

Transcript – Are You Keeping the Vessels of Yahweh Sanctified?

Alrighty, Chag sameach. It's amazing how quick seven days can go by, right? Here we are, the last day of Unleavened Bread; and actually eight, counting with Pesach. But, wow. I'm going to give a message today, I guess with the whole Unleavened Bread theme. It's called, *Are You Keeping the Vessels of the Sanctuary Sanctified ... Are You Keeping the Vessels of the Sanctuary Sanctified?*

And I think, like I said, when you look at ancient Israel, and you look at the system that ancient Israel had, and they had a whole system based on the Torah. We always say that the Torah was not a religious book, it was the constitution of the nation. They had a king. They had judges. They had a priesthood. They had all these things. So, everything worked within judicial order.

But with Israel not being a nation for several thousand years, and all other different, I guess you could say, sects, religions, whatnot, coming out of the original nation of Israel in some form or another or duplicating it, you see that a lot of people have just decided for themselves what they're going to do, how they're going to do it. They're going to do this; they're going to do that. But I want to show that it's really, really serious, because if we look ... I'm going to start in Numbers 7 and verse 1.

Numbers 7:1 *And it happened on the day that Moses finished setting up the tabernacle, he anointed it and sanctified it, ...*

Comment: And again, the word kadosh, which we translate sometimes in English as holy, which I think, I don't think it's a bad translation, because when I say that word, anybody in English understands what that means, that it's set apart to Yahweh, but literally the Hebrew word means to set apart. So, when we say holy, it's something that's set apart, particularly though, set apart to Yahweh. So, he anointed it and sanctified it, set it apart to Yahweh.

Numbers 7:1 *... and all its vessels, and the altar and the vessels. And he anointed them and sanctified them.*

So here it is, you have all the vessels of the sanctuary—everything—that is sanctified. Like I said, today you go in stores and go over here, Israel's become a big market like anywhere else in the world. And you'll see people selling key chains with the breastplate on it, and holy water that you can get, and holy oil. And people are flocking and buying it and throwing it around. But this was something to Yahweh that was extremely serious, as we're going to see.

And if we go to Daniel 5, I'm going to read a story to you, as we see the consequences that happen sometimes, when you take something that is sanctified to Yahweh and you use it as common like that. Now remember, this story is happening after Israel is already in captivity for quite a few years. Belshazzar is the king. Belshazzar is the son of Nebuchadnezzar. And here it is, this is 539. So, this is almost at the end of the 70-year captivity. But something very interesting happens, and I'm going to read it here in Daniel 5, starting in verse 1.

Daniel 5:1-2 *Belshazzar, the king made a great feast to a thousand of his nobles. And he drank wine before the thousand. And tasting the wine, Belshazzar commanded the golden and silver vessels brought, those his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the sanctuary in Jerusalem, and that the king, and his nobles, his wives, and his concubines might drink with them.*

Comment: So, this is what we're saying. I'm reading about how when the sanctuary was built, Yahweh told Moses, you separate all these things for the sanctuary and you set them apart, and then you're going to anoint them with holy oil and they're going to be holy. And what happens? Nebuchadnezzar comes in, he takes them all away, and now I guess they're stored somewhere. But now his son is taking these sanctified things of Yahweh and just using them for drinking.

Daniel 5:3-6 *And they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the sanctuary in the house of Eloha in Jerusalem. And the king, his nobles, his wives, and his concubines drank with them. They drank wine and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, and of bronze, and of iron, wood, and stone. At that moment fingers of a man's hand came out and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace across from the lampstand ... So, here it is, the menorah is over there that they have*

too ... *And the king saw the part of the hand that wrote ...* So, coming out of the wall is a hand that's writing. So, you can imagine ... *Then the king's color was changed, ...* Literally, he turned white from fear ... *and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins shook, and his knees knocked together one against the other.*

Comment: So, you can imagine how scared any of us would be if, all of a sudden, you're over there and you're drinking this wine, and you see a hand coming out of the wall, and it's writing something that's over there. So, let's drop down to verse 17 and see the end of it. Because now they go, they're looking for someone who can interpret the dream, and they get Daniel.

