the devil until you submit to Yahweh ... **Draw near to Elohim, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners! And purify your hearts, double minded ones! Be distressed, and mourn, and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy into shame. Be humbled before YAHWEH, and He will exalt you.***

So again, there's no shortcuts. There's no shortcuts here. There's no pill to take. It's something that from the day you're baptized, you come out of the water until the day you die, or Yahshua returns, it's a daily grind. And

**the only way that we're going to overcome this type of sin is by repetition**, by doing it in our life over and over and over, and by being disciplined with it. If not, we risk falling away and becoming a reprobate.

The second type of sin is called **asham**. Asham and it means *to be at fault, to be negligent or failure in duty or conduct*, almost like in the military. If someone was failing at their duty in the military, they would be asham. To be at fault, to be negligent or failure in duty or conduct.

Isaiah 53 and verse 10. Messianic scripture about Yahshua, and what does it say?

**Isaiah 53:10** *But YAHWEH pleased to crush Him, to make Him sick, so that If He should put His soul as a guilt offering, He shall see His seed; He shall prolong His days; and the will of YAHWEH shall prosper in His hand.*

So that word for guilt offering there is asham. That the **Messiah had to be a guilt offering, because the failure of the nation being negligent in its attitude and service toward Yahweh**. So this is where the whole nation of Israel was failing and negligent in their duty toward Yahweh. And that's one of the reasons the Messiah comes.

Hebrews 2 ... Hebrews chapter 2:2 and 3, says:

**Hebrews 2:2-3** *For if the word spoken by cherubs was confirmed, and every transgression and disobedience received a just repayment; how shall we escape if we neglect the very things which are our salvation? Which having received a beginning to be spoken through our Master, was confirmed to us by the ones hearing,*

So **when we neglect our calling, it's called sin**. And sometimes I think we don't realize that. That we know it's bad. We know we should be doing more. We know that we're not putting our calling first, but Yahweh actually calls this sin. He calls it asham. And we can't let the normalcy bias make us think we're okay. Our calling must be our first vocation in life. If not, then we're sinning, we're asham.

1st Corinthians 6:19 and 20. 1st Corinthians 6:19 and 20. It says:

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:19-20** *Or do you not know that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit in you, which you have from Elohim, and you are not of yourselves? You were bought with a price; then glorify Elohim in your body, and in your spirit, which belong to Elohim.*

And I would hope that all year long we focus on the sacrifice of Yahshua and we realize how unworthy we all are to accept that sacrifice. But at Passover time, we're commanded to. We're commanded to reflect on it. We're commanded before we take the Pesach that we have to make sure we're not taking it unworthily. And really at this time of the year, we really have to let scriptures like this sink in. **We were bought and paid for.**

And like I always say, think of yourself and this is a reality. It's not really an analogy of you sitting in a prison cell somewhere. There are bars on the door. They're coming to take you and they're coming to execute you. And it's five minutes to midnight and you get a reprieve. Yahweh calls. And not only are you let free, somebody has to take your place. And that's exactly what happens. So I say in one way, it's an analogy, but in one way it's not. Every single one of us have committed crimes, have committed sin, no matter which ones of these sins are, that are worthy of death. And only by YAHWHY's great love and mercy for us has He sent His Son not just to forgive us, but to take the place of us.

We read it the other day in **Colossians 2**, that **we put our death penalty on His tree of crucifixion**. *He who was without sin became sin that we could be the righteousness of YAHWEH*. That He went up there and He died for me and for you. And when we're not putting that first in our life, because Yahweh could have called anybody. Like I said if you take all the people that have ever lived, you are about one in 30 million.

You know? It's hard enough to be one in a hundred. I always say it's like sometimes when you, even if you go to a store, that maybe has 10,000 people a day coming in there and buying furniture or buying appliances and you walk in the store and they say you know what? You happen to be the 1000th customer today; you're getting a free washing machine. The chances of that, how many of that happened to it? Probably none of us, right?

