

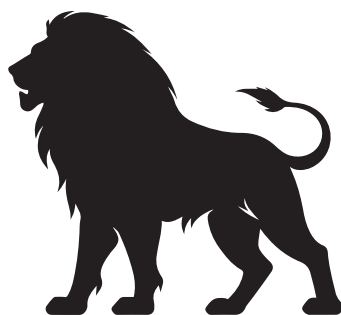
A close-up, high-resolution photograph of a lion's face, focusing on its eyes, nose, and whiskers. The lion's fur is a mix of brown and tan, and its eyes are a golden-brown color. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the fur and the intensity of the gaze.

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Forward

Chag Sameach, and welcome to Sukkot!

This is a season cherished and eagerly anticipated by all ages. When does Sukkot begin? In many ways, it feels like it starts the moment the previous one ends. Even before the Feast concludes, our hearts are already looking ahead, planning, preparing, and dreaming of how next year's celebration can be even richer.

I can't help but think this reflects what Yeshua Himself is doing right now. In John 14:1–4, He comforts us with the promise that He is preparing a place for us. In His Father's house are many dwelling places, and when He returns, He will take us to be with Him. Every year at Sukkot, we rehearse this greater reality, the coming fulfillment of time when we will enter His rest and enjoy His presence forever.

This year's Sukkot devotional will look a little different from years past. It is less narrative in style, but maintains personal touches. Its focus is foundational: leading us to reflect deeply on who Yahweh is. Who He is in Heaven, on Earth, within us, surrounding us, and far beyond our comprehension. And because of who He is, we can boldly declare our identity in Him: I am created. I am called. I am saved. I am in covenant. I am His.

As you spend time with Yeshua this week, you will be invited to explore the mystery of His deity. You'll see how Yahweh, the Anointed One, came with all authority, sharing the very nature of the Father. You'll also examine key prophetic proclamations that reveal His mission and purpose.

By the end of this week, I pray that each of you will behold Yeshua in a fresh way, with renewed awe, deeper love, and greater fervor. For the One who has called us is indeed Faithful and True. Enjoy the Feast!

-Pastor Kraig Dorney

Day 1

He is Creator



I am Created for a Purpose



Day 1

He is Creator

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” – Genesis 1:1

When you step outside on a clear night and look up at the countless stars, what stirs within you? Do you feel awe and wonder at the vastness above you? “The earth is the Lord’s, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it. For He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.” Psalm 24:1–2. From creation and by creation, Yahweh reveals Himself as the One who brings everything into being by His sovereign will. Creation is no accident; rather, it is a very intentional, purposeful work of the Almighty, displaying His glory and inviting us to walk in fellowship with Him.

The Bible is filled with declarations of God’s creative power. “By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth” Psalm 33:6. “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands” Psalm 19:1. Even the most skeptical heart should pause when confronted with the grandeur of creation. Creation points beyond itself. It testifies of the Creator who stretched out the heavens (Isaiah 45:12), who made mankind in His image (Genesis 1:27), and who brought all things into being through His Son (John 1:3; Colossians 1:16).



Yet God's role as Creator is not confined to a single moment at the beginning of time. He is not a distant craftsman who set the world in motion and then walked away. He is also the One who upholds and sustains every atom, every heartbeat, every star burning in the galaxies beyond our sight.

Nehemiah 9:6 declares, "You alone are the Lord. You have made the heavens, the heaven of heavens with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. "You give life to all of them and the heavenly host bows down before You." Job affirms, "In whose hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind?" Job 12:10. The psalms paint a tender picture of creation's dependence upon the Creator: "All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time... You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing" (Psalm 104:27–29; Psalm 145:15–16). God sustains both the sparrow and the saint, the blade of grass and the very breath in your lungs.

The knowledge of creation at the hands of Yeshua is both humbling and liberating. On one hand, it reminds us of our complete dependence upon HIM. We are not self-made. Every breath is a gift. Every resource is a stewardship responsibility. On the other hand, we become anchored with unshakable security. The same hands that shaped humanity out of the dust are the hands that hold us fast today. "Even to your old age I will be the same, and even to your graying years I will bear you! I have done it, and I will carry you; and I will bear you and I will deliver you." Isaiah 46:4

The New Testament emphasizes this idea by directing us straight to Yeshua. Let's examine more closely who is credited with the power of creation. Hebrews 1:3 states that the Son is "sustaining all things by His powerful word." Paul further explains, "For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." Colossians 1:16-17.

The wonder of creation is that Yeshua, our God, made our world and everything in it according to His will. He is not only the Alpha, the beginning, but also the constant supporter of every moment from now through to the end (Omega). During this Sukkot, you'll have the wonderful chance to look up and admire the wonders above. You'll be able to observe the intricate details of a fall flower or the hum of a honey bee gathering pollen for winter. Creation invites us to reflect on the one responsible, the LORD, the CREATOR, Yeshua!

On Your Own: Read Isaiah 40:12-16 and Psalm 8. Meditate on His passages today.



Day 1

I am Formed for a Purpose

I am Created By Him:

Genesis 2:7 says, "Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being".

The stars that were spoken into existence and the oceans were divided at His command, yet mankind was created by the very hands of Yeshua. Job declared, "Your hands shaped me and made me" (Job 10:8), and, "The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life" (Job 33:4). We are not products of random chance. We are intentionally crafted, shaped, and breathed into existence by the living God.

I am Created For Him:

"Know that the Lord Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture." Psalm 100:3.

With the intentionality God created us and should shape our view of ourselves. You are not your own maker, and you are not your own master. To be made in the image of God means we are also accountable to God. The potter has authority over the clay (Isaiah 64:8), and His fingerprints mark every fiber of our being. "Your hands made me and fashioned me; Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments." (Psalm 119:73).

I am Created to Rule Over Creation:

“Then God said, ‘Let Us make mankind in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the livestock and over all the earth, and over every crawling thing that crawls on the earth.’ So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’” Genesis 1:26-28

If He is the Creator and we are the created, what and how should we be about in this life? Yeshua did not simply form us and leave us to wander aimlessly. He created us in the likeness of God, set apart to bear His image and to exercise dominion over creation. Genesis 2:15 gives the assignment clearly: “Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.” Humanity’s first responsibility was to cultivate and shepherd what God had made.