Daniel 5:17-20 *And then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let your gifts be to yourself, and give your rewards to another. Yet I will read the writing to the king, and make the meaning known to him. O king, the Most High Eloha gave your father Nebuchadnezzar a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honor. And for the majesty that He gave him, all people, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. He killed whom he desired, and whom he desired he kept alive. And whom he would, he set up; and whom he desired, he put down. But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was put down from the throne of his kingdom, and they took glory from him.*

Comment: So, almost like that message I gave at the beginning of the Feast, *Is Yahweh Like You?* And we kind of think, "Oh, no, it's okay." "Oh, I know the Bible says that, but it's okay. It doesn't make a difference. I can do this." "It doesn't matter what day of the week you worship on." "It doesn't matter if you eat pork." "It doesn't matter if you do this." But we realize, no, a lot of times Yahweh is not like us. Yahweh has a way; He has a standard for everything. And our job as a human being is to decide do we keep the standard He has, or do we violate it? That's where free will comes in from.

So, he's saying Nebuchadnezzar was put in charge of all these things, *but then his heart was lifted up in pride, and his mind hardened in pride, and he was put down from the throne of his kingdom, and he took his glory from him.* So, again, we never want to start to think just because we're a believer or we're in covenant that, somehow, we're above the Torah.

Daniel 5:21 *And he was driven from the sons of men. And his heart was made like the animals, and his home was like the wild donkeys ...* We remember reading that earlier in Daniel ... *They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the heavens, until he knew that the Most High Eloha is Ruler in the kingdom of men, and that He appoints over it whomever He desires.*

Comment: So again, that's why we respect even worldly government. Because we know that Yahweh allows whoever is there, and we're to respect the leaders.

Daniel 5:22-23 *And you, his son, O Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you know all this. But you have exulted yourself up against the Master of Heaven. And they have brought the vessels of His house before you. And you, and your nobles, your wives, and your concubines have drunk wine with them. And you have praised the gods of silver, and gold, and bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see, nor hear, and do not know. And you have not glorified the Eloha in whose hand your life, breath, and all your ways is.*

Comment: So, as we're going to see ... and I'm starting with this story, and I'm going to end with another one from the New Testament ... that **there is a greater accountability when you do know something.** I mean, there are people that are in error because they don't know things. Like we said, not every Sunday keeper is doing it because they're trying to worship the sun. Many of them just don't know. They don't know the Sabbath day. And like I said, I've met many people in my life that actually keep Sunday, thinking it's the Sabbath day, as a day that's holy. So, there is a greater accountability here because he knew the truth. He knew from his father, and he was still doing the wrong thing.

Daniel 5:24-28 *Then the part of the hand was sent from Him, and this writing was written: ...* Now he's going to say what's writing ... *and this is the writing that was written: A MINA, A MINA, A SHEKEL, AND HALF MINAS. This is the meaning of the thing: A MINA: Eloha has numbered your kingdom and finished it. A SHEKEL: You are weighed in the scales and found lacking. HALF MINAS: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and the Persians.*

So, we see that actually by him knowing to do good and not doing it, what happened? He lost the kingdom from it. So, a very interesting story how somebody who actually was not even a believer, but yet knew it (better from good), took something that was sanctified to Yahweh, used it as common, and he paid the consequences. So, all the more for us, right? When we know that something is sanctified to Yahweh that we need to keep it that way. Exodus 31, we see the same thing with the Sabbath covenant. Exodus 31. I'll start in verse 12.

Exodus 31:12-13 *And YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying, You speak to the sons of Israel, charging them, only My Sabbaths you shall keep; it is a sign between Me and you for your generation; to know that I am YAHWEH your sanctifier.*

Comment: So again, the Sabbath is a *sign* to prove that Yahweh is the One who sets apart what's holy to Him and what's not.

Exodus 31:14 *And you shall keep the Sabbath, for it is holy to you; ... It is sanctified. It is set apart ... the profaners of it shall surely be executed; for everyone doing work in it, that soul will be cut off from the midst of his people.*

Comment: And it's very interesting if you look up the Hebrew, that word saying "anyone doing work," that word 'doing' literally means to expand. And the word 'work' is the word *melakah*, which comes from the word for kingdom. It's from the Hebrew word for kingdom. So literally he's saying, anyone who is expanding his own kingdom will be cut off. So, six days, what do we do? We work, and we make money, and we buy things, and we earn. And that's okay, but we're expanding our own kingdom. We're not expanding the Kingdom of Yahweh when we're doing these things. But **on the seventh day, we're not to expand our own kingdom. The seventh day is the day that we're to expand the Kingdom of Yahweh.** And whoever doesn't, his soul will be cut off.