Because it always happens to somebody else. That's the point. It always happens to somebody else, but this time it happened to us. Each of us are sitting here and not at a 1000 or even 100,000, but have about one in 30 million people that have been born into this world in the last 6,000 years and you're sitting in this chair, right?

When you think about it, this Passover 2018 and the Mount of Olives is right behind us in the City of the Great King. We should have 100,000, 500,000 people sitting in this room. We don't, but **Yahweh called you** and if we're not following through, if we're negligent or we're failing in our duty or conduct, it's called asham, it's called sin.

Number three, the third sin is called *avan*. *Avan* and this sin is *to be crooked, to be bent, perverse, moral, evil and vanity*. So **this has to do with conduct and it has to do with vanity of our life and also moral, evil and perverseness**. And that's why literally the word picture is to be crooked, to be bent, *avan*. Things like homosexuality, perverted music, excessive makeup, plastic surgery, excessive jewelry; even social media to a large degree is *avan*. Its vanity, it's ridiculous, it's meaningless. "I have X amount of people on Twitter following me. I just came out of the market. I just went to the toilet". It's vanity, its sin, its *avan*. So it's not just a bad idea, it's not just ridiculous. Yahweh calls it *avan*. He calls it sin, perverseness, vanity, moral evil.

Ecclesiastes 1:1 and 2 ... Ecclesiastes 1:1 and 2:

**Ecclesiastes 1:1-2** *The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem: Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity!*

Wow. And here we are. This has always been one of my favorite books in the Bible. Traditionally they read this book around Sukkot for different reasons and I've always loved it because of that, because growing up as a young man, I was fairly successful at a young age. I owned my own house. I had my own business, had cars, had everything. And then I was called at that same young age. I was 16 when I was first starting to learn about the truth and I started to see that all these things I had and I wasn't even 20 years old yet, it was all vanity. If this is true, then what good is that? What good is a business? What good is this car? What good is this house? Vanity of vanity, all this vanity! And it keeps your life in perspective.

It doesn't mean you can't have nice things. Yahweh blessed Abraham, Yahweh blessed many people. Yahshua said He came to give us life more abundantly. So I'm not saying we're monks, but **what I'm saying is so much of the materialism in the world is vanity**. So many of the things people *strive for*, right? Because we're told

from birth, get a good education, go to graduate school, go to this so that you can make money and be good. And then people aren't happy; divorce rate 60%, broken families everywhere; people miserable.

And I'll never forget a friend of mine who was a believer and a lawyer. And he would tell me all the time, he made a lot of money. Very good man - gave a lot and he said to me, "I hate my life. I hate being a lawyer." I'm like "Really?" And everyone's looking up to them, always asking him questions. He's like, Well why do I want to go to a worldly court and have to sit into this worldly government and listen to this stuff day in and day out?" And I said, "If you hate it so much, why don't you just get out of it?" He said, "Yeah" he was like almost 60 "at my age, what else am I going to do?" Vanity of vanities. All is vanity, and its avan. It's sin.

1st Samuel 3 and verse 11 ... 1st Samuel 3 in verse 11. And years ago when I was in Africa, I was in Kenya and because of my business background, I was invited to the university in Kenya to give a lecture on business. And when I was giving the lecture, I was telling the people, I said, "First of all, every single thing you learned in university, forget about it. None of it's going to help you once you get out of the door." The teacher's sitting there with the eyes going up. And I said, "What you really want out of life is: **find your passion** and the money will come."

Because especially in Africa, people think the education is going to give them the money, the money is going to give them the things, and the things are going to give them the happiness. They got it all wrong. They have the whole level of values and belief with goal setting completely off. And it never works that way. And what I've told them is, if you find your passion, and what is your passion? Usually something you're good at, it's your spiritual gifts.

