

Transcript – Yahshua’s Sacrifice, the New Covenant, and You

Okay, Shabbat shalom! And Shabbat shalom to those who are watching with us today. The countdown is here. We are one day till Passover. Wow! Praise Yahweh for that. I have a message today called, *Yahshua’s Sacrifice, the New Covenant, and You ... Yahshua’s Sacrifice, the New Covenant, and You*. And pretty much going over the need for it.

You know, in my 20 years of ministry here in Israel, with Jews I've met many times and also rabbis, one of the biggest questions come up on, “Well, why? Why do we need a Messiah to sacrifice Himself for the penalty of sins?” And I explain to them that on Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year to the Jewish people, that *kippur* means *to cover*; it does not mean to remove. And on Yom Kippur, they are simply covering the sins from year to year until the next year, but they never have those sins removed because the penalty is never paid.

And it's a basic principle of Torah that Christianity doesn't understand, since they've done away with the Torah, that you can't just have forgiveness. You have to have the penalty of the sin taken care of. Because that would not be justice. If somebody stole somebody's house or even worse burned down somebody's house, yes, they can be forgiven. Yes, you can reconcile with them, but that doesn't bring the house back that was burned down. There has to be reconciliation; there has to be restitution for what's taken off.

Now on Yom Kippur, not all Jews, but very, very religious Jews will basically do something they called kapparot, is where they take a chicken and they swing it around in the air, and that chicken is taking, I guess, the place or taking away their sins or whatever. I mean, it may be funny. It may sound funny, but in one sense, I say it a lot of times, if you logically turn the situation around, they're actually admitting then that you have to have something for sin. So, it kind of proves where we're coming from and the fact that sin brings death and everybody has sinned. **Romans 3:23**, *all have sinned and fall short of the glory of Yahweh*.

So today I want to get into the aspect of that, Yahshua’s sacrifice, why He had to come the way He did, and what does that have to do with us today? What does it have to do with covenant people today that believe in that sacrifice, that accept that sacrifice?

Leviticus 17:11. When we're talking about the sacrificial system ... And again, the Levitical system was a **shadow** of the Melchizedek system, which Yahshua is the High Priest of. And I always say, Melchizedek is not a name of a person, Melchizedek is a title. It's a title. And there's a literal Melchizedek who is Yahshua, and then there is a Melchizedek ministry or a Melchizedek priesthood that we are part of that priesthood that are part with Yahshua. But Leviticus 17:11 says:

Leviticus 17:11 *For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar, to atone for your souls; for it is the blood which makes atonement for the souls.*

So, whether you're swinging a chicken around your head, or sometimes they go to scriptures from Chronicles where David talks about prayer sacrifice, and many times Jews say, “Well, you can just pray for forgiveness.” I ask them, “If that's the case, then why on earth was there a sanctuary of Yahweh that did animal sacrifices? Why was there even a Levitical priesthood if it's as simple as just praying and having your sins forgiven?” Because they ... I'm not going to say they forget, because they don't ... they **neglect** the scripture we're going here that is a very foundational scripture when it comes to sin.

Leviticus 17:11 *That the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar, to atone for your souls; it is the blood which makes atonement for your souls.*

Now, our Passover, or let's say what I believe is the Biblical Passover is tomorrow, tomorrow evening. We will be partaking of the Passover. Because the days start at sunset, and it talks about the beginning of the 14th day of the first month. You are, between the evenings of the 13th and the 14th, you are to partake of the Passover.

But we do know that our brother Judah, who does not go by the Biblical calendar, but they go by a calculated calendar that came from Rabbi Hillel II in the 4th century. I'm not going to get into that today, but I just want to mention it for the fact of someone who may be hearing this thinking, "Wasn't the Passover last month?" Not the Biblical Passover.

That the Samaritans, if we went up to Samaria tomorrow evening, up where the Levite priests are up there ... They've taken DNA, a good friend of mine, the priest Hosni up there ... that you would actually see them killing the Passover. As far as I know, they are the only people today in the land of Israel that has systematically they've been doing it for years. They have pits, how they do it, and it is very interesting to see it. Unfortunately, we never get to see it because we keep the Passover the same time they do. They're keeping the Biblical calendar. But we have gone up there many, many times and they can show you the pits where they do it and how they drain off the blood, and it's very interesting. So, they understand that. They understand **there's no forgiveness of sin without the shedding of blood**. It's a basic concept when it comes to Yahweh's principles.

Isaiah 52 and verse 13 and 14 ... Isaiah 52 and verse 13 and 14. It says:

Isaiah 52:13-14 *Behold, My Servant shall rule wisely; He shall be exalted and lifted up and be very high. Just as many were astonished over You, so much was the disfigurement from man, His appearance and His form from sons of mankind.*

So, Messianic prophecy. Very, very intense Messianic prophecies, as we get into Isaiah 52 and Isaiah 53, talks all about the suffering Servant, how the Messiah gave Himself as a **guilt offering**—it uses there—for the sins of the people. He was like a lamb to the slaughter. And we know that. We know the Levitical system is not a permanent system. It was only put in after the sin of the golden calf at Mount Sinai. And it was put in temporarily until the Melchizedek Order would re-institute itself later.

And we see here that Yahshua went through a torturous beating. So, it wasn't just the fact that He paid the penalty of sin. Because if you think about it, as much as nobody would like to see an animal die, I don't think so. I know, I wouldn't. And we've had people that we know that just, not that they believe you have to kill a lamb on Passover time, but they actually had taken a lamb, a baby lamb, they set it apart and killed the lamb before the Passover just to feel the experience that an Israelite would have felt. And they've told us it's torturous because you get attached to this tiny, little, cute baby lamb that can't take care of itself, and to have to kill it.

But at least when you kill the lamb, you're doing it in a very humane way. Once you slit the throat of the lamb, the lamb is immediately dead. It's feeling no pain. You're draining the blood correctly, and then you're gutting the sacrifice and taking care of it. So, the sacrificial system under the Levitical order, it was not inhumane. And yet when we look at Yahshua, that's not the way Yahshua's sacrifice went. Yahshua's sacrifice was very inhumane.

Because remember, Levite was only a shadow. Melchizedek is the reality. And the reality is, **sin does bring pain**. It brings a lot of pain. It brings a lot of sorrow and suffering, and it sheds innocent blood. Right? The many, many, many thousands of babies that are born every year with AIDS. They did nothing wrong. They didn't do anything. But the sin of the parents, the sin of the grandparents, the sin of the great grandparents, or maybe the sin of Adam and Eve, somehow sin comes down. And sin is a messy business.

And we see that with Yahshua sacrifice. Yahweh willing, we will be going next week to the very place where Yahshua spent His last few hours on earth, where He was taken on the night of the Passover, to the house of Caiaphas. You'll go down there and you'll see the room where He was tortured, and we'll talk about that. Because it's a very, very horrible way that somebody is scourged and the cat o' nine tails and how they would use bone and glass and how they would whip the person. And **it's a very, very ugly, painful way to die. And yet Yahshua did it because He was taking on not only the sins of the world but your sins personally.**

And this is where it does become a personal matter. Because it's called *Yahshua's Sacrifice, the New Covenant, and You*. It's a personal matter, and you have to see that. That's what I want to bring out today. That if you don't see this in a personal way, if you're not cut to the heart ... The Word of Yahweh cuts to the heart like a two-edged sword. Yesterday we found out what a two-edged sword was, right? And it cuts the heart asunder ... **if it's not cutting to your heart, then you're taking the Passover unworthily.** Because like I said, it's not only that He paid the penalty for your sins, He went through a horrible, horrible suffering and death. Because that's what death brings. Death does not only bring ... I mean, sin brings. **Sin does not only bring death, but it brings sorrow and suffering.**

2nd Corinthians 5:21. Oh, I'm sorry. Before I go there, let me go to Psalm 22 and read it a little bit more. Psalm the 22nd chapter and verse 9 ... Psalm 22 and verse 9. Amazing Messianic prophecy. Like I said, I mean, to think about it. There's 300 Messianic prophecies, which if you look mathematically, it's, I mean, a number that would be out of mind, a number that doesn't even exist, that one man can fulfill all these prophecies. But I always say, if you only take 30 of those 300 prophecies, ones that nobody can doubt or nobody can question, that are historical facts ... The Messiah is born in Bethlehem, right? Yahshua was born in Bethlehem. The Messiah has to be from the house of David. Yahshua is from the house of David.