I am Created to Good Works and Stewardship:

“Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” 1 Corinthians 10:31

We are created for MORE than servitude. Paul draws our thoughts to the excellence of our worship. No task is too small, no detail too ordinary, to be lifted up as worship when done with the right heart. Colossians 3:23 echoes the same message:

“Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men.” Every nail hammered, every spreadsheet filled, every meal prepared is accepted when offered in excellence to the One who formed us.

“As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”
1 Peter 4:10

Peter pushes us further into stewardship. Stewardship isn't limited to land or material possessions; no, it extends to talents, time, and spiritual gifts. You are not just a creation of God; you are a new creation in Messiah Yeshua, redeemed for good works. As Paul wrote, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.” -Ephesians 2:10

Not only did God shape you in the womb, but He also shaped your calling. He crafted your hands and planned the work those hands would do for His kingdom. You were created intentionally, and you were saved for His purposes.

This changes how we view our daily lives. If you see yourself as self-made, your work focuses on self-promotion and personal success. But if you see yourself as God-made, your work is about stewardship and giving Him glory. If you believe the land, the money, the time, and even the breath in your lungs belong to you, you will cling to them tightly and use them selfishly. But if you believe everything belongs to Yeshua, you will hold it with open hands, ready to serve others and honor the One who entrusted it to you.

Understanding this also changes how we view our worth. Our culture often measures value by productivity, beauty, or influence. But Scripture grounds our worth in that we are God’s handiwork, shaped by His hands, filled with His breath, redeemed by His Son, and empowered by His Holy Spirit. Your worth is not in what you achieve for this world, but in whose image you bear.

Remember: We are clay in the hands of our Master Potter. We are the sheep belonging to our Good Shepherd. We are the handiwork of God, created for His glory. Our calling is not to make a name for ourselves but to reflect His name in all we do, whether in extraordinary acts of service or small daily duties of faithfulness.

Additional Study

TRUST: Worry thrives in an environment we want to control but cannot. If God not only created but also sustains, then we can rest in His ongoing provision. The same God who feeds the birds and clothes the lilies is watching over and caring for us (Matthew 6:26–30).

WORSHIP: The heavens declare God's glory, and so does every simple gift of daily life. From each breath to the food on your table, as well as the strength and function of your body, we reflect His glory. Gratitude turns the ordinary into worship when we recognize the Sustainer behind it all. Think about areas of life that have become dull and routine. Try looking at these areas with gratitude and be willing to express thanks to Yeshua, who has blessed you with life!

STEWARDSHIP: Are you doing all things for His glory with excellence? How we use our time, resources, and even how we treat the created world around us reflects whether we honor the Creator and Sustainer.

HOPE: A God who sustains all things is not overwhelmed by the brokenness of our world. The same Word that spoke galaxies into existence and commands our hearts to beat will one day speak again to make all things new. The Creator will restore His creation, and the Sustainer will wipe every tear from our eyes.

When you feel small, remember Genesis 1:1: "In the beginning, God created." When you feel weak, remember Hebrews 1:3: "He sustains all things by his powerful word." These truths form an unbreakable foundation for our faith. We are created by God's design, sustained by His grace, and destined for His glory.

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Day 2

He is the All Sufficient One



I am Provided For



Day 2

He is the All Sufficient One

When we think of Yeshua, we think of Savior, friend, and Lord. We may also reflect on what we can do for Him, how we can serve Him, or what we can give back for all the blessings we've received. Scripture tells us that He is the All-Sufficient One. He lacks nothing and depends on no one. He holds all power in heaven and on earth. Yet, in His infinite greatness and glory, He chooses to love us, redeem us, and call us to Himself. Colossians 2:9-10 says, "For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority".

The Godhead will be powerfully revealed when Yeshua enters this world on the last day, and unveils the full extent of who HE IS. Revelation 19:15-16 says, "From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS"".

Every attribute of God - His holiness, love, justice, wisdom, and power - resides in Yeshua. He does not require our strength to be complete. Instead, it is we who are made whole in Him. Where we are weak, He strengthens; where we are empty, He fills; where we are wanting, He satisfies.

Read Isaiah 42:1-8.

In this passage, Yahweh the Father appoints Yahweh the Son in righteousness to come into our realm and set the captives free. The Glory of the Lord is revealed in the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Verse 8 says, "I am the Lord, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, nor My praise to graven images". It is also written in Psalm 138:1-2, "I will praise You with my whole heart; Before the gods I will sing praises to You. I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name". Praise the name of Yeshua!

He is responsible for every victory in our lives. Through His sufficiency, we are all sustained. When Paul pled with the Lord to remove his thorn in the flesh, Yeshua's answer was not deliverance but His sufficiency. 2 Corinthians 12:9 says, "And He has said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.' Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me". The message is clear: Yeshua doesn't need our strength; He is all-powerful. His power is heavenly and divine; He is God Almighty. In our weakness, the awesome power of Yeshua can shine.

We see this theme in reference to the manna that God sent from Heaven during the exodus journey. John 6:35 writes, "Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst'". By God's grace, physical bread sustains, nourishes, and satisfies us. However, Yeshua is not a supplement to our life; He is life itself. He doesn't need our offerings to sustain Him; we need His presence to sustain us.

The Apostle Paul also commented on Yeshua's sufficiency in Philippians 4:9, "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus".

With all that has been stated, it is crucial to understand that though Yeshua doesn't need us, He desires us. He desires you with a jealousy that death cannot overcome. He created us for His glory, redeemed us with His blood, sustains us by His power, and today, is calling us to Himself in love. He wants us to be fully immersed in Him because He has invited us to be His bride. We are not responsible for adding to Him in our own "strength", but to surrender to Him, trusting in His sufficiency and worshipping Him as the King of kings and Lord of lords.

On Your Own: Read Psalm 91. Journal all the ways Yeshua declares He will sustain you and fight for you.

Day 2

I am Sustained by His Hand

For 40 years, Yahweh provided for the Israelite's needs through some of the harshest terrains in the world. Every day, the people gathered the provisions, and were sustained through the hand of Yeshua. They did not plant, water, or sow. In a society focused on materialistic pursuits, we pride ourselves on our accomplishments. We work hard to build and grow, but do we acknowledge that our sustenance comes from His hand?

Deut 29:5 says, "I have led you forty years in the wilderness; your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandal has not worn out on your foot".

Read 1 Kings 17:8-16.

After Elijah declared drought and famine over the land, God directed him first to the Brook Cherith where ravens brought him food. After the brook dried up, the Lord sent Elijah to a widow in Zarephath. From a human perspective, this made no sense. A widow in a time of famine would have been one of the most vulnerable and least capable of helping. Yet, God chose this very situation to reveal His hand of provision.

