

## The Sabbath and the New Covenant

### Being Pure at the Morning and Evening Sacrifice

We are ready to present our *plural*-bodies as a *singular*-sacrifice. This is the sacrifice where in the old covenant, the animal was dissected and every part was inspected, and the insulation (the fat) was peeled off of each part (and offered up separately) so there would be nothing separating us, and each part was inspected by the priests. Now in the New Covenant, each part is inspected by the Holy Spirit and if there is any defective part, then the sacrifice is void. Our Father knows our hearts. It is a blessing for every person who enters into making the sacrifice acceptable. He knows our hearts. He knows who is here and who is not, who is a defective part and who is not. If there was any defective part, the animal sacrifice was void and they were just kindling useless fire. It burned, but it was not received by our Father in heaven.

In the New Covenant it takes every individual to make the sacrifice real. If one person is not sincere and has other plans on his mind, he voids the sacrifice. Actually, it is that person who is defective, but it is also the responsibility of all of us who cannot recognize it since we all did not see to it that he has grace. There is some spirit keeping us from going to that person and encouraging him or reproving him — whatever he needs for this part to not be defective. If we are ready to have fellowship with Him then we are ready to give our bodies as a living sacrifice. If we are ready to give our bodies as a living sacrifice, we are ready to have fellowship with Him. It is one and the same. We were once worthless but now we are being made worthy. Only the worthless, people of no worth to our Father, will ultimately be cast into the lake of fire. Our Master gives us worth. We offer our bodies to Him.

### The Sabbath

#### Let's talk about the *Sabbath*.

What is the significance of the seventh day, the last day of the week? What was its purpose? For what reason was its observance? It was invoked by our God to Israel — what was the reason? And what was the reason that its observance was revoked? *Was it revoked? Why do Christians not obey the fourth commandment today?*

The fourth commandment was a commandment to work six days. It supports the second covenant (Gen 3:19) to the nations, by bringing it into Israel. The commandment in Ex 20:9 is to work six days — to labor and do all your work. *That* is the commandment. Most people think the fourth commandment is just to keep the Sabbath, but actually it is to work six days *and* keep the Sabbath. The fourth commandment is to work six days in a row, but to cease on the seventh day. What does the word *Shabbat* actually mean? [Elad said — to strike, quit work, don't work; it also means *to sit*.] Cease; intermission in your work. Our Father put a clause in the second covenant (Gen 3:16-18) for Israel — an intermission of one day, a day of rest. That was grace, wasn't it? A day of rest. It was to let all others know who His set-apart, redeemed people are so they could come into that Holy Nation who keep the Sabbath as a sign of who actually knows the Creator God personally.

So you see the fourth commandment in Ex 20:8-11 is actually two commandments. We are to remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy, but the six days before it were six days of work. The seventh day is the Shabbat and in it no one shall work, even the visitor who stays with you who is an apostate Jew. So we cannot allow Elad to do any work today. "For in six days YHWH *made* (it wasn't creation that happened there, as the earth and heavens already existed before, but it was a reformation of it, a restoration of it in six days) the heavens and the earth and they rested on the seventh day. Therefore YHWH blessed the Sabbath and made it holy.

That is the fourth commandment. The others are to honor your father and mother, do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not bear false witness, do not covet anything of your neighbor's or your neighbor's wife. These are all natural laws intrinsically inherent within a human being. Everyone in the world knows them. Rom 1:18 even talks about how everyone *knows* the one God, but they didn't worship Him and thank Him for their daily care and so after a while their minds became confused and foolish and they started

taking idols. The natural laws within them became confused (Rom 2:12-16).

The commandments are inherent in us; they were already in us, in our hearts, but in Ex 20 our Father was just *bringing out* that natural law that we have in us anyway. Abraham lived by that inherent law in his heart. And so did Melchizedek and the Shemites and every race of man who were staying in the second covenant. According to Rom 2:14, everyone in the world knows these laws. The laws of God are instinctively known even though they don't have the outward law of Moses. They don't know anything about the Ten Commandments but they know it because they have it in their hearts. What does Rom 2:14-15 say?