Exodus 31:15 *Work may be done six days, and on the seventh day is a Sabbath of rest, holy ... set apart ... to YAHWEH; everyone doing work on the Sabbath day surely will be put to death.*

Comment: And we know not only that, we know from **Isaiah 58** ... I won't go there ... but even speaking our own words, seeking our own pleasure. That it's not just a day of simply not working. It's a day that's set apart to Yahweh. It's a day where all our words, our thought, our actions should all be toward worship of Yahweh.

Exodus 31:16 *And the sons of Israel shall guard the Sabbath, to observe and to do the Sabbath for their generations; it is a never ending covenant.*

Comment: So again, it's illogical to think this covenant went all the way until the days of the first century—and we know Yahshua kept the Sabbath, and the early believers—but then, somehow, it's not to be kept now, but then when the Millennium comes it's going to be kept again. And it never says that. **It's a never-ending covenant forever. It's something that's set apart to Yahweh.**

Exodus 31:17 *It is a sign forever between Me and the sons of Israel; for in six days YAHWEH made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.*

Comment: So, we literally see it's an actual sign of who the Creator in heaven is. Probably today more than any time in history, you have people who are not only rejecting the truth of the Torah, but they're rejecting Yahweh. They're saying it's a creation without a Creator. So, all the more reason to be honoring the Sabbath on this day.

Exodus 31:18 *And when He finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written by the finger of Elohim.*

So, like we said, Yahweh's own writing that's on this, that's proof of this. If we go to Numbers 15, we'll see again what is the violation when somebody does not honor the things that Yahweh has sanctified. Numbers 15 and verse 30.

Numbers 15:30 *And the soul that does anything with a high hand in defiance, whether of a native or of an alien, the same blasphemes YAHWEH. And that person shall be cut off from the midst of his people.*

Comment: So, we see, like I said, the same with what we read in the beginning with Daniel. There's a greater accountability when someone knows to do good and they're not doing it, compared to someone who's doing it in ignorance. So, if someone is not doing something in ignorance, if they're doing it in defiance, they're to be cut off.

Numbers 15:31-32 *For he has despised the Word of YAHWEH and has broken His command; that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity shall be on him. And while the sons of Israel were in the wilderness they found a man gathering sticks on the Sabbath day.*

Comment: You know, "Oh, what day does it matter? Ah, it's not a big offense. Oh, he's out there gathering sticks." We're going to see in this case it mattered a lot.

Numbers 15:33-34 *And those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron, and to the congregation. And they put him under guard; for it had not been declared what should be done to him.*

Comment: So, now, this isn't Moses or Aaron or somebody who's losing his temper to say what's done. They're asking Yahweh, what should be done to this person who's gathering sticks and defiling something that You sanctified?

Numbers 15:35a *And YAHWEH said to Moses, surely, the man shall die;*

Comment: Very simple. He's not doing it in ignorance. He knew what the commandment was given, and he didn't follow it. *Surely, the man shall die.*

Numbers 15:35b *and all the congregation will stone him with stones outside the camp.*

Comment: So not only shall he die, but all the people together were to kill the person, stone him.

Numbers 15:36 *And the congregation brought him outside the camp and stoned him with stones. And he died, as YAHWEH commanded Moses.*

And that's why when people say, "Does it really matter what day as long as you're right in your heart?" And that's the problem. None of us are right in our heart because we're not like Yahweh. And **if you want to grow to be right like Yahweh, you have to follow the Words He gave us. You have to follow the standard that He set.** And when we don't, we're what is called self-righteousness. We're putting our own standard there. Because we're deciding what laws are important and what laws aren't important and setting our own standard to it.