When Elijah arrived, he found the widow gathering sticks. She confessed that she had only a handful of flour and a little oil left. She had just enough to prepare a final meal for herself and her son before they expected to die. Elijah responds in verses 13-14 with a bold call to faith:

“Then Elijah said to her, ‘Do not fear; go, do as you have said, but make me a little bread cake from it first and bring it out to me, and afterward you may make one for yourself and for your son. For thus says the Lord God of Israel, ‘The bowl of flour shall not be exhausted, nor shall the jar of oil be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth’”.

Just as the Word of the Lord promised, the flour and oil never ran out. Day after day, meal after meal, the widow, her son, and Elijah ate and were sustained by the miraculous provision of God. The widow’s flour and oil point us to the sufficiency of Yeshua’s provision. He sustains us not only in famine but for all eternity.

Take some time to share with one another about how Yahweh has provided for you over the years. Give Him all the praise!

Provisions Often Come in Unexpected Ways

God did not send Elijah to a wealthy landowner or a stocked storehouse, but to a desolate widow. Likewise, His provision in our lives may come through humble or unexpected means. Share a time when Yeshua provided for you in an unexpected way.

Provision is Connected to Faith and Obedience

The widow had to take a step of faith by offering Elijah a part of her last meal. In doing so, she positioned herself to receive God's abundance. Yeshua calls us to do the same in Matthew 6:33, "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you". Consider the concept of Kingdom Economy, which is not give and take, but bless and share. Many exchange hours for a paycheck in a give and take economy, but with Yeshua, we are blessed to be a blessing. Record a time when your faith was challenged by obediently trusting in the provision of Yeshua.

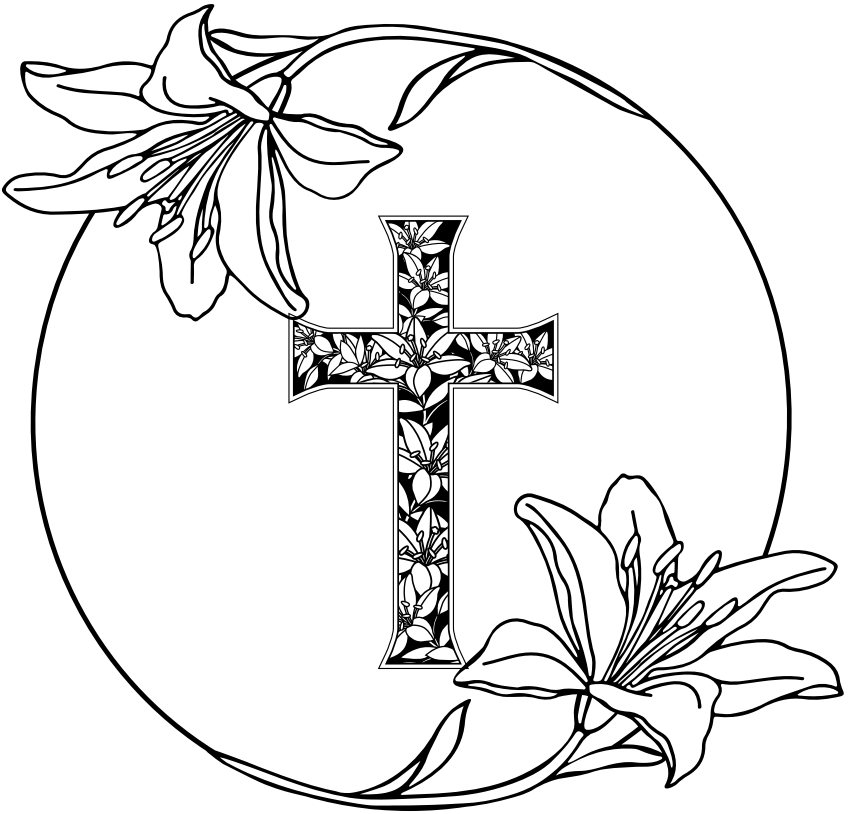
Provision Declares God’s Glory, Not Our Self-Sufficiency

The flour and oil weren’t multiplied because of the widow’s cleverness but because of God’s power. Likewise, every blessing in our lives points us back to Yeshua, reminding us that apart from Him we can do nothing (John 15:5). The widow showed Kingdom Economy when she shared what she had with Elijah. In return, she received Kingdom Economy through the faithfulness of Yeshua. Have you ever shared your blessings freely, only to have them returned to you in abundance?

On Your Own: To find out more about Yeshua's Kingdom Economy, read John 2:1-11; John 6:1-14; and Luke 5:1-11. Consider reorganizing your life to reflect and interact with others in a Kingdom mindset. "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1). He is the All-sufficient provider; I am blessed and equipped to be a blessing.

Day 3

He is the Savior



I am Saved



Day 3

He is the God Who Saves

Read Exodus 31:13-17.

In Exodus 31:13–17, the Lord declares: “Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you”.

Keeping the Sabbath was never meant to be an empty practice where the box is checked for participation. Instead, the Sabbath reveals who God is and who we are in Him. It testifies to the world that the God of Israel is our Sanctifier. Yeshua has set the seventh day apart as holy. He has sanctified this time and called it blessed.

This covenant proclamation directly points to Yeshua. As God in the form of human flesh, He purchased and redeemed a people for Himself. He is not merely a prophet or messenger; He is God Himself, and He came to save us.

In Deuteronomy 26:8, we read, “and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with great terror and with signs and wonders”. Yeshua was present and responsible for Israel’s deliverance from Egypt as the unseen, all-powerful right hand of God. Yet for you and me, Yeshua has come in the flesh, displayed in human form, to make atonement for the sins of the world.

Acts 4:12 boldly affirms, “And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved”. Yeshua is our Sabbath rest because He is our salvation.

The prophets spoke about the Sabbath being a living testimony. In Ezekiel 20:12, God says: “Also I gave them My sabbaths to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord who sanctifies them”. Verse 20 says, “Sanctify My sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I am the Lord your God”.

Every Sabbath is a weekly proclamation declaring that God is the One who saves, delivers, and has set apart His people for Himself. It points us back to creation when He finished His work and rested, and also points us forward to the greater rest, which is salvation in and because of the Messiah.

Isaiah 56:6–7 expands on this when Yahweh states that foreigners who adhere to the covenant and keep the Sabbath holy will be welcomed into God’s house of prayer for all nations. This indicates that the Sabbath is not only for Israel but for everyone who joins himself to the Lord through faith in Yeshua. Salvation extends to the ends of the earth to every tribe and nation.