*For when Gentiles who do not have the law do instinctively the things of the law, these, not having the law, are a law unto themselves, in that they show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness, and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them.*

*So the people of the nations are going to be judged on how they obeyed that natural law. That is speaking about the Gentiles; they have never heard of the real Yahshua the Messiah. So after the first death, they will go to judgment. And if they have obeyed the law in their heart and they didn't commit abominable acts, but lived within the boundaries of the second covenant (and they have, with the first death, paid for all the sins they committed — since all men see death, but there is an end to that death, Rev 20:11-13), then they are found worthy of the nations. The covenant God gave Adam and Eve is the knowledge of good and evil of the natural law that people live by. If they are not worthy of the nations it is because they go outside the borders of that natural law and do things that hurt other people, not caring how they ruin other people's lives; then they go out of that category of those worthy of the nations and they go over into another category — those who go to the second death (Rev 20:14-15).*

*Christians say that everyone is going to the lake of fire who has not heard about Jesus. But that would make Rom 2:14-15 and Gen 3:16-19 ridiculous statements because it says there is a natural law in every man's heart that he can live by (and will be judged by). Ignoring that, they say our God will cast people indiscriminately into the lake of fire, but that is not our God; it is a cruel god without any sense, an unwise god. We have a wise God, the God of creation. Paul said there is only one God and one Mediator between God and man and He is the only wise God. We are here because we want to establish God's justice and righteousness forever. We want to separate ourselves from the god whom we grew up hearing about who was going to cast EVERYONE who didn't know Jesus into the lake of fire forever and ever and ever regardless that they lived by the second covenant — that they worked, were a good wife, weren't selfish or greedy, they helped other people, weren't worthless to God, they didn't spit on the sidewalk, they didn't do things like shaking your hand without washing their hands after having a bowel movement, and other such practices that show they have no respect for God's highest creation. But instead they respected people. They were in order. They didn't go out having babies everywhere, recklessly perpetuating a fallen society. We can go on and on about how people live by that natural law that God put in every man's heart. Rom 1:18-22; 2:13-15 talks about the essence of the Ten Commandments of the nations that people are disobeying. If a person goes to the lake of fire he would have had to suppress the truth. Suppress means consciously forcing it out of your mind until it is well repressed and then, in that state of repression, you call good evil and evil good.*

So why did our Father say in Ex 20:8 to *remember* the Sabbath? Because He wanted to bring it back to their remembrance that He was the Creator God. You see in verse 11 that He wanted to remind everyone that He was the Creator, that He made earth and everything in it in six days and then He rested.

In Dt 5:1, Moses summons all Israel and said to them, "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God made a covenant with us at Horeb, not just with our fathers, but with us." This is the outward law, the Ten Commandments. So then he talks about the Ten Commandments, starting in verses 7-9, "You should not take the name of your God in vain." It does not mean you cannot say His name, but it must be full of purpose and meaning — even our Master Yahshua's name, which incorporates the name of our Father in His name, should not be used in vain. If anyone uses it with no purpose, he should not be left unpunished. (Parents take notice to your children.)

Verse 12, "Observe the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Then it goes on in a long paragraph until verse 16. The

commandment about the Sabbath is the most extensive of all ten of the commandments. The commandments that God gave to Israel *is* the covenant He made with them. You see that very plainly there in Dt 5 (and Ex 20:1-18) that it *was the covenant* He gave to Israel. It was the covenant that *Abraham* had and obeyed; he obeyed everything our Father spoke to him; he obeyed everything that was in his heart. So then, in Dt 5, God was telling the Israelites how they had been transgressing that natural law in their hearts. The reason He gave the outward law to them there was because of transgression. We know by Gal 3:19 in the New Covenant, that it was because of transgression. "Why the law then? It was added to Israel because of transgression." It was because of transgression of the law, which was in their heart by nature, the law that God put there. Every man has it in his heart; Abraham had it in his heart. Israel was transgressing that law, so He gave them the outward law to show them what was supposed to be in their hearts already. Is that becoming clear to you? Remember in Gen 26:5, God said, "Abraham obeyed Me and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, My laws." Abraham did that 430 years before the law was given to Moses on Mt. Sinai. He was *already* keeping those laws, which were in his heart. We go back to (we parallel) Abraham, *not* the law of Moses. The New Covenant goes back to the covenant with *Abraham* because we keep, like Abraham, the commandments that are in our heart. And we do it by the Spirit of God — and that is the covenant. The covenant is the Ten Commandments.