So, sanctification is very, very important. And very clear, and literally, its life and death, as we're going to see as we continue here, death to defile what Yahweh sanctifies. Are we keeping the Sabbath sanctified? If we go to Exodus 29 ... Exodus 29 ... we'll see also the priests. There was a priesthood that was sanctified to Yahweh. Verse 1 says:

Exodus 29:1 *And this is the thing which you shall do to them, to sanctify them to minister as priests to Me: take one bull, the son of a herd, two rams without blemish,*

Comment: So, these are how Yahweh is going to sanctify a priesthood to Him, and He's going to go into all the things that's going to happen to them. I'll drop down to verse 4.

Exodus 29:4 *And you shall take Aaron and his sons to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And you shall wash them in water.*

Comment: We know baptism, mikvah, all of it is a ceremonial process of cleansing ourselves before Yahweh before we do His service.

Exodus 29:5 *And you shall take the garments, and you shall clothe Aaron with the tunic, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastplate. And you shall bind it to him with the band of the ephod.*

Comment: And we know even in the Brit Chadashah (the New Testament), we have the armor of Yahweh. The same thing, that we put on the clothing of the priesthood.

Exodus 29:6-7 *And you shall put the miter on his head; and you shall put the holy crown on the miter. And you shall take the oil of anointing and shall pour it on his head, and shall anoint.*

Comment: So again, this is special oil that's not to be sold at the market for people to play games and put it on their feet or spray it on their furniture. This was special oil that was there that was particularly to anoint the priests. We drop down to verse 29.

Exodus 29:29-30, 43 *And the holy garments which are Aaron's shall be his sons' after him, for anointing in them and for filling their hands in them. The priest shall put them on seven days, the one from his sons taking his place, the one who comes into the tabernacle and the congregation to minister in the sanctuary ... Verse 43 ... And I will meet the sons of Israel here and it shall be sanctified by My glory.*

Comment: So, we see, like we went over before when we talked about **1st Corinthians 11** and the proper headship in the congregation, to ask for Yahweh's blessing. And it says because of the messengers the women need to be under headship, because we're asking Yahweh's blessing. And **if you want His blessing on your meeting, you have to have judicial order, or how can you have His blessing?** And clearly it says in the Brit Chadashah that we need to know how to act in the house of Elohim. So, this is what He's saying, that you have to have the structure right if you want Him to be there; and then He'll meet with Israel and shall be sanctified by His glory.

Exodus 29:44-46 *And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar. And I will sanctify Aaron and his sons to minister as priests to Me. And I will dwell in the midst of the sons of Israel; and I will be Elohim to them. And they shall know that I am YAHWEH their Elohim, who brought them out of Egypt, when I may dwell in their midst. I am YAHWEH their Elohim.*

So again, we see that **when we keep the vessels of Yahweh sanctified, Yahweh's dwelling in our midst and His Spirit is leading us. If we defile them, it's the opposite.** Malachi 2, we'll see the same thing with the priests. Malachi the 2nd chapter, a couple verses, verse 1 and 2.

Malachi 2:1-2, 7 *And now, O priests, this command is to you. If you will not hear, and if you will not set on your heart to give glory to My name, says YAHWEH of Hosts, then I will send the curse on you, and I will curse your blessings ... And that word for curse there is arar. Very interesting in the days we're living in, when you look at Islam ... because you have not set it to your heart ... If you drop down to verse 7 ... For the lips of the priest should guard knowledge, and they should seek the Torah from his mouth; for he is the messenger of YAHWEH of Hosts.*

So, also, we see part of the priesthood is to be teaching the truth. The priests were to be bringing the truth of the Torah. They are to be teaching the people how to keep the things of Yahweh sanctified. Now, in the Brit Chadashah (the New Covenant) we see also there are not Levites in the New Covenant, but we do have New Covenant elders, and they have the same strict qualifications that you need here. **1st Timothy 3**. I'll read here 1 to 7, then drop down to verse 13.

1 Timothy 3:1-7 *Faithful is the Word: If anyone desires the office of an Elder, he desires a good work. He who becomes an Elder must be blameless, the husband of one wife, alert mentally, sensible, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; ... like we just said ... not a drunkard, or whose one hand is quick to strike, but humble, not contentious, not loving money; ruling his own house well, having children in subjection with all purity. But if anyone does not know how to rule his own*

house, how will he care for a Congregation of Elohim? He should not be a new disciple, lest being puffed up ... like we saw ... he may fall into the condemnation of the devil. But he must also have a good witness from those outside, that he not fall into reproach and into a snare of the devil.