A couple chapters later, Isaiah 58:13–14 emphasizes that finding joy in the Sabbath leads us to finding joy in the Lord Himself. Isaiah 58:14a says, “Then you will take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth”. To honor the Sabbath is to embrace the joy of God’s salvation and the inheritance secured for us by Yahweh the Son.

To confess Yeshua as Savior is to acknowledge Him as God. He is not just guiding us toward salvation; He is SALVATION itself. 1 Thessalonians 5:9 states, "For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ". Yeshua is the One who rescues us from wrath, sanctifies us by His Spirit, and brings us into an eternal covenant relationship with the Father. Therefore, every Sabbath we observe is more than just a cycle of work and rest. It is a living declaration to the world that says, "Our God is Yeshua, He is our Savior, our Redeemer, and our Rest".

When we gather as a family to honor the Sabbath covenant, we are not holding onto a shadow, but its substance. We are holding fast to the One it points to, Messiah Yeshua Himself. It should be our joy to pause, to rest, to worship, and to declare to the world that the Lord is our salvation!

On Your Own: Consider Hebrews 4:9-10; John 14:6. Look at the correlation of the covenant God has made through the Sabbath day and our Salvation. Journal your thoughts:

Day 3

I am Saved by Yeshua

From beginning to end, Scripture proclaims that salvation belongs to the Lord. It is not earned by human strength, nor found in religious ritual, nor gained by good intentions. Salvation is the gift of God, revealed in Yeshua the Messiah, who is Himself the LORD who came in the flesh. Let us walk through the Word that we are saved through Yeshua, who is God.

Isaiah 43:11 says, “I, even I, am the Lord, and there is no savior besides Me”. In this passage, Isaiah delivers a bold declaration from God. The message is bold and commanding. No idol, king or human effort can rescue us from the reality of sin and death. Salvation is God’s work alone. The beauty of this passage is that it denies other saviors and affirms the one Savior. The truth that Yeshua Himself has taken responsibility for our deliverance confronts us with our own helplessness. If God alone is Savior, then we cannot save ourselves. We cannot climb high enough, try hard enough, or give enough to erase the stain of sin. Continuing, Isaiah 45:22 says, “Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God, and there is no other”.

In these passages, we see the heart of God laid bare. He is not just the Savior of Israel, but of every nation, tribe, and tongue. His salvation transcends borders, languages, and cultures. Anyone, anywhere, who turns to Him will find everlasting life.

The call is straightforward: “Turn to Me”. God does not require a ladder of works, a list of rituals, or a mountain of good deeds. Salvation is about trust, faith, and obedience.

How could God Himself save sinners without justice? Isaiah 53:5 proclaims, “But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed”. Yeshua, the eternal God, stepped into human flesh, bearing the punishment we deserved. Every lash, every bruise, every wound was not random violence; it was the price of our peace. He took our transgressions and, in exchange, offered healing, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

Centuries before Yeshua’s birth, the prophet Joel declared, “And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be delivered;” (Joel 2:32a). This verse is also quoted in Acts 2:21 and Romans 10:13, and communicates that to call upon Yeshua is to call upon the LORD Himself. He is the fulfillment of Joel’s promise, the Name above every name, and the God who answers when we cry for help.

Romans 10:9 explains, “that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved”. The path of salvation is made clear here. Openly declare Yeshua as Lord and trust in His accomplished work and the power of His resurrection for salvation. The resurrection proves His divinity, His victory over sin, and His authority to save. Salvation is not based on our merit but on our faith in Him. (Isaiah 45:22, “Turn to Me”).

Let's bring these Scriptures together. The LORD alone is Savior (Isaiah 43:11). He invites all people to look to Him and live (Isaiah 45:22). He bore our sins as the Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53:5). Whoever calls on His name will be saved (Joel 2:32). And this salvation is received through confessing Yeshua as Lord and believing in His resurrection (Romans 10:9).

Do you believe you are saved through Yeshua, our God and Lord? If so, when was the last time you shared the gospel with someone? Yeshua says in Matthew 5:13-16 that we are the Light of the world; don't hide that Light under a basket.

On Your Own: Spend time in the Word making a list of Scriptures that point to Yeshua as Savior. Using these Scriptures, create a short track of the Gospel.

Day 4

He is God



I am known by Him



Day 4

He is God

In recent years, the main message and purpose of the New Testament have become much clearer to me. There are over 300 prophecies and types of the Messiah in the Old Testament. Given the emphasis on the Messiah's coming, it makes sense that proving and establishing that the Messiah had actually come would be of utmost importance. Hence, the calling of the Disciples and the message they brought.

In Acts 9, we see the great persecutor of the Church, Saul, absolutely destroyed by Yeshua. He was blinded and left at the mercy of the Great I Am. Yet, when Yeshua sent for Ananias to pray so Paul could regain his sight, the very first thing Saul, who was later renamed Paul, did was testify that Yeshua was the Son of GOD and the Messiah.

Acts 9:20, "and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." And in verse 22, "But Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews who lived at Damascus by proving that this Jesus is the Christ." This purpose alone is the main aim of the New Testament. There is abundant evidence throughout the Old Testament that demonstrates Yeshua was both God and the Messiah in the flesh. Still, God sent His disciples and commissioned them to write the Word so the whole world would know that God had come to redeem humanity to Himself. It has happened.

When Paul, on his second missionary journey, entered Berea, they went immediately to the synagogue. Acts 17:11-12,

“Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so. Therefore, many of them believed, along with a number of prominent Greek women and men.” The Old Testament confirmed to them the testimony they heard through Paul and others that Yeshua had come true according to the promise of His word.

Let’s examine a few of these passages that affirm Yeshua’s deity from the Old Testament.

Zechariah 12:10 says, “They will look on Me whom they have pierced, and they will mourn for Him as one mourns for an only son.” The speaker here is the LORD Himself, specifically יהוה. This prophecy looks forward to the crucifixion, where Yeshua endured the wounds that bring our redemption. What echoes loudly is the divine voice we hear; God says, “Me,” yet this prophecy is fulfilled in Yeshua. The use of God’s name and the life of Yeshua are inseparable. The One pierced is none other than the LORD.

