

Transcript – Elder Pong Sukkot 2025

English

Chag Semeach! Today I have a good story with you all. The topic is the Torah. It's a mirror for the Spirit. The scripture today is from Romans 7 verse 14:

Romans 7:14 *For we know that the Torah is spiritual, but I am fleshly, having been sold under sin.*

The Torah is not just a set of rules but it reflects our souls and our spirits because Torah tells us what is right or wrong. Therefore, we can better see the condition of our hearts. You will see inside your heart by Torah. You will see how well you are doing and when you have Torah. And that indicates the state of our spiritual condition.

Sometimes you feel like when you keep the Torah it's like it has many things that's forced you and many things that not allowed. But actually if you look inside of the Torah it's just a normal thing that everybody should do. We should not kill anybody. We should not steal. We should not lie. We should not have two hearted.

Actually, Torah is the normal thing that everybody should do. But many times we feel it's like Torah is Father. It's like the children that when the children's parents will not allow the children to put their finger on the power plug. Nobody allows the children to do that, right? If children do that, what will you do? Say - NO, Stop! And even if your children still do that, what do we do? Say no again, if you do it again – [Elder Pong showing to spank - in video] ... Right?

But if that child grows up to be a teenager, you don't need to tell that – don't do that again. No teenager or no adult that puts the finger in the power plug, right? You don't need to tell them about that anymore because it's very silly if the adult does that. The same as Torah, when you grow up you will see the Torah easier. It's a normal thing. It's doesn't make yourself special than anyone else if you keep the Torah.

So when you keep the Torah it will reflect the condition of your heart. If you feel that when you keep the Torah, you feel that it's uncomfortable that means you need to grow up more. But if you have the Ruach Spirit, you will keep the Torah like normal. It's not a normal thing to do. In Matthew 7:1-5:

Matthew 7:1-2 *Do not condemn, that you may not be condemned; for with whatever condemnation you judge, you will be judged; and with whatever measure you measure, it will be measured again to you.*

Matthew 7:3-5 *But why do you see the twig that is in the eye of your brother, but do not see the log in your own eye? Or how will you say to your brother, Allow me to cast out the twig from your eye; and behold, the log is in your eye! Hypocrite, first remove the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the twig out of the eye of your brother.*

Yahshua who came to fulfill the Torah, He recommends us to use it to examine ourselves and to examine your own hearts only. We should not use it to condemn another one – to fight or compare ourselves with others. So the Torah is therefore only for ourselves because we have to use a lifetime to examine your heart. You can be better to repent. So you see that what you should improve; should change or stop. This only takes a lifetime. And He has already recommended to you how to use the Torah in life. It's in Matthew 5:3-12:

Matthew 5:3-6 *Blessed are the poor in spirit! For theirs is the kingdom of the Heavens. Blessed are the ones mourning! For they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek! For they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness! For they shall be satisfied.*

Matthew 5:7-10 *Blessed are the merciful! For they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart! For they shall see YAHWEH. Blessed are the peacemakers! For they shall be called sons of YAHWEH. Blessed are they who have been persecuted for righteousness' sake! For theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.*

Matthew 5:11-12 *Blessed are you when they shall curse you, and persecute you, and shall say every evil word against you, lying, on account of Me. Rejoice and leap for joy, for your reward is great in Heaven; for in this way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

Yahshua recommends the process to cleaning your heart is called repentance. We must continue to do constantly because you will abandon your sins.

The first step: You should see the sin and admit the sin in yourself.

You should see the poor in spirit in yourself. You need to admit it. Many people cannot admit that they have sin inside; and that actually when you cannot see the sin inside yourself, you cannot repent. So this is the first door to the Kingdom. So Yahshua would say that if you see your sin inside, if you admit, the Kingdom will come to you.

But it's not just seeing your sin, but it's to admit it. Yahshua [does] not find a well person but find a sick person, right? If you go to the doctor and you say, "Oh, I'm fine!" Why will you go there? Because the doctor cannot help you. Even Yahshua who is the most powerful in the world cannot help you because you don't allow Him to help you. So you need to admit that you have the sin inside your heart.

Step 2: You should mourn over your sins by Yahweh's will.