It's the same way in the body of Messiah. **Find your spiritual gift and that will be your passion because you do it better than other people and you're going to love doing it and you're going to bear fruit.** And that's the way Yahweh's Congregation works. And that's what we need to do. You want to know what your passion is and then you're going to love doing it.

But you don't want to do something ... I went to school for becoming CPA, certified public account. I knew I was never going to do that. I knew from the time I was 10 years old, there isn't any way that my life is going to be sitting behind a desk every day. I just knew it. I was never going to do this. But because I was good in math, I did really high in my ... whatever they call those tests ... those SAT tests. And everybody said, "No, the computer says you're going to be a CPA." And I tried it. I tried it for a year or two. And then I said, "No way. I can't do this. It's not me." I want to do what my passion is. I want to be able to go out there and I want to be able to create like Yahweh. I want to bear fruit. So you've got to find your passion in life. And then the vanity isn't there.

But also, 1st Samuel 3, we also see part of avan, like I said though; it's not just vanity but *its perverseness and moral evil*. 1st Samuel 3. And we see with Samuel's sons that they were committing avan. 1st Samuel 3 and verse 11.

**1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 3:11-14** *And YAHWEH said to Samuel, Behold! I am doing a thing in Israel at which the two ears of every one hearing it shall tingle ... I like the way He puts that ... In that day I will confirm to Eli all that I have spoken to his house, beginning and making an end. And I declare to him that I am judging his house forever, for*



*the iniquity which he has known; for his sons have been making themselves **vile**, and he has not restrained them. And so I have sworn to the house of Eli, **the iniquity** ... that word is avan ... the iniquity of the house of Eli shall not be atoned for, by sacrifice or by offering, until forever.*

So again, this is a moral perversity ... a moral perversity. And what we see is since it's connected with vanity; **many times the vanity will lead to moral perverseness**. That's what happens. Genesis 19 and verse 5. We also see moral perversity with Sodom and Gomorrah.

**Genesis 19:5** *And they called to Lot and said to him, Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may have sex with them.*

So you look at the perversity of this. They were so perverted with their homosexuality that here is Lot is even offering his two virgin daughters. And they were looking to violate cherubs. I mean, how perverse can people get? It's called avan. It's called **avan: crookedness, bent perverseness, moral evil**.

Psalms 6 and verse 8 ... Psalms 6 and verse 8. It says:

**Psalms 6:8** *Depart from me, all workers of iniquity, ... workers of avan ... for YAHWEH has heard the voice of my weeping ... Depart from me all workers of iniquity, of avan.*

And Matthew 7 and verse 13. It coincides with this verse here. Matthew 7 in verse 13.

**Matthew 7:13-16** *Go in through the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many are the ones entering in through it. But narrow is the gate, and constricted is the way that leads away into life, and few are the ones finding it. But **beware of the false prophets** who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inside they are plundering wolves. From their fruits you shall know them. Do they gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles? ... See, are they doing something crooked, perverse? Or are they coming in the straight way?*

**Matthew 7:17-21** *So every good tree produces good fruits, but the corrupt tree produces evil fruits. A good tree cannot produce evil fruits, nor a corrupt tree produce good fruits. Every tree not producing good fruit is cut down and is thrown into fire. Then surely from their fruits you shall know them. It will not be that just everyone who says to Me, Master, Master, will enter into the kingdom of Heaven, but the ones who do the will of My Father in Heaven.*

**Matthew 7:22-23** *Many will say to Me in that day, Master, Master, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name do many works of wonder? And then I will declare to them, from everlasting, I never knew you; "depart from Me, those working lawlessness (iniquity)!"*

That comes from Psalms 6 and verse 8, those working avan; perversity, crookedness, bearing no fruit, iniquity, lawlessness. They make the Torah crooked, they pervert it. The last word, there's actually two of them here, but they mean the same. For sin is pasha, or pesha, it's pretty interesting because we have the Pesach, but it's not the same, it's not the same word. But **pasha, pesha**, and also **maal** ... maal. They all mean the same thing. And this is a **rebellious sin, national, moral, or religious**. So this is a rebellious sin. It's literally **coming out of Yahweh's judicial order**. It's a rebellious sin; national, moral, or religious, rebelling from judicial order.