Daniel 7:13-14 shows a vision of the “Son of Man” approaching the Throne in heaven. To Him, dominion, glory, and an everlasting kingdom are given. Authority, worship, and eternal rule, things that only belong to God, are also granted to Yeshua. Additionally, the nations will serve Him (Phil 2:9-11). Yeshua is not just a human king; He is the divine King of kings who will reign forever. Daniel’s vision of the exalted Son of Man is fulfilled in the risen and ascended Yeshua, who is now seated at God’s right hand.

The prophet Jeremiah announces the coming of the Righteous Branch from the line of David. In Jeremiah 23:5-6, we read, "Behold, the days are coming," declares the Lord, "When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely and do justice and righteousness in the land. "In His days, Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely; and this is His name by which He will be called, 'The Lord our righteousness.'" YHWH is the covenant name of God, the Most High. Yet in this prophecy, Yeshua, the Righteous Branch, bears that name. And YHWH Himself bestows that name upon Yeshua. He is not just anointed by God; He is the LORD YHWH who brings righteousness to His people. When we declare Him as our righteousness, we are confessing His divinity and the power of His finished work on the cross.

Looking ahead to the New Testament. We come to Paul's words to Titus.

Titus 2:13 proclaims, "the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Yeshua the Messiah." Paul leaves no room for separation. Yeshua is both God and Savior. The Greek construction (Megas Theos) ties the two titles together, making Yeshua Himself the great God. Just as Israel looked for the glory of the LORD in the Temple, so now believers look for the glory of Yeshua, who is God revealed to us. AMEN!

The Scriptures reveal a consistent thread from the prophets to the apostles: Yeshua is not merely a teacher, prophet, or miracle worker. He is God in the flesh, clothed with authority,

worthy of worship, and interchangeable with the very name of the LORD. When we see Him, we see the Father. When we honor Him, we honor the God of Israel. Let us reflect on five powerful passages that declare His deity and His authority over all creation.

On Your Own: Spend time meditating and/or fellowshiping over John 20:19-31. Explore why Thomas desperately wanted to see the Resurrected Messiah. Imagine yourself in his position: if you were called to proclaim the death and resurrection of Yeshua even at the risk of your own life, would you want to see with your own eyes the Messiah resurrected?

Day 4

I am Known by Him

Hagar, Sarai's maidservant, was sent away from Abram's camp. She was pregnant, alone, and desperate. My heart has always ached for her, imagining the pain of loneliness she must have endured. Yet, in her moment of brokenness, Yahweh came to her and spoke. The text says an angel of the Lord came, but in verse 13, we see the picture more clearly. "Then she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, "You are a God who sees"; for she said, "Have I even remained alive here after seeing Him?" Gen 16:13.

In her response, we see something tremendous. "You are a God who sees"! What a powerful declaration. Hagar calls out to Yahweh and names Him, El Roi. At this moment, God revealed a truth that runs like a golden thread through all of Scripture. Yeshua is the God who sees, the Shepherd who knows His flock, and the One who never abandons His people. Yeshua stood before her face-to-face.

Few actions can touch us more deeply than the love and care of a shepherd. The trust and security we feel knowing the protector, the provider, and the comforter are there give us the freedom and joy to face anything. As a result, Hagar was strengthened and blessed by God Himself.

John 10:14, "I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own," He fulfills the revelation given to Hagar. The shepherd's task is deeply personal and highly engaging in the lives of the flock. David understood responsibility well as he cared for his father's sheep in the

the fields. He slept among them and defended them from wolves, and he knew them well. Likewise, Yeshua is not far off, nor is His knowledge of us ambiguous.

From Hagar being abandoned in the wilderness to the presence at Sinai, God revealed His closeness. The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night (Exodus 13:21–22) served as clear signs that Israel was not forgotten in the desert. They were never truly alone because the Lord Himself dwelled among them. Just as Yeshua came to tabernacle among us, He is Emmanuel, God with us. The One who manifested fire and smoke with Israel now lives within His people in Spirit and Truth.

The Apostle Paul, in his second letter to Timothy, speaks of the depth of knowledge and awareness of those who belong to Him. 2 Timothy 2:19 states, “Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness.” Specifically, you are known by Yeshua because His presence has marked you, making you undoubtedly His. Paul states in Ephesians 1 that we are given the seal of our salvation, the Holy Spirit, as a pledge. This seal guarantees our salvation and our eternal access to God the Father and God the Son.

With Him present and abiding with us, we are NOT hidden from His sight. He sees us and is watching over us. He is our help, He is our God, He is Yeshua.

On Your Own: Reflect on life in the ancient Israelite world. Imagine David twirling his sling, whistling a tune, and talking with the Lord. David trusted deeply in the Lord’s powerful presence. Read Psalm 139:1–2 and write down your thoughts. Think about how confident you feel in experiencing Yahweh’s presence with you. If anything is blocking you from the peace of His presence, ask for it to be revealed, and seek prayer from someone close to you for release.

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Day 5

He is My Father



I am His Child



Day 5

He is My Father

Malachi 2:10a says, "Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us?". Through the prophet Malachi, the Word of the Lord went forth and revealed that Yahweh is the Father over all creation. In the context of the passage, Malachi shed light on the dissension rising among the children of God. They were divided when they should have been united under one God and Father.

A father's word is rarely challenged. It carries great weight, is respected by everyone in the family, and is seen as final and binding. Consider the Word of our Heavenly Father. How much more revered and valued should it be? Paul proclaims the unity of the gospel to the church of Ephesus in Ephesians 4:6, "one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all".

When it comes to authority, there is not a position higher than our Heavenly Father's. Our God reigns on His throne forever as the Father of all creation.

Isaiah prophesied about the coming of the Messiah and the deep, mysterious unity He shares with the Father. Isaiah 9:6 states, "For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace". The mystery of unity should be regarded with awe and deep admiration. Yeshua, the

promised Son, embodies the very nature of the Everlasting Father. He is not another god, but one with the Father, declaring, “I and the Father are one” (John 10:30).

When we look at Yeshua, we see Him reflect the nature of the Father. John 1:16-18 states, “From His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Messiah Yeshua. No one has ever seen God; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has made Him known”. God's unity is shown in bodily form through Yeshua. He is God made visible and tangible. His supremacy is not distant, but near and revealed in His mercy, justice, and righteousness.

On Your Own: I remember the first time I felt Yahweh as my Heavenly Father. The security and identity that came with that experience have been a foundation for me ever since. Journal about what the Heavenly Father means to you. Reflect and write down the moment you first recognized Him as a Father. Write about how that impacted and transformed you as His son or daughter.



