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**Introduction**

The title to this week's parashah comes from the opening words, *Vayikra el Moshe*, "God called to Moses and God spoke" Isn't this redundant? Why "call" before "speaking?" Nachum of Chernobyl, a Chassidic master, explains that one must first experience the call and only then responding to the words themselves.

**Leviticus 2:1-3**

**1** 'Now when anyone presents a grain offering as an offering to the LORD, his offering shall be of fine flour, and he shall pour oil on it and put frankincense on it. **2** 'He shall then bring it to Aaron's sons the priests; and shall take from it his handful of its fine flour and of its oil with all of its frankincense. And the priest shall offer *it* up in smoke *as* its memorial portion on the altar, an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD. **3** 'The remainder of the grain offering belongs to Aaron and his sons: a thing most holy, of the offerings to the LORD by fire.

*From the Jewish Study Bible: Instructions for the mincha. The word means tribute paid to a superior or a ruler, and is used in non-Priestly texts to refer to sacrifices in general, as in Cain and Abel's offerings and the offerings at the Shiloh sanctuary. This expresses the basic notion underlying the sacrificial system: that the Israelites, as a people and as individuals, are expected to offer to God regular tokens of His lordship over them.*

The Jewish Study Bible offers some good insights into Biblical practices but as with any source we need to be careful. The Jewish Study Bible is from traditional Jewish translators and some of the information they present are from Biblical scholars who do not necessarily believe in the sanctity of the Word. So, with that said, we need to be just as careful with any source we use. I prefer rabbinical commentary to Christian sources even if they reject obvious Messianic passages concerning Yeshua. Some may tend to view commentary like this as showing that pagan sources were what Biblical practices were based on since we have pagan sources and not enough historical sources to back up the Bible. The Bible, many times, is about faith and faith alone. Many scholars, over the centuries, have claimed there was no evidence to support King David and lo and behold they have made archeological discoveries that now prove King David's existence.

To make a claim that the practices in the Bible are based on paganism is to deny that God came before everything else and that paganism is based on Biblical practices. Paganism is satanically inspired and is a perverted Godly practice. If one goes back to the sacrifices made by Cain and Abel this precedes paganism even if Cain's sacrifice was rejected. It was rejected on the basis of an inferior sacrifice contrary to what God desired. Had Cain done what God desired God would have accepted his sacrifice. God accepts more than animal sacrifices from man – so blood atonement is not all that God desires. In fact God says He does not desire our sacrifices if they are not brought with the right heart attitude.

**Isaiah 1:10** Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Give ear to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! **11** "What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. **12** "When you come to appear before me, who has required of you this trampling of my courts? **13** Bring no more vain offerings; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations-- I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly. **14** Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. **15** When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. **16** Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, **17** learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. **18** "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. **19** If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; **20** but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be eaten by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Our prayers and sacrifices are nothing to Him if we do not bring them with the right attitude. Even if we bring ourselves as a living sacrifice to Him if we are not doing it with the right attitude He will reject it. It has everything to do with heart attitude and very little to do with procedure. While the Tabernacle and Temple require a certain formality it has always been about heart attitude. If you try to approach God and your heart is not right forget it. I you bring your prayers before the Lord and you have aught against your brother – forget it!

**Matthew 5:21** "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' **22** But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. **23** So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, **24** leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

I have been guilty of doing this. I have not forgiven my brother for what they have done against and I wonder why God does not listen to my prayers. When I understand what it is I am doing I do my best to reconcile myself with my brother and with God. That will open up the communication channel between my Creator and me and I feel restored in my relationship with Him. It is so important for us to have this because without it we will suffer because we will have removed ourselves from our Maker's will and His covering.

**Psalm 91:4** He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

**03671** קַנָּף kanaph {kaw-nawf'}

**Meaning:** wing, extremity, edge, winged, border, corner, shirt, skirt, corner (of garment)

**Ruth 3:7** And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came softly and uncovered his feet and lay down. **8** At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and behold, a woman lay at his feet! **9** He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer."

In verse 9 of the passage from Ruth we have the word wings and it is the same Hebrew word that is used in Psalm 9:14. Some believe that this could be referring to the hem of the garment and specifically to the four corners and the tzitzit that remind us of the Torah of the Holy One of Israel. In Ruth, Boaz plays the part of the kinsman redeemer, symbolic of Yeshua and the part of the Kinsman Redeemer that He is. In Ruth Boaz is from Judah while Yeshua is also from Judah. Boaz redeems Ruth and brings her into Judah and by extension into Israel while Yeshua redeems Judah and the nations of the earth if they turn to Him. The redemption found through Yeshua the King of the Jews and of all of Israel as David was king of Israel and of the line of Judah lays the groundwork for redemption through the mercy and loving-kindness of God.

He requires a sacrifice from our hearts not just from our hands. This is an issue of faith not just blind obedience to rules. The Torah is very important because it is God's instructions for His people but if you walk blindly without faith where will you wind up? If you question to the point that it endangers your faith what road will you wind up walking down? We are in a time of testing before the last days come upon us. We are to walk the straight and narrow and not veer to the right or to the left. If you do you will wander aimlessly losing your way and you will lose sight of the builder of the road – Yeshua – who is standing at the end of the road waiting to welcome you home and take you into His embrace and usher you into the presence of His Father – our Father. Keep your eyes on the target so that the arrow will hit its mark as in the Torah hitting its mark deep down within your heart. Allow Him to circumcise your heart of stone and turn it into heart of flesh one that yields itself to His calling.