2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 26 and verse 16. And this is when Uzziah was going into Yahweh's sanctuary to burn the incense on the altar when he was a king, he was not a priest. And this is where he's committing pasha. He's committing rebellious sin against Yahweh's judicial order.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 26:16-18** *And when he (Uzziah) became strong, his heart was lifted up to act corruptly; and he trespassed ... he pashed ... against YAHWEH his Elohim, and went in to the sanctuary of YAHWEH to burn incense on the altar of incense. And they stood up against Uzziah the king, and said to him, It is not for you, O Uzziah, to burn incense to YAHWEH, but to the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are sanctified to burn incense; go out of the sanctuary, for **you have trespassed**; ... you have pashed ... and it is not to your honor from YAHWEH.*

So here we see that again in the world we live in today where black and white has been taken away and almost everything now is gray. And I always say there was no color gray in the original Hebrew, everything was black and white. And today, there's only gray. There's no absolute morals. Everything is gray. Everything is up for interpretation. But Yahweh calls it rebellion. He calls it sin because Yahweh does have an order. He has a judicial order. He has a national order. He has a religious order. He has a moral order.

And that's why we should. We should obey the government. **Roman 13**, as long as it's not violating the Word of Yahweh, we should be obeying the government. We should pay our taxes if we owe taxes, *give it to Caesar what's do the Caesar, give it to Yahweh what's do the Yahweh*. We should be obeying the laws, the civil laws of the nations, as long as they're not violating one of Yahweh's laws, because Yahweh calls it sin. He calls it sin.

Revelation 3 and verse 17 [starting at 14]. And this is what the whole Laodicean era is built on. It's built on rebellion.

**Revelation 3:14-15a** *And to the messenger of the congregation of Laodicea, write: These things says the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Head of the creation of Elohim: I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot ...*

**Comment:** Cold nor hot; white and black it's all been taken away. Everything is gray now. Everything is middle ground. Everything is left up to interpretation of the Laodicea.

**Revelation 3:15b-17** *I would that you were cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, I am rich, and I am made rich, and I have need of nothing, and do not know that you are miserable and a wanderer and poor and blind and naked.*

They're naked. Why? They have no covering. ... They have no covering. **Proverbs 18 and verse 1.** *He who separates himself seeks his own desire.* That's the Laodicean. He doesn't want covering. He doesn't need it. *I don't need anything.* I've heard people many times say this to me. *It's between me and Yahweh!*

And I say, you're saying it's between you and you. And Yahweh says in His Word, "Don't think I'm like you because I'm not. I'm not like you." And many people that say Yahweh said this and Yahweh said this and Yahweh says, "I never spoke". You want to hear what Yahweh says? I always love to give the scripture and **Jeremiah 9:** *If the prophet, who has a dream, let him tell his dream. And he, who has My Word, let him speak it faithfully.* What is the wheat to the chaff?

Right? Not to say dreams and visions don't happen. They do. We see it in the Bible. But **it's the Word of Yahweh we should be going by, not a dream or a vision**. The Word of Yahweh is what tells us. And if not, it's rebellion.

We're living in such a time that if we weren't living in it, we couldn't even imagine it. Can you imagine if people like the prophet Elisha say, or Elijah, or one of the apostles. Or people from these times, Ezra or Nehemiah, if they were ever resurrected today, I would love to just spend a half an hour with them. And their eyeballs would be coming out of their eyes at the shock of the world we live in today because it's a totally rebellious world.

And you see it, it doesn't matter where you go in the world, it doesn't matter if it's USA, or Europe, or Africa. When people don't like what's going on, "Hey, this is like the Roman days. Take to the streets and we are going to come against it and we are going to fight until you change it." And it's not peaceful protest. It's the Laodicean era ruled by the people. It's going to be our way or not.