Mathematically speaking, with the laws of odds and probability, even though, like if you had black and white, and like on the Day of Atonement, they were taking a lot, a black one and a white lot. Even though it's 50% if there's two lots, that one would come white and one would come black, every time the same color would come out, let's say the black lot comes out eight times, nine times, 10 times. Even though technically it's still 50% when you take the next, the laws of odds and probability that one color just keeps coming out, when it's 50-50, it just, it again, becomes mind-boggling and a number that's out of mind to even think about.

But it's the same way here, that every prophecy, if you just even take the 30 main prophecies, as He fulfills the 15th one, and then the 16th and the 17th, it's like an earthquake. An 8.1 earthquake compared to an 8.0 earthquake, it's not only a 0.1, because they double in magnitude. It's like 5 to the second power compared to 5 to the third power. It's not adding 5. It's magnifying it, magnifying it, magnifying it.

So, when you really think about the prophecies Yahshua fulfilled, including prophecies like we're going to read here, that He's dying, He can't do it. As He's dying on the tree of crucifixion, He can't make somebody, "Hey, guys down there. Do you mind rolling dice for My garment so this prophecy can be fulfilled?" Of course not. When He was dead, that He's going to be buried in a rich man's tomb, there's no way He could do that.

And that's why I say, as far as Him being the Messiah, as far as everything that Yahweh said, it's just, it's out of mind that one man could fulfill all this as Scripture tells us, and it even tells us exactly when. It even tells us that from the **Daniel 9** prophecy, and even other places, that the Messiah would come before the destruction of the Temple and that the Messiah would come in the year 27 AD, exactly the year Yahshua starts His ministry. So, Psalm 22 and verse 9.

Psalm 22:9-12 *For You are He who took Me from the womb; ... This is the Messiah speaking to Yahweh ... causing Me to trust on My mother's breasts. I was cast on You from the womb, from My mother's belly, You are My El. Be not far from Me; for trouble is near; because no one is there to help Me. Many bulls have surrounded me; strong bulls of Bashan have surrounded Me.*

Comment: The bulls of Bashan are from the Golan Heights, right across from where we are.

Psalm 22:13-15 *They opened their mouth on Me, like a lion ripping and roaring. I am poured out like waters, and My bones are spread apart; My heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of My bowels. My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and My tongue clings to My jaw;*

Comment: And why is this happening? Because He's lost a lot of blood. He's going through dehydration. These are natural things that would happen after a scourging.

Psalm 22:16-19 *and You appoint Me to the dust of death; for dogs have encircled Me; a band of spoilers have hemmed Me in, and piercing My hands and My feet ... Just like happened to Yahshua ... I count all My bones; they stare at Me ... Why? From the scourging. Because as the whip is coming in, it's pulling His flesh out to the point where you can literally see down to the bones ... They divide My garments among them, they made fall a lot for My clothing. But you, O YAHWEH, be not far off; O My Strength, hurry to help Me!*

And wow, what a scene that must have been. And like I said, here we are, almost 2,000 years later. And as we're getting ready to take of those symbols and accept that sacrifice, we can't do it in a light way. **We have to be thinking, really meditating on scriptures like this, of not, like I said, not just His death, but His suffering that He went through for us so that we can be healed in this lifetime, and that we can be healed spiritually and have eternal life.** 2nd Corinthians 5:21 ... 2nd Corinthians 5:21 says:

2 Corinthians 5:21 *And He who did not know sin, ... Yahshua ... for your sakes made Himself sin, that we might through Him become the righteousness of YAHWEH.*

So, remember, I've talked about many times, when you get on your hands and knees and you close your eyes and you pray to the Father, you are literally going up to His throne in heaven. Because your prayer is taken instantaneously by a cherub. It says in **Revelation the 8th chapter**, that *the prayers are sweet incense to Yahweh*, and he's taking our prayer up to Yahweh, and He's hearing us directly. But you can't be in the presence of Yahweh in a sinful state, nobody can.

And that's why only by the sacrifice of Messiah, *He who was without sin took our sin so we could be the righteousness*, so we could be before Yahweh righteous. We never want to take that for granted. Every time we pray, and that's why every time we pray, what do we do? We pray to the Father, who in judicial order is ultimately supreme, but every prayer we pray in the name of the Son. Because **it's only by His name, it's only by His blood, it's only by His sacrifice that we're there before the Father.** And we want to remember that each and every single time for eternity that we're talking to Yahweh. We want to remember that it's only by the sacrifice of the Son that we're there.

Hebrews 2 and verse 14. Because you know I always say, if Yahshua's only mission was to be a sin sacrifice to pay the penalty of our sins, if that was His only mission, He wouldn't have had to live some 33 odd years in the flesh. We see that basically you can read one or two chapters of your Bible of Yahshua's passion of going through His suffering and His death and His resurrection, and that would be it.

So, if that's the case, why then did He live in an earthly body for virtually 33 years? Because His goal on the earth was not simply in coming and dying for the penalty of our sins. He actually had several goals. Paying the penalty of the sins was the first one, taking on the sin of the world and those that would believe in Him. He is the life and the resurrection. But also, He also had a goal that He had to set leadership. So that's why He had about a two-year ministry, because He had to train those leaders that He had there.

But the reason why He stayed in a human body for some odd 32-33 years was because He wants to know how we feel as humans. As an eternal being that is made of spirit, which we don't understand because we're not spirit, that would never have a beginning, never have an end, never feel hunger, never feel suffering, never feel pain, when we're praying to Him, how could He feel empathy for us if He never experienced that?

So, He literally ... Can you imagine? That the almighty, eternal Creator of the universe, ... It tells us that in Colossians, *everything was made by Him and for Him and everything that's here exists through Him*. Whether it's the trees of the wood that we make our tables and chairs out of, or it's the planets and the Mazzaroth in the sky, every single thing exists through Him ... that He would put all of His divinity to the side and literally come for nine months in the womb of a woman, have a virgin birth (a birth of a woman that never knew relations with a man), go through years as a baby, pooping His diaper, having a mother have to take care of Him, and go through that; go through the life cycle of having to grow up as a child—He wasn't all-knowing at two or three years old—have to go through as He's learning to be a **tekton, a builder**, that as He's learning He would hit His finger with a hammer and it would hurt, just like it would be with us; that **He went through every single thing in life, including despair, discouragement, disloyalty, everything, so that when we go to Him and we pray, He knows exactly how we're feeling**. And that's what it says here in Hebrews. Hebrews 2 and verse 14.

Hebrews 2:14-18 *Since, then, the children have partaken of flesh and blood, in like manner He Himself also shared the same things, that through death He might cause to cease the one having the power of death, that is, the devil; and might release him, who, through fear of death, are all their lives subject to bondage. For He did not take on the likeness of cherubs, "but He takes on Him the seed of Abraham." Therefore it was right, that He should in every manner resemble His brethren; that He might be merciful, and a High Priest faithful in the things of Elohim, and might make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For since He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to help others who are tempted.*

Wow! So, that says something. You're talking about the ... Like it talks about in Philippians, that because of what Yahshua did, that Yahweh the Father said that *His name will be exalted above every name in the world, and at the name of Yahshua, every knee of a human being will bow and confess that He's the Messiah and the Son of Elohim*.

And somebody with this kind of greatness, this eternal being, to do the sacrifice that He did and to dwell in a human tabernacle, which again shows us, why are we in this tabernacle? Because it's a temporary life. The same way as the Israelites were 40 years dwelling in tents, in tabernacles, we dwell in this body temporarily; and our hope is not in this life or in this body, but our hope is in the resurrection. We're going to talk about that during the Feast of Pesach, but that is our hope.

Luke 22 and verse 54 ... Luke 22 and verse 54. And then Yahshua chose 12 apostles and He nurtured them. He went with them. He lived with them. He did ministry with them. And like He said, they became His friends, the people that He was setting up to administer and run the New Testament congregation. And let's look what happens here. Luke 22 and verse 54.