You can see very simply stated in Gal 3:17, "What I am saying is this: the law which came 430 years later does not nullify the covenant previously made so as to nullify the promise." So if we are circumcised, we are not circumcised according to the law of Moses, but we are circumcised according to what God told *Abraham*. Circumcision brings about the promise that God made with Abraham 430 years before the law of Moses. Just like it says in Rom 4:9-12, we are not under the law of Moses but we are in the covenant He made with Abraham. Verse 10 — How was faith reckoned to Abraham, while circumcised or uncircumcised? While *uncircumcised*. He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he already had by faith *before* he was circumcised. So Abraham believed, like we did, by faith and faith alone, but then later, as he came into more self-judgment, learning to walk by the law in his heart, then God saw that he was coming into self-judgment, *then* he was circumcised. That is what Paul said when people started to come into the church saying that unless you are circumcised you cannot be saved. Paul said that it was not right because if you are circumcised according to the law — for justification, then you are already cut off. Those people were compelling people to be circumcised. We do not go through an external operation that is not in our heart. We are already saved, already justified by faith in the blood of Yahshua. And then, some time later, when we come into greater self-judgment, we can be circumcised as a sign of the righteousness we received by faith before we were circumcised. Just like Abraham who was brought out of Ur in chapter 12, justified in chapter 15, but not until chapter 17 was he circumcised. Rom 4:12, "The father of circumcision who are not only circumcised but who also follow the steps of the faith our ancestor Abraham had before he was circumcised." [We have to understand this so no one will ever accuse us of being circumcised in order to be justified as it was talking about in Gal 3.]

The commandments that our Father gave Israel in Dt 4:13, were written on two tablets of stone. That is the covenant He made. He did not write it in their hearts then, but on stone. It was supposed to already *be* in their hearts. He wrote it outwardly to show them what was supposed to be there inwardly — which they also were transgressing. In 2 Cor 3:3 you see how the Holy Spirit has come into our hearts and written that law in our hearts. This law, this covenant that God made with Israel, these commandments, are now being written on our hearts by the Spirit and the hearing of the word of God. It is no longer written on outward things but, because it is in our hearts, we live by love and love fulfills the law. If you love, you are not going to do the things that the Ten Commandments forbid.

Even though the world has all these laws in their heart, they still do not have the Sabbath. The Sabbath sets God's redeemed people apart from all the other people on the earth. It is the most extensive of all the commandments. We have to have a big enough heart to receive *it* too. Our Father is establishing a *new* Israel (Mt 21:43), a new nation, because the old nation of Israel did not produce the fruit of the Spirit or the

kingdom. They have never had the law intimately in their heart where they were falling in love with it like David did and like the prophets did. But instead Israel always fell away. "I am taking it away from the Jews" (Mt 21:43). He took it away because they were not producing the fruit of the kingdom. You *can't* produce the fruit unless you have the Spirit of the law in your heart — which makes you want to obey, because you love. How did you receive that Spirit of the *New Covenant* (not the old covenant, the outward law)? 2 Cor 3:6 teaches you how you received that Spirit in your heart, how you received those commandments which you love to obey. How did you receive that Spirit? Paul said that our Master had made them adequate ministers, servers of the New Covenant — not of the letter, but of the Spirit — for the letter (the outward law) kills, but the Spirit gives life (2 Cor 3:6). The outward law kills but the Spirit gives life. And Paul the apostle was made adequate to serve the New Covenant, the Spirit of God, in the hearing of what he said. Therefore when you hear the word of God, this covenant, the laws are written more and more on your heart and mind. That is what the New Covenant is.

Heb 8 talks about the New Covenant. Verse 8 is taken from Jer 31:31. When was that covenant inaugurated? It was when Yahshua broke bread with the twelve apostles the night before He was taken to be crucified by the Jews. So who is this covenant *to*? To the house of Israel and the house of Judah. Where is the house of Israel? No one knows — ten tribes were scattered into Assyria. Where is the house of Judah today? Where are they? Some in Israel, most in the world not knowing who they are because they did not keep up with their lineage after being driven out of Jerusalem in 70 AD. [The only reason Elad knows he is a Jew is because his daddy told him. So if Elad's father was a Jew, then it means he goes back to those who survived 70 AD in Jerusalem.]

Heb 8:8-12, "It is *not* like the old covenant I made with their fathers, written on tablets of stone, but this covenant [verse 10] that I will make with the house of Israel [notice it doesn't say Israel and Judah, but one house, the twelve tribes] after those days, I will put my laws on their hearts and minds..." And he will remember their sins no more. He said this is a *New Covenant*

So the old covenant was integrated into the New Covenant. The Jews do not have a place to sacrifice since their temple is destroyed. They have not had one sacrifice in 1900 years since they could not sacrifice in any other place than the place where God chose — in the temple in Jerusalem. So therefore, where are their sins today? The same as every Christian — piled up as high as heaven, accumulated. Not one sin of any Jew or any Christian has been forgiven in 1900 years. (Rev 18:5 — because Christianity doesn't have a spiritual temple and they don't have a high priest, it says their sins are piled up as high as heaven. So He remembers *their* sins.) So He remembers their sins. But here in Heb 8:12 He says, "I'll remember their sins no more." He will not remember the sins of those He makes this New Covenant with. Then it goes on in Heb 10:21 saying that we have a great high priest over the house of God. The edah, the church of the living God has a high priest and their sins are forgiven. We have a priest to whom we confess our sins and He forgives us our sins. (Christianity is obviously filled with every evil spirit that divides, Rev 18:2; verse 4 — come out of her ; verse 5 — her sins are piled up; she will be destroyed. They are in the same state as the Jews today.