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Day 5

I am His Child

1 John 3:1 says, "See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason, the world does not know us, because it did not know Him". To believe in Yeshua is to receive the right to become God's child (John 1:12). We are no longer distant, no longer strangers; instead, we are sons and daughters of the Living God (Hosea 1:10).

Once we become children of God, we have direct access to the Father. In Romans 8:16, Paul says, "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God". His Spirit draws us near with confidence, not fear. We can approach His throne boldly, knowing we are welcomed and heard.

Additionally, being God's child grants us authority in Yeshua. Galatians 3:26 says, "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus". His victory is our inheritance, and His strength supports us. Paul reminds us that we should steward ourselves in such a way "so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world." (Philippians 2:15).

Rejoice together in this truth today! You are beloved, chosen, and empowered. The Father calls you His own. In Yeshua, you can walk with confidence and authority as His child.

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Day 6

**He is the Mediator of
Peace**



I am a friend of God



Day 6

He is the Mediator of Peace

Isaiah 9:6 calls Messiah Yeshua “the Prince of Peace”, and verse 7 declares that the increase of His peace has no end. This is not temporary reconciliation or fleeting relief, but an eternal reality rooted in His role as the Mediator between God and mankind. The world views peace as they do a treaty, a pause from hostility. Scripture, however, states that true peace is not circumstantial; it is a Person.

To understand Yeshua as the Mediator of Peace, we must first face the truth. On our own, we are enemies of God. Romans 8:7 reminds us that “the carnal mind is enmity against God”. Our rebellion has created a huge divide between heaven and earth, where no human effort, procedure, practice, or man’s wisdom can close the gap. Peace was broken not only between nations and neighbors but also between the Creator and His creation.

As believers, we rejoice because Yeshua has stepped in as the mediator. Paul writes in Romans 5:1, “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”. Notice peace is not something we generate; it is something we receive, mediated through the finished work of the Messiah. His blood on the cross became the bridge of peace that reconciles the guilty to the Holy One.

In Ephesians 2:14-16, Paul describes the peace that the Messiah brings, “For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the

dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity”.

Yeshua mediates a vertical peace between us and God, as well as a horizontal peace between Jew and Gentile. He turns enemies into brothers through the Peace of Yeshua. His mediation destroys division and creates a Kingdom of new men and women!

His peace is not passive; rather, it is active and growing. Isaiah 9:7 does not just say that His peace exists, but it will increase forever. Do we live as if His peace is constantly expanding within us, or do we limit it by holding on to fear, resentment, and worldly strongholds? The growth of His peace should be evident in how we forgive, trust, and reflect His justice and mercy in this restless world.

Colossians 1:20 reminds us, “and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven”. The peace Yeshua negotiates brings you and me face-to-face with the Father. Through the mediation of the Son, the wrath of God is satisfied; the cross has secured it, and the resurrection guarantees it.

Peace is not always the absence of conflict; it also involves the presence of harmony. Yeshua explained in John 16:33, “These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may

have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world". Yeshua's peace within us goes beyond the trials and struggles of this world. I will never forget one of the most devastating trials our family went through. We were broken and battered; yet, despite the intense hardship, there was incredible shalom because Yeshua was present.

His mediation calls us to peace. We are not to avoid what is hard, but to face it armed with the peace of His presence that surpasses understanding (Philippians 4:7). True peace often means confronting sin, extending mercy, and choosing surrender where pride once ruled.

While Torah teaches an eye for an eye, Yeshua elevated that to a higher level of justice and righteousness. Hebrews 12:24 states, "and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel". Abel's blood cries for justice and vengeance, but Yeshua's blood speaks of forgiveness and reconciliation.

The Prince of Peace, Yeshua, calls us to live as those who not only receive His peace but also extend it. "Blessed are the peacemakers," He said in Matthew 5:9, "for they shall be called sons of God". To be a son of God is to walk in the likeness of His Son who gave His life to mediate peace.

This is the spiritual challenge we face. Will we allow His peace to increase and guide our relationships, decisions, and outlook on life? Will we see that peace isn't avoiding trouble? Instead, it is holding to the presence of the Messiah reigning in the midst of it? His mediation is not abstract theology,

distant and theoretical; it is the living reality of His Spirit shaping us into vessels of reconciliation.

As we meditate on Isaiah's vision (Isaiah 9:6-7), we are reminded that the peace of Yeshua is unshakable, unstoppable, and eternal. It is not limited to a season or circumstance but flows endlessly from His throne. Because His government and His peace have no end, we can live even now as citizens of that kingdom. We are reconciled, transformed, and sent as ambassadors of His peace to a restless world. Will you go?

On Your Own: Is there someone you need to go and talk to? Is there peace you can bring and drama you can quench? Seek the Prince of Peace asking for courage, then go and make the wrong things right!

Day 6

I am a friend of God

Throughout our years of ministry, it has been difficult to maintain consistent friendships. Maybe you can relate. When we think of friendships, we think of shared interests, casual conversations, or companionship that makes life easier. In Scripture, friendship goes beyond the shallow surface. Friendship has eternal significance. Yeshua redefined friendship by rooting it in self-sacrifice. He said that the greatest love is shown when a man lays down his life for his friends—and then He proved it by going to the cross.

This is the foundation of genuine friendship with Messiah: He loved us. Before we could call Him our friend, He called us His. Before we were faithful, He laid down His life. 1 John 4:19 says, “We love because He first loved us”. That means our friendship with Yeshua was not earned and is not earned, but received and accepted. It starts with His devotion, not ours.

As most friendships do, being called a friend of the Messiah comes with the responsibility of reciprocated affection. In John 15:14, we read, “You are my friends if you do what I command you”. The grace of the Messiah is always bringing us from point A to point B, His desired place for us. In other words, He is always working on us. To be called His friends means we will not be the same as when He first called us. When His self-sacrificial love grips our hearts, we cannot remain the same. We begin to live differently, to give differently, and to love differently. His commands become our joy, not our burden, because they flow from a

relationship defined by His lovingkindness and redemption. James 2:23 says, “and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” and he was called the friend of God”. Abraham was a friend of God. His friendship with God was marked by mutual love and a willingness to make sacrifices. Yeshua called Abraham to trust, surrender, and be willing to lay even his promised son, Isaac, on the altar. Friendship with God has always been costly, which is why Yeshua speaks boldly and directly when inviting people to follow Him. Luke 9:23 states, “And He was saying to them all, ‘If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me’”.