Luke 22:54 *And laying hold of Him, they led Him away ... Yahshua ... and led Him into the house of the high priest ... Like I said, Yahweh willing, we'll be there during this week ... And Peter followed at a distance.*

Comment: So, this is after He's taken in the Garden of Gethsemane. It says that everybody fled, and now they have Him. They're scourging Him.

Luke 22:55-61a *And lighting a fire in the middle of the courtyard, they're sitting down, Peter sat in their midst ... And that courtyard is still there today. We'll see it ... And a certain female slave seeing him sitting near the light, ... talking about Peter ... and looking intently at him, she said, And this one was with Him. But he denied Him, saying, Woman, I do not know Him. And after a while, another seeing him said, You also are one of them. But Peter said, Man, I am not. And about an hour intervening, a certain other one boldly charged, saying, Truly this one was with Him, for he is a Galilean. And Peter said, Man, I do not know what you say. And immediately, while he yet spoke, the cock crowed. And turning, Yahshua looked at Peter.*

Comment: Yahshua just happened to be being taken out of there at the same time that Peter is denying Him for the third time. And he looks and he sees Yahshua looking right in his eyes.

Luke 22:61-62 *And turning, Yahshua looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the words of our Master, how He told him, Before a cock would crow, you would deny Me three times. And going outside, Peter wept bitterly.*

So, wow! Yahshua went through this. He went through rejection. He went through disloyalty. He went through everything that we go through in our life because, being a High Priest there, that He would see what we're going through. So, we never want to forget that. And **we want to think about that as we're taking the Passover. We want to think about what He went through, what He suffered, and not just physically the beating, but mentally, mentally how to be there.** Can you imagine? To be with Yahshua Himself, to see the miracles that He did, to walk with Him, and just a few hours before this Peter is saying, "I'll die for You!"

And how many times do we also deny Yahshua? How many times do we deny Him in our life? When you know that something's wrong, when you're going to your relative's house on Christmas day and sitting there during a pagan celebration, you're denying Yahshua. When you're trying to maybe make people at work, you don't want them to know that you're a believer, you don't want them to know maybe that you don't eat certain foods, you're denying Him. Any time there's anything from His Word or anything from our belief system that we're trying to hide from others, we're denying Him.

And remember, in the end, Yahshua says, *if you deny Me, I'll deny you. Many will say to Me in that day, Master, Master, and I'll say, I never knew you.* So, this is the time of year that we really want to look deep in our hearts and see, where are we denying Him? Even when we put something before His Kingdom, worldly education, a job, family members, whatever it is that we're putting before the work of Yahweh, we're denying Him. We're denying Him when we do these things.

So, let's get into now the purpose for the Messiah coming. Matthew 15 and verse 24. Because, ultimately, the Messiah's purpose is to redeem all mankind back to the Father from the Garden of Eden, from Adam. But right now, Yahshua has a specific purpose. Because Yahweh looked for one man, right? When we look at the days of Noah and the things that went on before the flood, a horrible time, and what did Yahweh do? He found one man Noah, who was a man of righteousness, perfect in his generations.

And then from Noah, we know that Abraham comes from his line. And He makes covenant with Abraham. And He tells Abraham it's through his seed that the Messiah would come and that He would work through Him. And

Abraham has Isaac, and Isaac has Jacob, and then the 12 tribes of Israel. And those are the people that Yahweh is working with. **That's the only covenant we see in the Bible today is through Israel.**

There is no covenant to the Asian people, or the South American people, or the American Indians, or the Eskimos, or anybody else. There is no covenant. Now anybody of those races or creeds can join the house of Israel. But in the Millennium Yahshua will make covenant with every person on earth. But right now, we see this when He came, Matthew 15 and verse 24, when the Syrian woman is asking Him to heal the daughter.

Matthew 15:24 *But He answers and said to her, Have I not been sent except to the sheep which went astray from the house of Israel?*

So, this is what Yahshua's message was. He came to the 12 tribes of Israel. We know from **John 1**, *He came to His own*, who was Judah. He was from Judah, the house of Judah. His own rejected Him. So, what did He do? He didn't go out to the Gentiles. You don't find that. The New Covenant is still with the house of Israel. He went out to the tribes. And that's where basically He sent the apostles to the east, to Babylon. And as far as we know the Apostle Thomas, he went to India, Armenia, all these areas there. To where? The Caucasus countries where the lost tribes of Israel were at that time.

And the Apostle Paul He sent out to who? To kings, to nations, and to the sons of Israel. And then since Paul was in the Gentile areas, same with the apostles, anybody who was not an Israelite could have come and heard the message and joined the house of Israel. So, I'm not trying to say that only Israelites can be saved in the New Covenant. Of course not.

But what I'm saying is this was His focus. When Yahshua came to earth, He came where? Here to the land of Israel. We walked on roads that He would have walked on yesterday. We were in Nazareth where He lived most of His life. We're going up to Jerusalem tomorrow where He spent His last day on earth and where He was impaled on the tree. So, Yahshua came to the tribes of Israel. Exodus 24 and verse 3.

Exodus 24:3, 7-8 *And Moses came and told all the words of YAHWEH to the people, and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, We will do all the Words which YAHWEH had spoken ... Drop down to verse 7 ... And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the ears of the people. And they said, We will do all that YAHWEH has spoken, and we will hear. And Moses took the blood and sprinkled on the people, ... Remember, **no covenant is set without the shedding of blood** ... and said, Behold, the blood of the covenant which YAHWEH has cut with you concerning these words.*

So, Yahweh cuts the covenant with the house of Israel. And once a covenant is set now it can't be changed. Right? Just like it talks about in Hebrew, once that thing is set there. To the Gentile nations of the world, Yahweh has no covenant. So, in the White Throne resurrection He can have more mercy on them because there's nothing ... there's nothing that's etched in stone that says what agreement they made with Yahweh. They never did. So, Yahweh can judge more on the heart.

But to Israel, no, it's not like that. Israel entered the covenant that they could not keep. We'll go to that in Joshua. And that's why, actually, Joshua encouraged the people, "Don't do this. You're going to enter this covenant, you're not going to be able to keep it, and then you're going to be done." It was a covenant of cause and effect, and they couldn't keep it. Joshua 24 and verse 15.

Joshua 24:15-17 *And if it seems evil in your eyes to serve YAHWEH, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve, whether the gods whom your fathers served Beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land*

you are living. But as for me and my house, we will serve YAHWEH ... This is Yahoshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, speaking ... And the people replied and said, Far be it from us to forsake YAHWEH, to serve other elohim. For YAHWEH our Elohim is He who brought us and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slaves, and who has done these great signs before our eyes, and has preserved us in the way in which we have gone, and among all the people through whom we have passed.

Joshua 24:18-20 *And YAHWEH has cast out all the people, even the Amorite inhabiting the land before us. We also, we will serve YAHWEH, for They are a holy Elohim ... And it's interesting that's in the plural. The pronoun there, **They** are a holy Elohim ... And Yahoshua said to the people, You cannot serve YAHWEH, for They are a holy Elohim; He is a jealous El. He will not lift up from you your transgressions or your sins. When you forsake YAHWEH, and shall serve strange gods then He will turn away and do evil to you, and consume you, after He has done good to you.*

Joshua 24:21-24 *And the people said to Yahoshua, No, but we will serve YAHWEH. And Yahoshua said to the people, You are witnesses against yourselves, that you have chosen YAHWEH for yourselves, to serve [Him] (for they said, We are witnesses). And now turn away from the strange gods among you, and incline your heart to YAHWEH the Elohim of Israel. And the people said to Yahoshua, We will serve YAHWEH our Elohim, and we will listen to His voice.*

Joshua 24:25-27 *And Yahoshua cut a covenant with the people on that day, and laid on them a law and a statute in Shechem. And Yahoshua wrote these words in the book of the Torah of Elohim, and took a great stone and raised it up there under the oak by the sanctuary of YAHWEH. And Yahoshua said to all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has heard all the sayings of YAHWEH which He has spoken with us. And it shall be against you as a witness, that you not lie against your Elohim.*

So, we see very clear that these people ... You can't ... Without the Holy Spirit you can't enter covenant with Yahweh. With Abraham, Abraham was a little smarter than that. Because when Abraham cut the covenant with Yahweh, we know that it was not Abraham who walked through the pieces, which is part of the blood covenant ceremony, but it was Yahweh and Yahshua who walked through the pieces. And Abraham just followed on the back of Yahshua, the way we are. The New Covenant is made with the Father and the Son. It's not made with us. And we are entering the New Covenant by the blood of the Son. That's what we're doing. Deuteronomy 27:26 ... Deuteronomy 27:26 says:

Deuteronomy 27:26 *Cursed be he who does not carry out **all** the Words of this Torah to do them. And the people shall say, Amen!*

The problem is you can't carry out all the words of the Torah. That's why no one is justified by the Torah. Not that there's anything wrong with the Torah; nobody can keep it perfect. And if you sin, then you're going to die. Jeremiah 31:31 ... Jeremiah 31:31, the New Covenant.