When our Master was crucified what happened in the temple in Jerusalem? The curtain was torn, not by human hands, from top to bottom. What were the Jews doing at that very moment? Sacrificing on that altar. And right then, the curtain which was separating the Holy of Holies, which they had never seen before, from the place where the priests were making vain repetitious sacrifices at that very moment, the curtain was torn and they saw into the Holy of Holies and they saw there was nothing there. God was not there! If the veil of your heart is rent, would you find God there? This showed the Jews that He was no longer in the temple but also it shows us that now we have entrance into where He is through Yahshua. He is our entrance into the Holy of Holies, our way into the Holy of Holies, and He makes His way into us, into our heart. That is the New Covenant. We were born again into the New Covenant Israel that stands in Israel's place today (Mt 21:43). We are the nation that replaces old Israel; we stand in their place.

God made Israel eternal. Therefore the church, the edah, stands in Israel's place today from the first to the

twenty first century — until Messiah comes and restores natural Israel in the land that God promised to Abraham in Gen 15:18. So it is up to us to live by the covenant that Abraham had in his heart, and to command our children as he was to command His children, in order that God can give back the land to natural Israel. One third of the Jews will receive Him and weep and mourn over the one they killed and say, "I'm sorry, I didn't recognize you when you came. You are the Messiah of Israel; I'm yours." And they will be saved and receive the land and restore it. The day is coming when our Father will intervene and save the physical land of Israel, which He loves. He loves that land more than any other land on the earth and the good news is to Elad first and then to the Gentiles. To the Jew first and then to all the scattered Israelites who don't even know who they are anymore and then to every race and nation. When they were crucifying Messiah, our Master said forgive them they don't even know what they are doing — they were crucifying their own king.

**David Derush:** I was thinking about babies, how when you see them playing with their feet it is a really nice thing to see because they are just discovering their feet, how they are made. I felt like that today, we were created with the law in our heart and we were so far away from this but like little babies we are seeing what was created in us. Dt 5 — On the Sabbath we need to remember that we were slaves in the land of Egypt but our God saved us from that. I remember when I was in Egypt, in the world, a slave to sin. I was so far from the law that was in my conscience. But now in Heb 8:9,10 we have a covenant not like the covenant He made when He brought them out of Egypt because they forgot that because it was outside of them. But now it is in our hearts because it is being engraved on our hearts because it is being revealed by His Spirit. We can keep the Sabbath knowing these things are in our heart.

**Kepha:** People have a conscience that God exists. People who try to cover over this, lie to themselves. They reverse the true values because they don't want to do what is good. Rom 1:20 — No one can say God does not exist. They can walk according to the understanding that is in their own hearts. But those who have heard about our Master don't have any excuse — they love their own lives more than our Master. He gave His own life to save us and they rejected it.

That is the eternal gospel, before we heard of our Master Yahshua. Ps 19:1-4 talks about the eternal gospel which supports Rom 1:19,20. And it is the same gospel that the 144,000 will preach someday when there is no more hope to receive Yahshua. When the woman is sent off to the wilderness, it is too late to receive the gospel of Yahshua — there is no more light for the world in that last 3 1/2 years of the tribulation period. Everything on the earth is wrecked by then, everything is polluted and ruined and the rivers and springs are polluted and black like deadman's blood because men mutilated and destroyed it (Rev 16:18; Isa 24:5,6). But the Male Child will be sent out. And it says that whoever receives them will be rewarded (Mt 25:34-40). So that is the eternal gospel — the eternal good news.

Ps 19 says His voice goes out continually. "Hello, I'm God. I created all these things." Creation preaches it all day long; their voices are heard, "Hello, I'm a creation of God. I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for God." That is what it is saying in Ps 19. And a man or woman who say there is no God is a fool — he has no excuse. Elad<sup>night</sup> have a *little* bit of an excuse because he's heard that his people are the chosen people of God but all he has seen is hypocrisy and religious fanatics. The Christians tell people Jesus rose from the dead. But the people say, "So *what* if He rose from the dead. What *difference* does it make? Everyone goes on as usual doing every contemptible thing anyway!"

That is why there has to be a people on the earth who are living in such a reality that is equal to a man rising from the dead (Rom 6:4,5). *I* rose from the dead. Didn't *you*? We have to be equal to a man rising from the dead. It says the offspring will startle and astonish the whole world someday. Because this law is going into our heart more and more and we are falling in love with Messiah, knowing His truth more and more.