We became friends of Yeshua because He brokered our peace deal. In return, Yeshua became a friend to sinners (Matthew 11:19). He draws near to the broken, the outcast, and the undeserving. He is the friend who sticks closer than a brother (Proverbs 18:24), faithful when all others fail. He is the friend who laid His body on the wood, bearing the curse we deserved, so that reconciliation and peace might be ours forever.

Our friendship with Yeshua is transformational and we should never be the same. If He laid down His life for us, then we are to follow by example and lay down our lives for Him and for one another. 1 John 3:16 writes, “By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren”. Friendship with the Messiah calls us to costly love—self-sacrificing, inconvenient, uncomfortable love.

Putting this to practice involves forgiving someone who has deeply hurt you, being patient with a brother or sister in weakness, and giving generously even when it hurts. It means choosing reconciliation over pride, humility over self-interest, and service over recognition. It means living out the love we have received from Him.

Who needs to be impacted by the friendship you have with Yeshua? Who will notice the change in your life and want that friendship too? When we are friends with Yeshua, who could possibly succeed against us?

On Your Own: Read Romans 8. Take note of the powerful position friendship with God gives you. Take a moment to reflect whether or not you value this friendship enough. Allow the Holy Spirit to show you ways your reverence for your Friend, Yeshua, Our God can increase.

Day 7

He is the Covenant Keeper



I am in Covenant



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In the Youth ministry at Corner Fringe, we have been emphasizing the faithfulness of our God. When God makes a declaration, His word comes to pass. He is the faithful God who fulfills every plan and promise He has ever set in motion. An example of this is when God devised a plan to redeem humanity. This plan was carried out through His own shed blood. Scripture repeatedly assures us that nothing God purposes will fail. The coming of Yeshua, His faithful obedience, and the victory He secured are living proof of God's covenantal faithfulness.

One of my favorite benedictions in Scripture comes from Hebrews 13:20-21. It says, "Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen". The finality of this message gets me every time. The power of the accomplished work of Yeshua declares His faithfulness and further equips us to align with His eternal plan. As our great Shepherd, Yeshua ensures that we will never be left to navigate life alone.

In Deuteronomy 30:6, He promised to Israel through Moses to never leave or forsake His people. The Good Shepherd will guide His sheep through each day. That being said, His faithful promise didn't begin with the Israelites in the wilderness; it started before the world was even created.

Revelation 13:8 states, "All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world". The faithfulness of the covenant we share is rooted in the perfect Lamb who was already considered slain before this realm existed. Can we even comprehend this? Every drop of blood shed at Gethsemane and on the cross is part of a deliberate, divinely orchestrated plan that brought us to God.

As parents, we hope to set our children up for success. We may have desires and plans for their life before they are even born. We start with good intentions and hope they come true, but for Yeshua, it was already accomplished when he established the end from the beginning.

Yeshua established and sealed this covenant with His own blood. Luke 22:20 states: "Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you'".

In 2020 and 2023, I had the privilege of experiencing a glimpse of the garden of Gethsemane. Yeshua was there, dripping blood and under the pressure of our sin and shame. Oh, the torment that He went through at that time. He boldly went forth for the joy set before Him, as this moment had already been faithfully fulfilled before the world was formed. All the while, Yeshua had you in mind.

Isaiah 55:11 says, "So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding *in the*

matter for which I sent it". Yeshua is the living embodiment of God's promise. When He came to earth, every word, every action, and every step fulfilled the absolute purpose for which He was sent. There is no uncertainty and no accident in His mission.

Revelation 19:11 states, "And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war". In verse 13, we read, "and His name is called The Word of God". Yeshua, our God, keeps His covenantal promises at all costs. Every promise made to His people, every word spoken by the prophets, and every assurance of redemption has been fulfilled through Him.

When we step back and consider our own faithfulness, I am reminded of Hebrews 12:4 which says, "You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin". The truth is that you and I fall short of the Messiah's level of faithfulness. We do not boast in ourselves or our achievements, but in His faithfulness. His faithfulness gives us the mercy to daily deny ourselves and cling to Him.

Yeshua gives us a promise to hold onto. Hebrews 6:17-18 says, "In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us". Yeshua is the living fulfillment of that oath. His death and resurrection confirm that God cannot lie, and what He

promises, He will accomplish. The plan set in motion from eternity is now a reality because of Christ's faithfulness.

On Your Own: Read Psalm 89:30-37. Write down the faithful declarations Yeshua makes and the hope they bring to you. Remember these passages and promises so you can encourage and build up others in the future.

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Day 7

I am in Covenant

In Exodus 24:7–8, Moses took the Book of the Covenant and read it aloud to the people. Their response was, “All that the Lord has said we will do, and we will be obedient”. Once they agreed to enter into a covenant with Yahweh, Moses sanctified the people by sprinkling the blood of the covenant on them, securing them unto the Lord.

Moses reminded the Israelites of this covenant-making moment in Deuteronomy 29:9-10, before he left them. Paraphrased, he said, “You are standing in covenant today with the Lord your God - that He may establish you today as His people”. This reminder comes just after the chapters of blessings and curses. If the people humble themselves and obediently walk with the Lord their God, the blessing of Yahweh will be poured out for them. If they turn away and are unfaithful, then God promises discipline through the curse. Moses was reminding the people that they need to be active participants in this covenantal relationship.

Similarly, we are not passive recipients of grace. Our choices, actions, and obedience reveal the reality of our relationship with Him. Romans 12:1-2, Paul says, “Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect”.

Praise the name of Yeshua that this covenant is not based on our perfection, but on His perfection. However, our high calling is to be faithful in response, laying down our lives in submission. Anything less is to take lightly the blood of the Messiah, placing ourselves in opposition to God. We are called to worship the Lord as Holy Living sacrifices which are acceptable to God. Consider this: worship is not only in song or prayer but also in the daily act of surrendering to His will. Our greatest response is gratitude for the New Covenant, and this gratitude must be expressed through obedience.

In James 2:17, the brother of Yeshua, emphasizes this point by stating, "Even so faith, if it has no works is dead, being by itself". James is reiterating the actions of the Patriarchs. Abraham, like Moses, was called by the mercy of Yahweh and acted in response to the covenant that was made.

As a people, how well are we responding to His covenant with faithful obedience? He has done the hard work while we haven't shed a single drop of blood to resist sin. Every Sukkot, I am challenged to say, "Yeshua, take me, all of me, and make me wholly Yours." Inevitably, with each passing year, that prayer and desire is coming true through continued surrender. I can relate, as I'm sure we all can, to the words of the Apostle Paul in Philippians 3:12, "Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus".