Jeremiah 31:31-32 *Behold, the days come, says YAHWEH, that I will cut a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not according to the covenant that I cut with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt (which covenant of Mine they broke, although I was to be a husband to them, says YAHWEH).*

Jeremiah 31:33-34 *But this shall be the covenant that I will cut with the house of Israel: After those days, declares YAHWEH, I will put My Torah in their inward parts, and I will write it on their heart; and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people. And they shall no longer each man teach his neighbor, and each man his brother, saying,*

Know YAHWEH. For they shall all know Me, from the least of them even to the greatest of them, declares YAHWEH. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sins no more.

So, this is the difference between the First Covenant and the New Covenant. In the First Covenant, it was cause and effect. There was no forgiveness. There was forgiveness of incidental sins, but there was also capital punishment. When you look at sins like murder, you look at sins like idolatry, adultery, blasphemy, it was death. There was no forgiveness for those sins.

And we know that when Yahshua came, in the New Covenant, what did He say? *The Torah says, you shall not commit murder; I say if you've ever gotten angry, you commit murder. The Torah says you shall not commit adultery; I say if you've ever thought a lustful thought, you've committed adultery.* So, by magnifying the Torah, He shows that every one of us is a sinner, according to the Torah, because sin starts in the mind.

So, where does that leave us? It leaves us in a state, like Paul says in **Romans 7**, *I don't do the things I want to do; I do the things I don't want to do. Who will save me from this wretched body?* And what does He say? **Praise Yahweh for Yahshua Messiah our Master. He's the One that saves us when we surrender to Him.**

Zechariah 11 and verse 7 ... Zechariah 11, verse 7. There's actually a prophecy of the Messiah fulfilling the First Covenant. Zechariah 11 and verse 7. It says:

Zechariah 11:7-8 *And I fed the flock of slaughter, the truly poor of the flock. And I took two staves for Myself: the one I called Grace, the other I called Union. And I fed the flock. I also cut off three shepherds in one month. And My soul was impatient with them, and their soul also detested Me.*

Comment: So, we see the two staves are like the two covenants: The one the Union, the First Covenant with Israel and Judah. The second one is the Covenant of Grace, the staff of Grace.

Zechariah 11:9-11 *Then I said, I will not feed you; that which dies, let it die; and that which is to be cut off, let it be cut off. And let the ones remaining, each woman, eat the flesh of her neighbor. And I took My staff Grace and broke it apart, to break My covenant which I had cut with all the people. And it was broken in that day, and so the poor of the flock who were watching Me knew that it was the Word of YAHWEH.*

Comment: So, in reality, the Messiah coming to the earth literally separated the covenant of Judah and Ephraim. It separated it. By fulfilling the First Covenant and Judah not entering the New Covenant, He literally separated the brotherhood that they had. It wasn't separated before that. They might have been in Diaspora, but there's nothing that separated their brotherhood until this time.

Zechariah 11:12 *And He said to them, If it is good in your eyes, give My price; and if not, let it go. And they weighed My price, thirty pieces of silver.*

Comment: Amazingly enough, it's exactly the amount of money that the Sanhedrin and the high priests gave to Judas to give over Yahshua to the people. Why 30 pieces of silver? Because the Torah says that if you accidentally kill your slave, that that's how much you have to pay. So, it's like the lowest form of life. You can't get lower than 30 pieces of silver. And it's showing that Yahshua did not come for just the kings and the most powerful people, but He came to pay the penalty for the lowest ones, for the slaves. Like He said, He did not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.

And interesting enough, when Judas gets that money for giving Yahshua up, where does the money come from? It comes from the temple sacrifices. So, we know that there is a place called the Chamber of Hewn Stones, that was a room that was on the side of the Temple where the Sanhedrin used to meet. We know that after they met to condemn Yahshua, they never met there again. Because the Talmud tells us that that place was destroyed, probably by the earthquake at Yahshua's death. And that was the last decision that Yahweh allowed them to make. And literally, the very money that would go for the animal sacrifices was the very money that paid for Yahshua to die.

The other interesting thing is, when you see where Yahshua was crucified, He's crucified across the Kidron Valley on the Mount of Olives. And what else is important about there? The third altar is there. There's one altar of sacrifice outside the Temple, or the Sanctuary. There's a second altar before the Holy of Holies, where they burn incense to Yahweh. And then there's a third altar across the Kidron Valley called the Miphkad altar, or the Place of Appointment. And that was, they called, a clean place.

So, every single sacrifice that was ever done from the first day that Solomon started that Sanctuary until the day the Temple was destroyed, the ashes were brought to this place. So, as Yahshua is being sacrificed, every ash of every sin sacrifice is right at His feet. Amazing that they didn't even realize it, that this is happening this way. But this is what Yahweh said.

Zechariah 11:13 *And YAHWEH said to Me, Throw it to the potter, the splendid price at which I was valued by them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw it to the potter in the house of YAHWEH.*

Comment: Exactly what Judas did. And literally, what did they do? They used that money to buy a place they called potter's field for the people that died that didn't have anywhere to be buried, exactly to this scripture.

Zechariah 11:14 *Then I broke apart My second staff Union, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.*

And this is what happened. By Yahshua fulfilling the First Covenant, exactly according to this scripture, it literally broke the brotherhood between Judah and Ephraim. And that brotherhood is still broken today. And this is part of the restoration work from Israel. It's in Yahweh's timing when He's going to bring us back as a people, but the fact that our ministry has been here for 20 years doing this, wow, is a testimony to what Yahweh is doing as part of that restoration work. And that restoration work is not for us to go out and convert our brother Judah. Whatever dealings Yahshua has to do with him, that's up to Yahshua.

And it's very interesting because when Yahshua was resurrected and Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and they looked inside the tomb and Yahshua was gone, what was there? You saw the grave cloth, right? And where His head was wrapped, there were two different cloths, and it was folded and put in a corner. So, the first thing you think, if someone was a grave robber, number one, they wouldn't be folding up the head cloth. Why would they do that? And they certainly wouldn't take all the cloths off of the dead body. They wouldn't be doing that. So, He certainly wasn't stolen.

But the reason why that is, is because there's an ancient Jewish custom that they used that if you went to a house of a friend or a relative, and you were offended, it's something that was done, then before you leave, you take your napkin, you fold it exactly like it was when you came, and they know that we have business to deal with. There's unfinished business here. And then they know you're offended. And somewhere down the line you're going to work that out. And it's an Aramaic idiom. By the Good News saying that the napkin, the head

cloth and the napkin, was folded that way that Yahshua's not done with Judah yet. He's telling them, "We have more business to do."

And this is the time we're living in. We're living in this restoration period, but it hasn't happened yet. But we're literally living in the time where it is starting to happen. And I can tell you, even in just the 20 years of doing ministry here, that when we first came to the point where neighbors, that were our neighbors for years, that wouldn't even say hello to us. Petra can tell you. Every day we'd come down, "Boker Tov," and every day they'd ignore us, until the war in 2006.