They have all this going on in America with gun control. It's a terrible thing that children were killed in a school by somebody coming in with guns. But the whole thing has to do more with mental illness than it has to do with gun control. But now you have some of these students that have become activists at 17 years old. And they're giving the platforms on CNN and these things. And they're telling what they're going to demand and what they're going to do, at 17 years old, wet behind the years, don't even know what they're talking about. And it's like, wow, this is scary. This is the Laodicean era and its pasha. It's rebellion. It's sin.

Jeremiah 2 in verse 8. Yahweh talks to the pastors.

**Jeremiah 2:8** *And the priests did not say, Where is YAHWEH? And they who handle the Torah did not know Me. And the shepherds rebelled against Me; and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after **things not profitable**.*

How many times do you look at a lot of these Christian churches, a lot of these TV evangelists, they all have their Bible and they're all waving it ... they're waving it, but they never open it up. There's one fellow in Texas that they start the sermon by saying, I believe in the word and then he puts it away. And Yahweh is saying this isn't good. Because then they're going to go on and tell the people how the Torah's done away with. And this is nailed to the cross. And we're in the New Testament and judge by your heart and judge by your feelings. And it's like, wow, *the heart is deceitful and desperately wicked*. Why? Why do we have such a wicked evil, rebellious society?

Well, look no further than Christianity. You have one out of every third person on this planet is a Christian to one form or another; Catholic, Protestant, evangelical, whatever. And yet instead of going to the Word of Yahweh and standing by the Word of Yahweh, they don't do it. Even something as simple as homosexuality, like I was saying, 2015 - 38% of all Christian churches agree with it; 38%, including Jehovah Witnesses and Mormons. In 2017 - 58%; even having gay pastors.

I was told by somebody here that I know who is a pastor here in Israel that they said there's a lot of the congregations in here right in Israel now that are starting to accept homosexuality. Shocking, shocking. And it's pasha, its rebellion. It's also avan but it's shocking.

1st Kings 12 ... 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 12, because like I said, Yahweh has an order and we do have free will. Everybody has the right with your free will, whether you're going to follow the order, or go your own way, but we do also reap what we sow. And like I said, Yahweh will not be mocked. In the end of days, we are going to get rewarded. *A good tree bears good fruit, and evil tree bears evil fruit.* And **we're going to get rewarded by what we do, by the decisions that we make.**

1st Kings 12 and verse 16. And this is when Jeroboam takes over when the kingdom is torn away. And what's happening? He's thinking, "Now that the kingdom's been torn away and I have 10 tribes and Solomon's son, Rehoboam, only has two. If these people go up to the Feast in Jerusalem to Yahweh, they might not come back or maybe they'll come back and kill me." So instead of trusting Yahweh, who put him in that position, he's going to come up with the device *in his own mind* that's going to violate everything of Yahweh's judicial order.

**1st Kings 12:16-19** *And all Israel saw that the king did not listen ... I'm in verse 16 of 1st Kings 12 ... the king did not listen to them, and the people sent the king back word, saying, What portion do we have in David? ... And this is when the people are first going against Rehoboam ... Yea, there is no inheritance in the son of Jesse; to your tents, O Israel; now see to your house, O David! And Israel went to their tents. As to the sons of Israel, those living in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them ... The son of Solomon ... And King Rehoboam sent Adoram who was over the tribute, and all Israel threw stones at him, and he died. And King Rehoboam made haste to go up into a chariot to flee to Jerusalem. And Israel rebelled against the house of David to this day.*

They pushed, they rebelled. And like I said, if you're Jeroboam, you'd be thinking to yourself, "Wow, Yahweh has given this." And Yahweh even said if you're faithful, your house will reign here forever. And yet he doesn't trust Yahweh. He doesn't follow the judicial order. He's coming up with a device on his own. Drop down to verse 27. He says:

**1st Kings 12:27-28** *if this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of YAHWEH at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people shall turn again to their master, to Rehoboam the king of Judah, and they will kill me and go again to Rehoboam the king of Judah. And the king took counsel and made two calves of gold. And he said to them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Behold your gods, O Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt! ... Drop down to verse 32.*

**1st Kings 12:32** *And Jeroboam made a feast in the eighth month, in the fifteenth day of the month, like the feast that is in Judah; and he offered on the altar, so he did in Bethel, to sacrifice to the calves which he made; and he made stand in Bethel the priests of the high places which he made.*

And like it says, he made priests of the lowest of people, anybody who wanted to. We were just up there a few days ago, seeing the very altar that he built, shocking when you see it. But **it is rebellion to purposely violate Yahweh's judicial order.** And yet today you have it everywhere.

You'll have a Baptist minister who realizes everything he believed is fake. He'll come into the Sabbath, he'll come into the truth, and he'll still call himself a pastor. Even though he's never had any training, he's never been ordained; he's never had hands laid on him. And this is why you have two million different sects in Christianity all over the place, because there's no judicial order. And they're all saying something different;

they're all giving devices out of their own hearts. They're all coming up with their own feasts that Yahweh never did. Most of them are against the Torah to begin with, and Yahweh calls it, pasha. He calls it pasha. He calls it rebellion.

Isaiah 1 and verse 2, it's no different in the Messianic movement. Most of the people in the Messianic movement, that if you served authority, they've taken leadership roles of their own, most of it is only for money. They slap up a website, they're selling books, videos, DVDs, everything, just to get money. And again, they were never placed there, they were never ordained, they were never trained. They're just taking a position for themselves. And some of them using Shabbat, using the holy days, and is Yahweh pleased with it? No, because I'm going to show you here, He calls it pasha. He calls it rebellion, He calls it sin. Isaiah 1 and verse 2, it says:

**Isaiah 1:2-3** *Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth! For YAHWEH has spoken: I have enlarged and brought up sons, but they have rebelled (pasha) against Me. The ox knows his owner, the donkey his master's manger, but Israel does not know; **My people have not understood.***

**Comment:** What does He mean by this? He means that even naturally animals *instinctively*, the ox knows its owner, the donkey his master's manger, but instinctively an animal knows his place where he belongs, but not Yahweh's people.

**Isaiah 1:4** *Woe, sinful nation, a people heavy with iniquity, ... That word there is *avan* ... a seed of evildoers, sons who corrupt! They have forsaken YAHWEH; they have scorned the Holy One of Israel. They are estranged backward.*

If we drop down to verse 12 and what is Yahweh's answer to them?

**Isaiah 1:12-14** *When you come to see My face, who has required this at your hand, to trample My courts? Do not add to bringing vain sacrifice; its incense is an abomination to Me. The new moon and Sabbath, the going to meeting, I cannot endure the evil assembly. My soul hates your new moons and your appointed feasts. They are a burden to Me. I am disgusted of bearing them.*

**Comment:** People have shown me this. Sunday keepers saying why we don't need to keep the feasts or the Sabbath, but who is Yahweh talking to? He's talking to the people who are committing pasha. He's talking to the rebellious ones, the ones that are not under judicial order. He's not talking to the people that are following His feasts and His Sabbath, according to Scripture. But He's saying to these people that are *playing church*, that are just coming and doing their thing and waving their flags and all this other stuff without any kind of judicial order, **He is saying this is rebellion and this is sin and He is disgusted of it.**

**Isaiah 1:15-20** *And when you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you. Yea, when you multiply prayer, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves, purify yourselves. Put away the evil of your doings from My sight; stop doing evil. Learn to do good, seek justice, make straight the violent one, judge the orphan, contend the widow. Come now and let us reason together, says YAHWEH: Though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red as the crimson, they will be like wool. If you are willing and hear, you shall eat the good of the land. But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of YAHWEH has spoken.*

Wow, He's pretty set there. You know that there is an order that Yahweh has and whether like I said, it's the order of the priests who of the Levites, it's the order of the sanctuary; it's whatever His judicial order is. When we're willingly breaking that order, He calls it rebellion and He calls it sin. Today people will leave a congregation simply because their opinion is not taken. They want to set doctrine when actually the doctrine was set by the priests, not by the people.