Comment: So, we'll see, I won't read it, but deacons is very, very similar. It's the same qualifications, just a different job. And then verse 13, he says:

1 Timothy 3:13-15 *For those having served well gain a good grade for themselves and much boldness in faith, those in Messiah Yahshua. I write these things to you, hoping to come to you shortly. But if I delay, that you may know how to behave in the house of Elohim, which is the Congregation of the living Elohim, the pillar and foundation of truth.*

So again, judicial order, that's all it is. There's a structure that Yahweh had, that He started out, like we said, we can go to the Garden of Eden. That structure may have been modified a little bit, but the principle never changed with Israel. And in the New Covenant, we see it's the same. So, like we said, sometimes the sign may change. Sometimes a symbol may change, but the pattern doesn't change. The pattern stays the same.

Act 6, the same as we saw when ... I'm not going to go there in Deuteronomy 34, but **Deuteronomy 34:9** ... we saw that when Moses was getting ready to get taken by Yahweh, what did he do? He laid hands on Joshua for the orderly transferring. And in Acts the 6th chapter, we see the same thing. Acts 6 and verse 3.

Acts 6:3-6 *Examine therefore my brothers and pick seven men among you that have a good witness and who are full of the Spirit of YAHWEH and wisdom, and we will set them over this issue ... talking, again, about ordination ... And we shall continue steadfast in prayer and service of the Word! And the saying was pleasing before the multitude. And they chose out Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, and each of whom they made stand before the apostles. And having prayed, they laid hands on them.*

So again, you're seeing that this is how they were being sanctified. They were being sanctified by the laying on of hands and set apart, set apart for the ministry. We also see that just with every believer when he gets baptized and he comes into the faith, ... If you go over to chapter 8 ... that believers are set apart, the same thing, through the laying on of hands. Chapter 8. I'll start in verse 9 of Acts.

Acts 8:9 *Now there was a certain man there whose name was Simon Magus who lived in that city a long time and deceived the people of Samaria by his sorcery while magnifying himself and saying, I Am Great!*

Comment: And this word that he's used, it's the same as Yahshua when He's saying the *I am*; he's claiming to be deity, actually.

Acts 8:10-15 *All were bowing toward him, from small to great, saying, This one is the great power of Elohim. And they all persuaded him, all of them, because a long time ago he had persuaded them with his sorceries. But when they believed Philip preaching the good news, the things concerning the kingdom of YAHWEH, and in the name of Yahshua Messiah, they were baptized, both men and women. And Simon himself also believed, and being baptized was continuing steadfast with Philip. And seeing miracles and mighty works happening, he was amazed ... Simon Magus ... And the apostles in Jerusalem hearing that Samaria had received the Word of Elohim, they sent Simon Peter and John to them, who going down prayed concerning them so they might receive the Holy Spirit.*

Acts 8:16-20 *For it was not upon any one of them yet, but they were only being baptized in the name of the Master Yahshua. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. But when Simon Magus saw the Holy Spirit was given through the laying on of hands of the apostles, he offered them money, saying, Give to me this authority that to whomever I may lay on the hands he may receive the Holy Spirit. But Peter said to him, May your silver be with you into destruction, because you thought to obtain the gift of YAHWEH through money.*

So, we see, again, sometimes you may see people out there that are baptizing people without being sanctified to do that, and they may not know any better. So, it doesn't make it right but, again, if they don't know any better, there's less accountability. But if people know better, and they're doing it, as we see, there's a greater accountability. But this is something that's sanctified. It's something that's set apart from Yahweh.

Exodus the 30th chapter ... Exodus 30 and verse 22. Because like we said, it really is a great offense to take the sanctified things of Yahweh and make them common. Exodus 30 and verse 22.

Exodus 30:22-24 *And YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying, And you take spices for yourself, the best, five hundred of pure myrrh, and its half of spicy cinnamon, two hundred and fifty shekels, and two hundred and fifty aromatic calamus; and five hundred of cassia, by the shekel of the sanctuary; and a hin of olive oil.*

Comment: And it's very interesting that down at the Cave of the Columns, which is down near Qumran, they actually found 900 pounds of this incense just like this, in the proper order, and the olive oil. So apparently, they were storing it down there, probably because it's dry or whatever. But it's interesting that they actually found this in the right order.