And when the war happened, the Lebanese war, we were in United States. We immediately got our ticket to come back. And our neighbors, half of our kibbutz, had left. They went to the south. And the neighbors wondered, "What are you doing here? Don't you know there's war?" And we said, "Yeah, we know there's war. That's why we're here."

And I said to the one man at the airport that was in security ... Because it was so bad, there wasn't even security opened. They had to take us underneath in a parking lot to go through security, because there was no security. And the guy's saying, "What are you doing here? Don't you know there's war?" And I said, "Look." I said, "If I can come and stand by you in a time of war, I want to come back and have a glass of wine with you in a time of peace." And the man smiled. And ever since then, he always helped us when we came in. He knew us, Moshe, from that time point.

But this is the point of it. That we're seeing a change. Because from that time where our neighbors wouldn't even talk to us, after that they invited us to have the Pesach seder with them. They would want us to come for coffee. I mean, some of them told us, "You're like our family." We have seen a change in the last 10 years. Maybe Ephraim isn't back in the Land yet, but we're seeing first that has to happen is, before Ephraim can come back, there has to be two things.

There has to be a softening to the heart of Judah to accept us, or we'll have civil war again, like in the Bible. And also, Ephraim has to repent. Ephraim can't come in here with his chest out, waving their flags and saying, "I'm an Israelite too. This is part of my land." No way. There has to be a great repentance on the side of Ephraim, and there has to be a softening on the heart of Judah. And I'm seeing both of them. I'm seeing both of those things happening, and it's showing us we're getting close to that time.

But literally, the Messiah's sacrifice is what separated the brotherhood. And that's part of His job. It's not just Messiah is a Redeemer, right? He forgives our sins. He's a Redeemer, but he's also a Restorer. He's also a Restorer and a Reuniter. He's coming to reunite the two houses together. Zechariah 13:6 and 7. Just a page over. One scripture that's interesting, and it says:

Zechariah 13:6-7a *And one shall say to Him, What are the wounds between Your hands? ... Right? Where was He crucified? On the wrists. The wrists are part of the hands ... Then He will answer, Those with which I was struck in the house of those who love Me. O sword, awake against My Shepherd, and against the Mighty Warrior ... El Gibbor, a term that's only used for Elohim ... who is My Associate, says YAHWEH of Hosts.*

Comment: So here it is, the Messiah is called the Associate, the partner, the equal of Yahweh. He has to be eternal. If not, this would be idolatry.

Zechariah 13:7b *Strike the Shepherd and the sheep will be scattered. And I will turn My hand on the little ones.*

Exactly what happened when Yahshua was taken in the Garden of Gethsemane. Isaiah 59:16 and 17. Because only the Messiah, only Yahshua could pay this penalty. It wasn't just anybody. Today, there's a man, he's part of an organization called the Temple Mount Faithful, that they're trying to rebuild the Temple Mount. He's a friend of mine. His name is Gershon Salomon. We used to go with their group. They used to march to the Temple Mount, and they want to put the cornerstone there.

But one time he was talking with our group, and he made a comment that he said, "The Messiah is going to return with a tank on the Temple Mount," and everybody laughed. But he wasn't making a joke. He said, "Why are you laughing?" Because that's what they believe. They believe He's going to be a man like David, and now He's not going to come walking like David walked, He's going to come and be a general in the army, and literally He'll have a tank, and He's going to overtake the Temple Mount. So, he couldn't understand why people are laughing. They're laughing because we know Yahshua is the Messiah, and Yahshua is not returning on an Israeli tank. But he didn't understand that.

But that's why, like I said over here, He's the Mighty Warrior. Only He could do it. A human being cannot do this because a human being may be able to beat the Arabs, or maybe not, but a human being certainly can't pay the penalty for your sins. **Ezekiel 14:14**, right? *If Noah, Job, and Daniel stood before Me, they would only pay for their own sins. Because eye for eye, tooth for tooth, life for life.* So even if I never sinned my whole life, that would only equal my life. I can't pay for your life, or your life, or your life. **Only the eternal Creator, who never had a beginning, never had an end, who created everything, that His life is worth more than all of our lives collectively, can He pay the penalty.** Isaiah 59:16.

Isaiah 59:16-17 *And He saw that there was no man, ... Right? It's like I said ... and He ... Yahweh ... was astounded that there was no intercessor. And His own right arm saved for Him; ... The right arm of Yahweh is Yahshua ... and His righteousness sustained Him. For He put on righteousness like armor, and a helmet of Y'shua He put on His head. And He put on robes of vengeance as clothing; and He put on zeal like a mantle.*

Wow! Only Yahshua could do this. And that's why the supremacy of the Messiah; only He could pay that penalty. Galatians 3 and verse 10 ... Galatians 3 and verse 10.

Galatians 3:10 *For those who rely on the works of the law are still under the curse, for it is written, cursed is everyone who does not practice everything which is written in the book of the Torah.*

Comment: Just like we read in **Deuteronomy 27:26**. And very interesting, from the Dead Sea Scrolls we know that they refer this exact same term, which the Dead Sea Scrolls was written the same time that the New Testament has been there, the first century. And **the works of the law literally are the animal sacrifices.**

So, this is the question when we're looking in Romans and Galatians and whatnot. Paul is not saying whether Yahshua is the Messiah or not. Paul is not saying whether you have to keep the Torah or not keep the Torah. You'll never see that as the argument. The argument is: **Are we saved by grace alone, or do we also need the works of the law, the animal sacrifices?**

Because, remember, the Temple is still standing. And sometimes we're so shortsighted. In our day and age, people they'll sit here and they'll argue over anything and split hairs on anything for years, and years, and years, and years, and years. And yet it's so hard for people to see that in the first century after Yahshua's resurrection, and the Temple is still standing, that it would be a major issue whether you still have to do an animal sacrifice.

People think, “Oh, no, no, I would immediately see that. That yeah, once Yahshua died, why would I do a sacrifice?” Well, because the sacrificial system is going on since the time of Solomon, and there's nothing that ever said that it ended, and they didn't even understand it. So, of course, that would be a big issue, until the Temple was destroyed. Once the Temple is destroyed, then they understand it.

But remember, even when the book of Hebrews is being written, the Temple is still standing. Hebrews is written in 62-64. So, it's before that. So, this is what the problem is, whether it's grace alone, or it's grace with the animal sacrifices. And it becomes a big issue and a valid issue, for that matter. Drop down to verse 11.

Galatians 3:11 *And that no one is justified by the Torah before YAHWEH is evident because, “The righteous will live by faith.”*

Comment: So again, why can the Torah not justify you? Not anything wrong with the Torah. Because every one of us has broken the Torah. So, how can you ask for justification in something that you violate? And I say, it's like a prisoner going before the judge. And he says, “Okay,” to his lawyer, “I have the best defense we have.” “Okay, what's the defense?” “I'm guilty. Yeah, I killed the guy. So, let me go before the judge and say, ‘Yes, I killed him. Set me free.’” And they're going to put him in an insane asylum maybe, right? But you can't—you can't go to Yahweh and ask for justification by something that you violated.

So, of course, it's not anything ... People use that scripture to try to say, “You see, the Torah is done away with.” It's like, no, that's not saying the Torah is done away with. It's saying **we cannot be justified, we cannot be made right before Yahweh by the Torah, because we violated it.** Of course, we can't. How can you ask for justification through something you didn't do? It's that simple. Drop down to verse 13.

Galatians 3:13-14 *Messiah redeemed us from the curse of the Torah, ... And the curse is only for disobedience. There's no curses for obedience ... having become a curse for us; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone having been hung on a tree;” that the blessing of Abraham might come on the nations through Messiah Yahshua, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*

Comment: And it does take faith. It takes faith for us to believe. Because Yahweh's Word is very clear that it tells us it, but faith is simply belief. So, **you have to believe that Yahshua's sacrifice was done on your behalf.** And that's why I say to people sometimes when they have guilt, and they say, “Well, I know Yahshua died for me, but I still feel guilty.” And I say, “You are putting your sin above His sacrifice.” “Oh, no, no, no, I'm not doing that.” And I say, “Yes, that's exactly what you're doing.”