Can you imagine the members want to ... they want to set the calendar? People want to do it themselves. How many calendars can you have? And it's problem year after year after year because people are taking on and usurping authority that was never given to them. And like I say, if Yahweh wanted your opinion, He would put you in that position. It's that simple.

What we're to do is, we're to get together, and we're to unify each other. And the one who was sing the music, if Yahweh put him there, let's encourage him. The one who's teaching, let's support him. The one who's setting up the chairs, let's support him. And stop usurping power and positions and authority that Yahweh has never given. Because it's vanity. It really works with all of these; *chata*, *asham*, *avan*, and *pesha*.

It's like breaking every single sin that's there and it's the height of the Laodicean spirit. And why can't the Laodicean spirit see it? Because he's rich and increased with goods and need of nothing. I say, if you ever try to give somebody something who needs nothing, they won't take it. They simply won't take it because their pride will not allow them to take something because they don't need anything. They have everything. **Life is a test to see if we can be faithful and how we follow Yahweh's judicial order for eternity.** If we can't even follow in this world for a few short years, how on earth would you ever follow for eternity? You know? If we can't for just a few tiny years in this life submit our will to Yahweh's will, how on earth would you ever do it for eternity?

It's the world we live in and Yahweh calls it sin. He calls it rebellion, national, moral, or religious is *maal* and *pasha*. **Ezekiel 18:4** says, ***the soul that sins, it will die***. So we have to **get this concept in our mind that sin brings death**. Un-repentant sin is the unpardonable sin and the longer you go without repenting, the less chance that you ever will. There's sins that people don't deal with like pride, like self-righteousness, and the longer you go without dealing with that sin, as time goes on, you stop even seeing it as a sin. And then you start blaming other people for your sin. And then the next thing you know, you're fully overtaken with that spirit that you didn't reject.

Amos 5 and verse 15 ... Amos 5 and verse 15 says:

**Amos 5:15 Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate.** *It may be that YAHWEH the Elohim of Hosts will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.*

But it was very interesting here, not only that He's saying hate evil and do good and establish justice. But *why?* So that Yahweh, the Elohim of hosts will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. It's the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our brother Judah here. I'm happy for them, partake in their celebration. But remember, we're still waiting. Ephraim is still outside the gates of the city. We're waiting for our turn. We're waiting when Yahweh is going to bring us back. And that's what he says here, that **if we hate sin, and if we repent, then, and only then, will Yahweh be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 7 and verse 10 ... 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 7 and verse 10 says:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 7:10** *For sorrow over the things of YAHWEH works enduring repentance of the soul, that brings one to life. But the sorrow over the things of the world causes death.*

And I say this one; I talk to people about repentance or give a message on repentance. That **repentance is not just feeling sorry for what you did**. Because most times when people feel sorry, they're really sorry for getting caught, or they're sorry for the consequences. They're sorry *how the sin affected them*; how the sin affected their reputation, how the sin may have lost them a job. That's not repentance.

**Repentance is not feeling sorry for how the sin affected you. Repentance is being grieved at what we did to Yahweh.** David said, *against You and You only have I sinned, and done evil in Your sight*. That's real repentance. It's that **we are grieved to the heart that we have violated a basic premise of our Creator**.