Exodus 30:25 *And you shall make it an oil of holy anointing, ointment compound, the working of a perfumer, an oil of holy anointing it shall be.*

Comment: So here it is, this is something that is not just for smelling nice. It's not just something for fun. This is the holy anointing oil.

Exodus 30:26-27 *And you shall anoint with it the tabernacle of the congregation and the ark of the testimony, and the table and the vessels and the altar of incense,*

Comment: So, all the things that are sanctified to Yahweh are being anointed with it.

Exodus 30:27-32 *and the table and its vessels and the altar of incense, and the altar of burnt offering, and all the vessels, and the laver and its base. And you shall sanctify them, and they shall become most holy; everything touching them shall become holy ... Because they're sanctified to Yahweh. This is in the Most Holy Place ... And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and you shall consecrate them to minister as priests to Me ... Like we said, the priests are also sanctified to Yahweh ... And you shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, This shall be a holy anointing oil for Me for your generations. It shall not be poured on the flesh of man, and you shall not make any like it in its proportion; it is holy ... It is sanctified; it's set apart ... It shall be holy to you.*

Comment: So again, like we said, the principle is something that Yahweh sanctifies for Himself, we don't duplicate for us.

Exodus 30:33-38 *If any man prepares any like it, or who gives from it to a stranger, he shall be cut off from his people ... as we saw from some of the other scriptures ... And YAHWEH said to Moses, Take perfumes for yourself, spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum, spices, and pure frankincense, a part shall be for a part. And you shall make it incense, an ointment, a work of a perfumer, salted, pure and holy. And you shall grind some of it fine, and put some of it in front of the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, where I meet you. It shall be most holy to you. And the incense which you make, in its proportions, you shall not make for yourselves; it shall be holy to you for YAHWEH. If any man makes any like it, to smell of it, he shall be cut off from his people.*

So, like I said, today we're thousands of years removed. In a lot of areas, like I said, when somebody comes in to, quote unquote, say Christianity as a whole, they're just thinking of their relationship to the Bible or to Yahshua, and they're not thinking that there's a structure. They're not thinking that there's one nation of Israel, that Yahweh had one structure throughout time. They're just thinking maybe in terms of their sins being forgiven, which is the most important thing. But **to enable to have your sins forgiven and be in the goodness of Yahweh, you have to follow the structure.**

As we see, something here so simple that somebody ... And I've had it happen, that people have read scriptures like this, and they'll try to duplicate it, not realizing. But to Yahweh, it's serious. You're cut off; you're cut off from Him. He's not playing games with it. I've seen people that they'll say, oh, you know, they'll go to these places and they'll just blow the trumpet to "ward off Satan" and this and that and not realizing, no, there's a time to blow the trumpet. And the silver trumpet is not just for anybody to take and blow. This is something the priests blew only on certain occasions. This is sanctified to Yahweh.

But like I said, we're living in commercial Babylon. We're living in a time where people are playing church. They're not living it. So, it's serious when you look at it. And since Yahweh doesn't change, the same standard He had back then is the same standard to us, that we have to take this serious. Because when the Kingdom comes, there will be a real sanctuary again. And there will be all the things in there and the vessels, and Yahweh and Yahshua will be here on the earth being there. And like He says, **if we violate what He sets out as sanctified, we're going to pay the penalty.**

So, now, the rest of the message I really want to get into showing **we're the keepers of the guard** ... we're the keepers of the guard. The same way that Yahweh set these things and sanctified them in the First Covenant, He's given to us to sanctify in the New Covenant.

If we go to Leviticus 10, we see here even the priests ... And like we saw with Belshazzar, who was a leader but not a priest of Yahweh, of course ... But we see even in the congregation, **whether you were a Levite priest or you are a New Testament elder, you're not above the Torah. Everybody is held to the same standard.** And like we said, everybody has to do it. So, we see here this example in Leviticus 10 of the sons of Aaron.