Because if you're living in guilt, “I know He can forgive Tom and Bill and Johnny, but He can't forgive me. I'm this, I did that.” No, He can forgive any sin. And if you're living in guilt after you accepted His sacrifice, you're putting your sin above His sacrifice. Because He came to die not for righteous, He came to die for sinners. So, it doesn't matter if you were a murderer or a prostitute, or whatever you were in the past, what matters is if in faith you really believe that, then your sins are forgiven. It's that simple. So, His suffering we don't want for nothing. He did that, He willingly did that, so our sins could be forgiven. Drop down to verse 21.

Galatians 3:21 *Then is the (Levitical) Law against the promises of YAHWEH? Elohim forbid! For if a law had been given which had been able to make alive, indeed righteousness would have come out of the Law.*

So, the Levitical sacrificial system is not against the promises of Yahweh, it's in conjunction with it. Yahweh is the One that instituted the Levitical Law. He did it as a sign to bring us to the reality of Melchizedek priesthood. So, they don't contradict each other. And sometimes people are amazed when they hear there's going to be animal

sacrifices in the Millennium. Well, why? Why are you so amazed at that? The Levitical system is not against the promises of Yahweh.

And all of these millions of Israelites that all died without receiving the promises, they died under a death penalty in the First Covenant, how are they going to get eternal life unless Yahweh raises them up where they're at and allows them to come into the New Covenant? It's that simple. Yahweh can't just violate ... It's not the false New Testament grace of, "Ah, He could just forgive them." No, of course not. *Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, life for life.*

And if Yahweh says to you, "You do this, this is going to happen," and you do it, then whatever He said is going to happen. And that's why Joshua said, "Don't do it. Don't enter this covenant. You're not going to keep it, and Yahweh has to keep His Word, though." And that's exactly what happened. And that's why there was not one person who received eternal life in the First Covenant, not one. If you look at people like Abraham and David and Enoch, they're New Covenant believers. They're part of the chapter in Hebrews, **Hebrews 11**, of the fathers of the faithful. But they're not receiving their eternal life by the First Covenant, because nobody has.

So, that's what it's saying. It's not that the First Covenant was against the promises of Yahweh. It was merely there, the Levitical system, to bring the people to Yahshua. It was a tool. That was all. It was a tool. It was a shadow. But now that shadow has been fulfilled. Hebrews 9 and verse 15 ... Hebrews 9 and verse 15. It says:

Hebrews 9:15-18 *And for this reason He ... Yahshua ... became the Mediator of the New Covenant, that He might by His death be redemption, to them who had transgressed the first covenant; so that they, who are called to the eternal inheritance, might receive the promise ... Right? Because they didn't have it in the first one ... For where there is a testament, it shows the death of him who made it. For a covenant is affirmed over those dead, since it never has force when he who has made it is living. For this reason not even the first covenant was confirmed without blood.*

Hebrews 9:19-22 *For when the whole ordinance had been compounded [should be propounded] by Moses to the people, according to the Torah; Moses took the blood of a heifer, and water, and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled upon the scrolls and upon all the people; ... We read that ... saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which is ordained for you by YAHWEH." With that blood he also sprinkled upon the tabernacle, and upon all the vessels of service: And almost all things are purified by blood according to the Torah; and apart from the shedding of blood no remission occurs.*

We read that in **Leviticus 17:11**.

Hebrews 9:23-25 *Then it was needful for the patterns of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these; but the heavenly things themselves by better sacrifices of these. For Messiah did not enter into the Holy of Holies made by hands, which is a symbol of the true one, but into Heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of YAHWEH on our behalf, not that He should often offer Himself even as the high priest enters into the Holy of Holies year by year with blood of others;*

Hebrews 9:26-27 *otherwise He would have been obliged to have suffered many times from the foundation of the world. But now once for all, at the completion of the ages, He did offer Himself to abolish sin. And as it is reserved to men once to die, and then after this, Judgment; so Messiah having been once offered "to bear the sins of many," Messiah will appear a second time without our sins for the salvation of those who are waiting for Him.*

Comment: So, the first time Yahshua comes, they're looking for the Lion of Judah, and the Lamb of Yahweh comes. Now, the Lion of Judah is getting ready to come, and they're looking for the Lamb of Yahweh. It's very simple.

But the New Covenant we are not under the penalty of the Old Covenant. *I will forgive your sins; I will remember them no more.* That's the New Covenant. So, this is where they didn't have that in the first, and they're going to have to have opportunity. We'll talk about that when we talk about the resurrection during Pesach week. Hebrews 10.

Hebrews 10:1-5 *For the (Levitical) Law had in it a shadow of good things to come, but not the substance of those things themselves. Appearing year by year with the same sacrifices, which they offer continually, they never are able to perfect those who offered them. Otherwise, if they had once been perfected they would have ceased to be offered. For from henceforth, their minds would [not] have driven them into the sins from which they had once been cleansed. But in those sacrifices they remembered their sins year by year, for it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away (the penalty of) sins. For this reason, coming into the world, He says, "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but You prepared a body for Me.*

Comment: Wow! One of the most powerful Messianic scriptures you have in the Bible. And it's the reason why the Masoretic text changed this to "You have opened up My ears," instead of *You have prepared a body for Me*, which is in both the Dead Sea Scrolls and in the Septuagint. So, the Messiah is literally saying that Yahweh is preparing a body for Him to be a sacrifice.

Hebrews 10:5-9 *For this reason, coming into the world, He says, "Sacrifice and offerings You did not desire, but You prepared a body for Me. You did not delight in burnt offering and sin offerings." "Then I said, Lo, I come, as it is written to Me in the beginning of the Book I delight to do Your will, O Elohim." Above, when He said, "You did not desire nor were pleased with sacrifices and offering and burnt offerings and sacrifices concerning sins," which are offered according to the Levitical Law, then He said, "Lo, I come to do Your will, O Elohim." He takes away the first in order that He may set up the second;*

Comment: There are two covenants, a first and a second. It's not a renewed covenant; it's a New Covenant.

Hebrews 10:10-15a *by which we will be sanctified through the offering of the body of Yahshua once and for all. And indeed every priest stands day by day ministering, and often offering the same sacrifices, which can never take away (the penalty of) sins. But He, offering but one sacrifice for sins, "sat down" in perpetuity "at the right hand" of the Father, from then on expecting "until His enemies are placed as footstools" for His feet. For by one offering He has perfected in perpetuity the ones being sanctified. And the Holy Spirit witnesses before us.*

And I think I'll stop there. So, **His sacrifice is in perpetuity**. So, that's why at Passover we don't have to kill a lamb every Passover, because you would be doing a second sacrifice. The Lamb says take one lamb per house, and we already have that. Yahshua's sacrifice is one that is ongoing. It's in perpetuity that we use Yahshua's sacrifice.

And **Hebrews 8 and verse 6** talks about *it's a better covenant built on better promises*. The First Covenant was cause and effect. If you do these things, you'll die. The Second Covenant is *I will be your Elohim, and you will be My people; and I'll remember your sins no more*. So, which covenant do you want to belong to?

That's why I say, sometimes new believers think they need to be circumcised. And I say, no way. Circumcision was only a law in the First Covenant for children that are eight days old, as a sign of being an Israelite. But it was not a law of the covenant; it was a **sign** of the covenant. **The sign of the New Covenant, clearly, is baptism.** It's

not circumcision. So, an adult that's coming into the New Covenant that's never been circumcised would not be required in the New Covenant to be circumcised. In the Old Covenant, or the First Covenant, yes.

That's why I say if you want to join the First Covenant that has no forgiveness of sins, by all means, get yourself circumcised because you'll be shedding your own blood. But if you want to come under the covenant of the Messiah, under His blood, then we're buried with Him at baptism. Let's go there, Colossians 2 and verse 11, and we'll see that. Colossians 2 and verse 11. It says:

Colossians 2:11-14 *in whom also you were circumcised with a circumcision not made by hands, in the putting off of the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Messiah, ... So, we're circumcising our sins away from us, not our foreskin ... being buried with Him in baptism, and by Him you were raised with Him for you **believed** in the power of YAHWEH, who raised Him from the dead ... Again, faith ... And you, who were once dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has granted to live with Him, having forgiven all your sins, and, by His mandates, He canceled the legal contract of our sins, which existed against us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to the torture stake.*

And this is one if not the most misunderstood scripture by Christians thinking this is saying the law is nailed to the cross. That's where the term comes from. But nowhere in here does it ever talk about the Torah being nailed to a cross, a tree, a torture stake, or anything else. It literally, simply says that *by the mandate of Yahweh, He canceled our legal contract*, right? Because we have a legal contract with Yahweh. And each of us has violated that contract, *the contract of our sins which existed against us*, and He took that—*He took the contract of our sins out of the way*.