#### **Isaiah 44:1-5**

**1** "Yet hear now, O Jacob My servant, and Israel whom I have chosen. **2** Thus says the LORD who made you and formed you from the womb, *who* will help you: 'Fear not, O Jacob My servant; and you, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. **3** For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, and My blessing on your offspring; **4** They will spring up among the grass like willows by the watercourses.' **5** One will say, 'I am the LORD'S'; another will call *himself* by the name of Jacob; another will write *with* his hand, 'The LORD'S,' and name *himself* by the name of Israel.

He will pour water on the thirsty and flood the dry ground. Are we to take this literally or is this symbolic of what the Lord will do for those who reach out to Him and need Him to lead them to the source of living water. He will lead them there through His Holy Spirit, His Ruach HaKodesh), but He will not make them drink. They must make the choice to drink from the well of salvation to drink until their thirst has been satisfied.

**03484** יֵשׁוּרוּן Yeshuruwn {yesh-oo-roon'}

**Meaning:** Jeshurun = "upright one" a symbolic name for Israel describing her ideal character

Israel is called to be the upright one the one whom God called out of Egypt into the Wilderness but who turned away from their Maker and was doomed to die in the Wilderness without any hope of redemption. We must be very careful that we do not wind up like the generation that was sentenced to die in the Wilderness. They had been brought to the source of water and they rejected it just as if they had rejected Yeshua. Yeshua was in the cloud by day and in the fire at night and went before Israel and protected them from the heat of day and kept them warm at night. When Israel set out on their journey He went before them leading the way towards the Promised Land but the road was not a straight one because they veered to the left and to the right and lost their way.

We must be careful lest we wind up doing the same thing. We can easily lose our way the way Israel did in the Wilderness because we are in a Wilderness of our own making one called the world. The world is wilderness because God is not always found in it and that is sad because just as Israel of old did so does the Israel of today do the same thing. Instead of being a lamp that shines in the darkness we become lost in the darkness that we are supposed to be shining in. This has nothing to do with how one pronounces the name of God or the name of the son or how Biblical one is or how observant. The Jewish people have some who are very observant when it comes to the Torah of the rabbis and some of the Torah of God but they have become caught up in the jot and tittle and have lost sight of the mercy being offered.

It is not about how Jewish you are or how Hebraic you are – it is about surrendering your life to the Holy One of Israel – Yeshua! We are in the last day's people and time is growing short. Even if Yeshua does not come back in our lifetime are you willing to go to your grave without knowing Him or without forgiving those who you feel have wronged you? I struggle so hard with watching my mouth and the things I say. Sometimes I feel I am not the example I should be but I know He is merciful and I pray for His guidance every day I am granted life. Be thankful for what you have and not what you want. I want a lot of things but will these things bring glory to the Holy One of Israel? Everything that you do needs to be seen in this light – will it bring glory to the God or will it hurt Him.

Imagine the Father's pain when He watched His Son die because of what we had done NOT because of what Yeshua had done. Imagine the Father's joy when His Son was raised from the dead by the hand of God the Father. What joy there had to have been that day in the heavenly throne room of God? The Son had surrendered His will to do the will of His Father and the Father poured out His blessings upon His Son because of His faithfulness. Yes – Yeshua had faith the same as we do. Was He absolutely sure that His Father would raise Him from the dead and restore Him to His place at His right hand? Do we know, without an ounce of doubt, that there is a Yeshua or a God for that matter? Think about it – it is all about faith that God exists and that Yeshua is His Son and that through Yeshua we all receive the gift of eternal life. This is the water that quenches our thirst and floods our innermost being – this is the water of life.

#### **Revelation 19:1-4**

**1** After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God; **2** BECAUSE HIS JUDGMENTS ARE

TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS [Psalm 19:9]; for He has judged the great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and HE HAS AVENGED THE BLOOD OF HIS BOND-SERVANTS ON HER." [Deu. 32:43] **3** And a second time they said, "Hallelujah! HER SMOKE RISES UP FOREVER AND EVER." [2 Kings 9:7] **4** And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!"

Revelation is the capstone to the Bible. It closes out the Bible in a way that should bring us hope and also fear because of the things that are written in it. In Revelation 19 we are coming to the end of the book of Revelation and the end of the plan of God. It is with the closing of Revelation that we see that God wins the war with Satan and with sin. Satan would like to see it end differently and I am sure he believes it will but I choose to believe that God will win out in the end not just because of what is written in Revelation but because of what is written in the Tanach. Revelation is based on books found in the Tanach or Hebrew Scriptures the Bible the Jewish people read. Their Bible does not have the Apostolic Scriptures in it yet the truth is there because it was there the truth was first revealed. What came later only confirmed what was found in the Torah and the Prophets and the rest of the Jewish Bible.

Judah has led the way for so long my desire is to see them hold on for a little longer so they can see the culmination of their journey. I desire to see my people reach the Promised Land of Messiah as I have.

**Zechariah 8:23** "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'In those days ten men from all the nations will grasp the garment of a Jew, saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'""

Take a guess what the Hebrew word for garment is?

**03671** קַנָּף kanaph {kaw-nawf'}

**Meaning:** wing, extremity, edge, winged, border, corner, shirt, skirt, corner (of garment)

Do you think the Bible is by chance or from God? Faith will be rewarded my friends – grab hold of the tzitzit of a Jew and don't let go!

***The school teacher is explaining the importance of the Ten Commandments, humility and honoring parents, and asks a room full of 5 and 6 year olds, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" "Yes," says little Joseph, without missing a beat, "Thou shall not kill!"***

May the Lord bless you and yours... *Mordecai Silver*

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