Our obedience to the New Covenant is a daily decision that shows our dedication to Yeshua. Ignoring it puts ourselves in a place of enmity with God. Living in faithful obedience means walking as friends of God, reflecting His glory in the world. As believers, let us honor the blood of Yeshua by living in covenant obedience, and hold to the knowledge that our faithfulness brings joy to the heart of our covenant-keeping God.

On Your Own: Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 and analyze the intention of the Disciples for the church of Thessalonica. Prayerfully ask the Lord to reveal His will for your life right now. Then be bold and confident in walking with Him because you are His!

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Day 8

He is the Living Word



I am His and He is Mine



write, so that our joy may be made complete.” 1 John 1:1-4. The first-century Apostles had a crucial mission. They were to proclaim that יהוה become flesh and brought salvation to His creation. Their main goal was for the joy of the world to be fulfilled through the knowledge of Yeshua, GOD, who came to be a Lamp unto our feet and Light unto our path. John also records in Revelation 19:13 that His very name is “The Word of God.” That’s why He specifically states that He did not come to abolish the Torah but to fulfill it (Matthew 5:17). Why would He dismantle or dilute the essence of who He is and what He is about?

On this day in the Hebrew calendar, the 8th day (Shemini Atzeret) is known as Simchat Torah – “Rejoicing over the Torah.” Traditionally, it marks the day when the last words of the Torah are read, followed by the first words of Genesis, beginning the cycle of reading all over again. The Torah itself says that delight belongs to those who meditate on God’s law day and night (Psalm 1:2). By continually drawing near to Yahweh through reading and meditating on His word, He also draws near to us (James 4:8). David knew this well. When the Ark of the Covenant, the symbol of God’s Word and presence, was brought into Jerusalem, David couldn’t contain his joy. He danced before the Lord with all his might (2 Samuel 6:14). His rejoicing was not about a chest of gold or mere remembrance, but about the truth that God’s Word and presence dwelled among His people.

That same joy echoed in Bethlehem. When the angels announced the birth of Yeshua, the Word made flesh, they called it “good news of great joy” to the shepherds in the field. The heavens burst into praise, saying, “Glory to God in

the highest” (Luke 2:13–14). Just as David danced before the Ark, the shepherds praised and glorified God when they saw the Living Word in the form of a newborn child. Both scenes display unrestrained celebration in the presence of God’s Word.

How about you? Do you have a deep love for God’s Word, both written and living? I’m genuinely asking, “Do you love God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind?” May the Lord search you and me to see if there are any contrary way within us, and may we be soft and moldable in His hands (Ps 139:23-24). The Psalms invite us into intimacy with God’s Word. “I rejoice at your word like one who finds great spoil” (Psalm 119:162). “Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day” (Psalm 119:97). And, “If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction” (Psalm 119:92). To delight in the Torah is to delight in Yeshua Himself, for He is the living embodiment of that Word.

To love and rejoice in the Word is more than just intellect and knowledge; it’s about wisdom. When David danced before the Lord unabashedly, his wife, Michal, despised and rebuked him. She did not understand the love and affection David had for the Lord. As a result, her hard heart left her barren and ultimately shamed. We are to LOVE and DELIGHT ourselves in Him. “I find my delight in your commandments, which I love” (Psalm 119:47). Yeshua Himself declared, “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’” (John 7:38)

Like David, who danced before the Lord, and like the shepherds who rejoiced in awe, we are called, requested, urged, and brought near to treasure the Word in our hearts.



The Living Torah is to abide in us, and we in Him, and He will guide our every step. Finally, as Nehemiah told the people after hearing the Torah, “Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength” (Nehemiah 8:10). The Torah is not a burden but a source of joy and strength. When we see it fulfilled in Yeshua, the Word made flesh, GOD in our presence, our hearts should overflow with thanksgiving.

The Word that brought life on tablets of stone now grants eternal life through Yeshua’s pierced hands. Let us dance, rejoice, and meditate on Him day and night, for the Living Word has come, and in Him is our joy and strength.

On Your Own: Read Nehemiah 8:1-18. Think about the story and imagine yourself as one of the returning captives. They hadn’t heard the Word read before, and as it was translated for them, they became overwhelmed with joy. The Joy of the Lord became their strength.



they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one." This declaration offers us complete confidence in His intentions for us. We are held securely in the strong hands of both the Father and the Son, as ONE. This is our ultimate assurance. Our groom has sealed our marriage covenant with His blood, demonstrating His willingness to serve and care for us eternally.

The imagery of the Bride and Groom is woven into Israel's festivals, especially the Feast of Tabernacles/Sukkot. Israel dwelt in temporary booths, as we are celebrating now, to remember their deliverance and calling out of Egypt into the promised land. These temporary dwellings serve as a prophetic reminder that God dwelled among His people and brought them through with faithfulness, acting as a banner of Love and Security over them. Just as a groom builds a bridal chamber for his bride, so God has "tabernacled" among His people during the wilderness journey as well as through the indwelling of His Holy Spirit in us.

During Sukkot, we wave the lulav (palm, willow, and myrtle branches bound together) and the etrog (a fragrant fruit), celebrating joyfully before the Lord. This act symbolizes the happiness of a bride and groom celebrating their covenant. The sukkah itself represents intimacy and the intentional act of dwelling under Yeshua's love and protective canopy. In fact, the bridal canopy (chuppah) at weddings mirrors the sukkah as both serve as coverings where covenants are made.

Revelation 19:7-8 says, "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. The Bride, adorned in fine linen, enters into the eternal wedding feast, secure in the possessive love of her Groom. This covenant began in the garden, was carried through in the remembrance of the festivals, and sealed at the cross and the resurrection, finds its consummation in the wedding chambers of eternity.

For all eternity, our groom is preparing to delight in you, His bride. "You shall be called My Delight Is in Her... as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you." (Isaiah 62:3-5). The bride is the prize for the groom. And Yeshua has every intention of rejoicing and dancing over His church on that day. Zeph 3:17, "The Lord your God is in your midst, A victorious warrior. He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy."

With every wave of the lulav, we are directed to Yeshua, our Bridegroom, and our God. He has come for His Bride, claimed her, secured her, and covered her with His love. To dwell with Him is to rest in His safety as His possession and to rejoice in the intimacy of His covenant.

Shanah Tovah Umetukah = May you have a blessed and sweet year! May our God and King, Messiah Yeshua, richly bless you this year.



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