Again, this is a Aramaic idiom. What is he talking about? When somebody in the first century would be crucified, they would put whatever he did wrong, “This is Joe the robber,” “This is Bill the thief,” and they would write it above the person on a plaque so that everybody that would come by ... They would also crucify the person on a public road so everybody could see it ... and then everybody would see the shame of this person being crucified. Number one, they'd strip you of clothes, sometimes completely, sometimes just with a little cloth around your midsection. But they wanted you to be shamed. They wanted people to see it, and that everyone would see above you what you did.

On Yahshua's tree of crucifixion, the crossbeam was written, “Here is Yahshua, King of the Jews.” And when you look at the words in the Hebrew it literally would spell yod, heh, vav, heh ... yod, heh, vav, heh. And that's the reason why the Jews were angry and said to Pilate, “Take it down, take it down.” And he said, “What's written is written.” Because that's what they would have saw, the name of Yahweh within His crime or so-called crime.

John 6 and verse 51 ... John the 6th chapter, verse 51. And this is why if when we're baptized, and our sins, whatever it is we violated against Yahweh, we are putting on His tree of crucifixion with Him, because Yahshua did no sin. Remember, *Him without sin became sin*. We read that in **2nd Corinthians 5:21**. So, **it's not Yahshua's sins. He didn't do any sin. It's all of our sins that are up there on His crossbeam that are there with that.**

So, this is why every year at Passover you have to ... **It's a yearly contract, and you have to renew your contract every Passover**. If you made covenant with Yahweh and you've been baptized correctly and you had a proper elder lay hands on you for the receiving of the Holy Spirit, you're in covenant relationship. But it only lasts until the next Passover. Every Passover we have to renew it. And that's why it says in **Exodus 13:10**, *you are to keep the Passover in its season from year to year*. That's our commandment. We have to do it. And of course, it makes sense that if you never entered covenant relationship, you wouldn't take the symbols of something that you never entered. But He says over here in John 6 and verse 51:

John 6:51-54 *I AM the Living Bread that came down from Heaven. If anyone eats of this Bread, ... He's talking about the Passover because the bread represents His body ... he will live forever. And indeed the bread which I give is My flesh, which I give for the life of the world. Then the Jews argued with one another, saying, How can this One give us His flesh to eat? Then Yahshua said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Except you eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. The one partaking of My flesh and drinking of My blood, ...*

Comment: That's why we take a tiny sip of the wine. We take the unleavened bread representing the bread and the wine. And He says, *except you eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink his blood, you have no life in yourselves.*

John 6:54-58 *The one partaking of My flesh and drinking of My blood has everlasting life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For My body is truly food, and My blood is truly drink. He who eats My body and drinks My blood abides in Me and I in him. Even as the living Father sent Me, and I live through the Father; also the one partaking Me, even that one will live through Me. This is the Bread which came down out of Heaven, not as your fathers ate the manna and died; the one partaking of this Bread will live forever.*

And they didn't understand this. You can imagine this, okay? First of all, if you lived in the first century, there's certain things that really would have to be of faith to believe in Yahshua. Because if you lived in the first century where you were a believer in the Ten Commandments and you knew that Yahweh was separated to everything, and you know the very first commandment said that *I am Yahweh your Elohim. You are to have no other elohim before Me*, and now a human being that you know where He comes from—He lives in Nazareth; He has parents, He has brothers and sisters—if He comes out and says not only He's the Messiah, but He comes from heaven (That's where He came from), don't tell me it would be that easy to believe it. It would be very difficult.

Now, maybe you see some of the miracles and maybe you're saying, “Wow! No, He is the Messiah!” And now He comes and He's telling you, *unless you eat My body and drink My blood, you have no part in Me*. Cannibalism. There's nothing worse in Scripture, in the Torah, than cannibalism. But they don't understand, He's not talking about cannibalism, He's talking about Passover.

And that's why sometimes when we don't understand something, it's not for us to quit. It's not for us to turn on whatever, or turn on Yahweh, or turn back from everything simply because we don't understand one aspect of something that Yahweh is saying. And I've seen people do it. I've seen people that will understand 99 things and now one little thing came up, like circumcision maybe. And simply because they can't understand it at that time, some of them turn back on everything.

And this is what happened. They turned back on Yahshua. And what did Yahshua say to the 12? *Are you going to turn back also?* And they said, *Master, where do we go? You have the words of eternal life.* And we really have to internalize this. Because right here, if you were living at that time and you were hearing Yahshua, you very well could have been one of those that misinterpreted it. And we have to make sure that we don't let that happen in our life. Verse 27. If you just go back a few verses here, He says:

John 6:27 *Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give to you; for YAHWEH the Father sealed this One.*

And that's literally *to put a mark of preservation*. So, what we see is the ones who are eating the body and drinking the blood of Messiah, symbolically, on the Passover are the ones that are going to be sealed by Yahweh.

They're the ones that are going to be preserved. They're going to be the firstfruits. And whether it's the ones who are going to be preserved at the very end, when we see in this world that there's going to be a time of tribulation, chaos, that the world has ever known, or if you're sleeping in the grave and you're going to be resurrected as a firstfruit at His coming, it's the preserved ones. 1st Corinthians 11:23 ... 1st Corinthians 11:23. He says:

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 *For I received from the Master that which I delivered to you, that the Master Yahshua Messiah in the night in which He was betrayed, He took bread; and giving thanks, He broke and said, take, this is My body which is broken on your behalf, do this in remembrance of Me. In the same way the cup also, after supping, saying, this is the cup in the New Covenant in My blood, each time you drink it, do this in remembrance of Me. For each time that you may eat this bread, and drink this cup, you solemnly commemorate the death of our Master, until His coming.*

So, this is where we are clearly told we are to commemorate His death every time ... And when was this? On the night He was betrayed. That was clearly the beginning of the 14th of the first month of Aviv. Because we know that the Passover was kept the beginning of the 14th. We know Yahshua was taken at midnight of the 14th. We know that He was crucified on the daylight portion of the 14th, and we know from Scripture at that next sunset would have been the beginning of the 15th and the Holy Day. So, the commandment is not to partake of the Passover on the 15th, on the Holy Day, but to clearly partake of the Passover at the changing from the 13th day of the month to the beginning of the 14th day of the month. Romans 5 and verse 6 ... Romans 5 and verse 6 says:

Romans 5:6-11 *for we yet being without strength, in due time Messiah died for unrighteous ones. For with difficulty one will die for a wicked one, and perhaps one even dares to die for the sake of a good one, but Elohim commends His love for us in that we yet being sinners, Messiah died for us. Much more then, being justified now by His blood, we shall be delivered from wrath through Him. For if while being enemies we were reconciled to Elohim through the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life; and not only so, but also glorying in YAHWEH through our Master Yahshua Messiah, through whom we now received the atonement.*

So, remember that; that **we are forgiven through His death, but we are saved through His life**. And that's why we only take the Passover once a year. There's some religions that take it every day. There's some religions take it every week. There's some religions, like Protestantism, will take it four times a year. All different things. But it's very clear, **you are to keep the Passover in its season from year to year**. It's a yearly memorial. Memorial is something you do once a year.

So, 364 days a year we are proclaiming the living Messiah. If you went out to share the Messiah, you're not going to say, "Well, there was this guy 2,000 years ago who's dead, but He was a really good guy. You need to believe in Him." No, we're sharing the living Messiah. We're saying that there was somebody who died, but now lives. He's resurrected. And you also can die, but also live.