1st Samuel 15, I'll give two examples of this and then we will end. 1st Samuel 15, when we look at King Saul, who lost his kingdom because he didn't have the right type of repentance. We see a bad example. 1st Samuel 15 and verse 13. It says:

**1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 15:13** *And Samuel came to Saul. And Saul said to him, Blessed are you of YAHWEH. I have risen to do the Word of YAHWEH.*

**Comment:** And this is when Yahweh told Saul to go and kill all the Amalekites to kill the king, to kill the people, to kill the animals, kill everybody. And Saul decided who he was going to leave alive, and who he wasn't, and he decided to do it his own way. So he's saying:

**1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 15:13b-15** *I have risen to do the Word of YAHWEH ... and what is Samuel's answer? Verse 14 ... And Samuel said, What then is this noise of the flock in my ears, and the sound of the herd that I hear? And Saul said, They have brought them from Amalek, because the people had pity on the best of the flock, ... Oh, yes they did ... and the herd in order to sacrifice to YAHWEH, your Elohim. And the rest, we have exterminated.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 15:16-18** *And Samuel said to Saul, Stop, and I will declare to you that which YAHWEH spoke to me tonight. And he said to him, Speak. And Samuel said, Were you not, even you, little in your own eyes before becoming leader of the tribes of Israel? And YAHWEH anointed you as king over Israel. And YAHWEH sent you on the way, and said, Go, and exterminate the sinners, Amalek; and fight against them until they finish them.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 15:19-20** *Why then did you not listen to the voice of YAHWEH? But did fly upon the spoil, and did the evil in the eyes of YAHWEH. And Saul said to Samuel, I did obey the voice of YAHWEH, and I went in the way which YAHWEH sent me, and I brought Agag the king of Amalek, and I exterminated Amalek.*

**Comment:** Right? He had the Laodicean spirit. No, I didn't do anything wrong. I'm rich, increased with goods, in need of nothing.

**1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 21-23:** *And the people took from the spoil of the flock, and the first of the herd, that devoted, to sacrifice to YAHWEH your Elohim in Gilgal. And Samuel said, Does YAHWEH delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of YAHWEH? Behold! **Obeying is better than sacrifice; to give attention is better than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination and stubbornness is both iniquity and idolatry** ... Right? He missed the mark ... Because you have rejected the Word of Yahweh. So He has rejected you from being king.*

Wow, what an example. And yet, in King David we see the opposite. Psalm 51 ... Psalm 51, in verse 2 ... Psalm 51 in verse 2.

**Psalm 51:2-4** *Wash me completely from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me. Against You, ... talking to Yahweh ... You only, I have sinned, and done evil in Your eyes; that You might be justified in Your speaking and be clear when You judge.*

And if you want to look just on a sinful level, David probably did much worse sins than Saul. He did murder, adultery. Yet, at the same rate **it wasn't the act that Yahweh looked at. It was the repentance afterward.** And we see Saul wasn't repentant. Saul was justifying himself in his own eyes that he did nothing wrong. And David was cut to the heart and repentance and showing Yahweh that it was only Him that he sinned against.

And again, like I always say, the word picture for repentance, Hebrew is a pictograph language originally, 22 pictures. You put the pictures together and they tell words or phrases and the word picture for **repentance is to destroy the path to the house. When we repent we leave nothing to go back for. It's a total change from our way. We don't justify. We don't try to turn it. We don't try to figure out where we can do it. We simply destroy the path to the house. We leave nothing to go back from.**

We must overcome sin and **the first step is recognizing the enemy.** There's different types of sin. Like I said *chata, asham, avan* and *pasha*. These are four types. There are others. These were the four main ones. There's a couple other ones also. If you look it up, but these are the four main ones we have to understand them because like I said, sometimes we read this and we don't realize its sin because of the word that's used. Each of these is sin before Yahweh.

Now we must get serious and see sin as eternal death and get rid of every form of sin in our lives because it's the days of Unleavened Bread. This is the time that we are to examine and look at these things and understand the sin that Yahweh is talking about and to recognize our enemy and to conquer our enemy so that we will be in Yahweh's kingdom. Yahweh bless.