It's the upset that renews you to repentance. If you will see your sin inside, you need to feel bad with that. If you see the fault, see the sin inside you, have you ever hated that inside your heart? Or you love it? Somebody loves that. Somebody **allows** that sin to stay inside. You maybe see the sin inside your heart but you still allow that to stay inside your heart. That means you do not hate yourself, hate that sin. And that's why you cannot repent.

Many people that cannot repent because you love that sin. It's not that the upset that means our Father quitting. The weak mindset when they see their fault inside themselves, they will blame other ones. This is not the upset way to repent. When you're upset, you should be upset what you be [are]. If you're upset the way Yahshua wants, Yahshua will encourage you to repent.

Next step [3]: You should surrender to the Holy Spirit to help you change.

This means the meek. Many times that you find your fault. You find the sin but you don't want to change. You still do the same way. Many times you read the Bible and you see the way that Yahweh suggests to you is the new way, but you still do the same way. When you use either type, you're not separating it. But the Bible you have to separate it, but you still keep it. You listen to the sermon, many times the elder tells you that "separate it" but you still keep it. It means you don't have goal. You still use your own way. When you're humble and surrender to the new way, you will find another result.

The next step [4]: You will be eager to training yourself.

Because when you surrender and do the new way, you will see the good result. You will know how to repent and how to renew to the pleasant one. You will make the question that "what is holy" but not "what is sin?" So Yahweh will fulfill you.

Next step [5]: If you do until this step, you will understand Yahweh's mercy.

When you have a problem in yourself, many times you need the mercy from Yahweh. When you're angry with somebody, you need the mercy from Yahweh because when you have the merciful to others, so that we may receive mercy on the Day of Judgment. Many times that you want to repent, you need His mercy; mercy to others, mercy to yourself. So you can change by the way that Yahweh gives you.

The next step [6]: You will have a pure heart.

You see your sin, you mourn with it. You receive the new way from Yahweh. You understand Yahweh is merciful. So the next step you will be have your pure heart. When you start to have a pure heart, you will start to understand Yahweh's mindset. That means that you understand why you should not put your finger in the power plug because mindset of Yahweh is inside you now. That means when you have a pure heart, you will see Yahweh because you understand what Yahweh thinks, what Yahweh does.

The next step [7]: You will encourage the peace that you have found.

When you understand all the process that Yahweh gives you, it will be easier to fix the problem. When somebody persecutes you, you will know how to adapt. You will know how to do with others. You will know how to live a life in peace. Don't bring yourself to callous. So Yahweh will call you peacemakers. Children of Yahweh will be good at bringing yourself to peaceful. So when many problems come to yourself, many persecutions come to yourself, you can face it. In Matthew 7:24-27:

Matthew 7:24-25 *Then everyone who hears these Words from Me, and does them, I will compare him to a wise man who built his house on the rock; and the rain came down, and the floods came up, and the winds blew, and fell against that house; but it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.*

Matthew 7:26-27 *And everyone who hears these Words of Mine, and who does not do them, he shall be compared to a foolish man who built his house on the sand; and the rain came down, and the floods came up, and the winds blew and beat against that house; and it fell, and great was the collapse of it.*

Although repentance is not easy, to stop some sin you cannot be done intently. But Yahshua recommends that - us to train ourselves by using the Torah to examine our lives. It's like to build a house on the rock. You need to take time and do it step by step. It's not building a house on the sand because it's so fast and it collapses so fast. No shortcuts in Yahweh.

So, repentance needs to be training yourself continually. Examine yourselves – you have to examine yourselves every day. You have to search your sin every day. It's like in the Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Unleavened Bread that Yahweh tells us to find leaven in your house. Even [when] you think you do it the best, it will be 3 days past you will find the leaven in your house. We have done it like that before when the Feast of Unleavened Bread start, the thing we do is the best, but 3 days past we find in the box.

It's the same way in yourself, you think you see the sin inside yourself but you still have some that hides. This is the true repentance that can bring you to the Kingdom. So we need to train it and we need to have that discipline so you will be the conqueror. Even good or bad that's caught in yourself you will know how to use the Holy Spirit to be the conqueror. That is the way that you will be blessed and happy.

Shalom, Chag Semeach!