So, 364 days a year we proclaim a living Messiah. But one day a year, on the 14th day of the first month, we remember the dying Messiah. Because if it wasn't for His death, we wouldn't be sitting here today. And that's why it's a very, very solemn ceremony. It's something that we think about what we're doing. When we're done, we don't fellowship. We just go home, go to sleep. But it's a very, very solemn time. But it's one day a year. That's all. Because we believe in a living Messiah, not a dead Messiah. Romans 12 ... Romans 12 says:

Romans 12:1-2 *Therefore, brethren, I call on you through the compassion of Elohim to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, pleasing to Elohim, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this age, but*

be transformed by the renewing of your mind, in order to prove by you what is the good and pleasing and perfect will of Elohim.

So, now ... *Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, life for life.* And Yahshua gave His life for us—Right? *He who was without sin became sin so we could be the righteousness of the Father*—so now that we can live for Him. And people are supposed to see the righteousness of the Torah through us. Because the Torah is not that easy to understand in the letter. But through the Holy Spirit, we should understand it in the spirit. And **people should be able to look at us and understand the Torah through us. They should be able to understand what a believer in Yahshua is. They should be able to understand how Yahshua's character is through our character.**

And unfortunately, many believers don't see this. They want to accept the sacrifice ... Almost like Israel in **Joshua 24**. They want it. “No, no, no, we want the blessing from Yahweh.” And what’s Joshua was saying to them? “No, you can't do this. You're not going to do it.” But yet today many people do the same thing. They get baptized. They accept the sacrifice of Yahshua. And then they don't live their life to Him. They live their life to themselves. And Yahshua, and the work of Yahweh, and serving other people, that all goes on the back burner. And **it's our responsibility before Yahshua and Yahweh that once we make that commitment that we give our life for His life, that people see Him living in us.** 1st Corinthians 6:19 and 20.

1 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 YAHWEH, and you are not of yourselves? You were bought with a price; then glorify YAHWEH in your body, and in your spirit, which belong to YAHWEH.*

So, we have to. We were bought with a price. We do not belong to ourself anymore. We have to mentally understand that we are slaves of Yahshua. And, yes, **we have responsibility in life**—responsibility to family, responsibility to work ... *He who doesn't work, doesn't eat* ... responsibility to whatever—**but we want to make sure that we understand that being a believer, being in covenant relationship, it's our vocation in life. It should be the first thing in our life, not the last thing in our life.** The tithe is the first 10% that you give. It's not the last 10% that you give. Luke 7 and verse 37. Be done in a little bit. Luke 7 and verse 37. It says:

Luke 7:37-38 *And, behold, a woman who was a sinner in the city, knowing that He ... Yahshua ... reclined in the Pharisee's house, taking an alabaster vial of ointment, and stood behind Him and was crying at His feet. And she began washing His feet with her tears and then wiping with the hair of her head. And she was kissing His feet and anointing Him with ointment.*

Luke 7:39-42 *And when the Pharisee who had invited Yahshua saw that, he reasoned within himself and said that if this Man was a prophet, He would realize who she is and what her reputation is. That woman, she is a sinner who has touched Him. And answering, Yahshua said to the man, Simon, I have a thing to say to you. And he said, speak, Rabbi. He said, There were two debtors to a certain creditor: one owed five hundred denarii and the other fifty. But because they did not have a thing to pay, he freely forgave them both. Then which of them do you say will love him the most?*

Luke 7:43-47 *And answering, Simon said, I suppose to the one he freely forgave the most. And He said to him, You have judged rightly. And turning to the woman, He said to Simon, Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give water for My feet, but she washed My feet with tears and wiped off with the hairs of her head. You gave no kiss, but she from when I entered did not stop fervently kissing My feet. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with the oil of incense. For I say to you, Because her sins that are forgiven her are many, she has loved much. But he that is forgiven little loves Him little.*

Very, very clear. Do you feel Yahshua's forgiveness in your life? And you know what? You don't have to say it. You have to show it, right? *Faith without deeds is dead*. And you can't stop it. If it's in your life, if you feel Yahweh's forgiveness in your life, and you just internalize every day of your life the blood of Yahshua and what He's did, it will show ... it will show. You won't have to try to convince anybody. Because what's going to show is you're going to have joy; you're going to serve people; you're going to have a love of Yahweh that everybody that meets you will see.

But he who feels little forgiveness has little love. And I say, unfortunately, probably half the people that wind up getting baptized have never repented. Repentance isn't saying "I'm sorry." Repentance is to the deepest part of your being is understanding that you have violated the way of Yahweh from beginning to end in your life. Your life is nothing. We're basically a burned-out hunk of junk. We have no value to us apart from Him. And it is literally eating us inside, not just how it's affected our life, but how it's affected our relationship with Yahweh.

And then when you understand that the Second in Command of the Elohim family was willing to come to this earth, put everything aside and suffer and pay the penalty of our sins, wow, how should that hit you! Five minutes to midnight, you're on death row, you're sitting there in that cell. Five more minutes, they're going to come and they're going to put you on the electric chair and crucify you, and the reprieve comes from Yahweh the Father. Yahshua is coming, and not only aren't you going to the electric chair, He is going in your place. Because somebody has to go, a penalty is paid. And we have to internalize this because that's what brings the love of Yahweh in our life.

I say, if you've never shed tears for repentance, you've probably never repented. Not that we want to be emotionally immature. We shouldn't be crying every day. Because that's not a good thing. You want to be emotionally mature. But there should be a time, at least when we're first being convicted, or later if we realize we really didn't repent properly, there has to be some time in our life where we shed tears. Because if not, we're really not repentant. We're not showing that we're feeling horrible for what we did to somebody else.

Think about it. Think about if you're backing out of your driveway and you happen to hit a child there and killed it, it would be torture to live the rest of your life knowing what you did. And we've done much worse than that. And yet Yahweh has forgiven us. And not just forgiven us, it took His Son coming to this earth and not just dying, but being humiliated, spit upon, mocked, beaten, crucified, suffered, and all because of **my sin**. Because if everyone in the world was righteous except me, the plan would have been the same. So, it has to hit us.

And that's why the Bible says, every year when you renew your covenant, ... It's not a ritual. It's not going in there, "Give me the bread; give me the wine" ... examine yourself. You have to examine yourself. You have to take time. You have to realize what you're doing. That when you bring that piece of bread to your mouth, you're realizing what your life has done to the very eternal Creator of the universe and how each of us by our sins have put Him to death.

And we don't want to be self-righteous about it. We don't want to be self-righteous just looking at us personally what it's cost us, although that's part of it. We want to look at what it's cost Yahweh, what it's cost to others by our sins, how we affected other people, how we've hurt other people.

Last scripture I want to go in is John 4 and verse 34 ... John 4 and verse 34.

John 4:34 *Yahshua said to them, My food is that I should do the will of Him who sent Me, and that I may finish His work.*

My food is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and that I may finish His work. This was Yahshua's compulsion in life. This was Yahshua's vocation in life. This is what Yahshua lived every single day of His life. And yet He enjoyed life. We're not mourners. We don't have to put chains on our back. Yahshua said, *I came to give life and give it more abundantly.* And, boy, did Yahshua have an abundant life. He laughed. He spent time with people. He had joy in His life. But everything was based on the work of Yahweh, the will of Yahweh. There was no private goals He had, no private inspiration He had. Everything was to do the will of the One who sent Him.

And now He set us the example. As the Father sent Him, He sends us. And that's what we're doing; the same way that He came in the name of the Father, we're coming in His name. The only difference is Yahshua, the Father didn't die for Yahshua to exist. They were co-equal Partners in the universe, as we read there. He died so we can exist. So, we owe Him our life much more than He owes His life to the Father. And yet in judicial order He just willingly submitted that to be under the Father. But we owe our very breath, our very existence because of His sacrifice.

Yahshua's dedication, His devotion was to do the will of the Father and finish His work of redeeming mankind back to Him. We are to be a living reflection of that work in our life, the work of Yahshua. When you take the Passover, think about what you're doing. No Passover, no sacrifice; no sacrifice, no covenant; no covenant, no Kingdom. Shabbat shalom.