Leviticus 10:1 *Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in them; and they put incense on it and brought profane fire before YAHWEH, which He had not commanded them.*

Comment: So, an elder can't decide, "Oh, you know what? Well, I'm the leader. Oh, it's okay." "Ah, you know what? Yeah, go ahead. Cook your food today because you didn't prepare it," or "Do this to violate the Sabbath." No, no, Yahweh is the One that sanctifies it. No man has the right to give someone permission to violate Yahweh's sanctuary.

Leviticus 10:2-3 *And fire went out from before YAHWEH and consumed them; and they died before YAHWEH. And Moses said to Aaron, It is that which YAHWEH has spoken, saying, I will be treated holy ... set apart ... by those drawing near to Me; and I will be honored before the people. And Aaron was silent.*

Comment: He was scared to death. His two kids just got killed here. And he didn't have a word to say, because he knew if he opened his mouth, he would have been next. Verse 8.

Leviticus 10:8-10 *And YAHWEH spoke to Aaron, saying, You shall not drink wine and fermented drink, you nor your sons with you, as you go into the tabernacle of the congregation, and you shall not die; a never ending statute throughout your generations; and to make a distinction between the holy and the profane, and between the unclean and the clean;*

So, very clearly here that the priest's job is teaching the Torah, and the priest is the one that's supposed to be showing the people the difference between the sanctified and the common, and the holy and the profane. Leviticus 11, the very next chapter, which is interesting because it's all on the clean and the unclean. Verse 1.

Leviticus 11:1, 10-12 *And YAHWEH spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ... Drop down to verse 10 ... But any one that does not have fins and scales ... talking about fish and what we're to eat ... in the seas, and in the brooks, of any swarming creature of the waters, and of any creature which lives in the waters; they are to be detested by you. Yes, they shall be an abomination to you; you shall not eat of their flesh and you shall shun their dead bodies. Any one that does not have fins and scales in the waters, it shall be an unclean thing to you.*

Comment: So yes, Yahshua died for my sins. Yes, He paid the penalty for my sins, but upon His death, scales didn't grow on a shrimp. A shrimp didn't somehow become clean. It's still something that's detested. His death and payment for my

sin has nothing to do with food that Yahweh created that's good for you and food that He created that's not good for you. And as we know, one of the main causes of hepatitis, think hepatitis B, is shellfish. It comes from that. Drop down to verse 23.

Leviticus 11:23-28 *But every swarming thing which flies, which has four feet, is unclean to you. And by these you shall be made unclean; any who touches their dead body is unclean until the evening. And anyone who lifts up their dead body shall wash their garments and shall be unclean until the evening; even every living thing which divided the hoof, and is not cloven footed, and does not bring up the cud, they are unclean to you; anyone who touches them shall be unclean. And any going on its paws among all the living things which go on all four, they are unclean to you; anyone who touches their dead body is unclean until the evening; and he who lifts up their dead body shall wash his garments and shall be unclean until the evening; they are unclean to you ...* And then we drop down to verse 43.

Leviticus 11:43-44 *You shall not pollute yourselves with any swarming thing which swarms, nor shall you make yourselves unclean with them, so that you should be defiled ...* So, it is a matter of defilement ... *For I am YAHWEH your Elohim, and you have sanctified yourselves, ...*

Comment: So again, this is a part everything in our life: Clothes Yahweh set apart that are sanctified; clothes He didn't sanctify. Food He set apart that's sanctified; food He didn't sanctify.

Leviticus 11:44a *So I am YAHWEH your Elohim, and have sanctified yourselves, and you have become holy, ... sanctified ... for I am holy ...*

Comment: So again, like we said, it's not about Yahweh being like me. **It's about me being like Yahweh. And if I want to be like Him, then I have to set apart the things that He set apart. If not, I'm not being like Him.** So, we are to become set apart as He is set apart.

Leviticus 11:44b-45 *And you shall not defile your person with any swarming thing which creeps on the earth; for I am YAHWEH who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to become your Elohim; and you shall be holy, ... sanctified; set apart ... for I am holy ... sanctified; set apart.*

So, it's a very simple standard, and He tells us pretty much exactly how to do that here. Exodus 19. Going back to Exodus. And like we said, in the First Covenant He had the Levitical priesthood that was added after the golden calf incident to be a mediator to the people to Yahweh, but it was never Yahweh's intention. His intention was always to make a kingdom of priests. And that's what we see here in Exodus 19, chapter [should be verse] 3.

Exodus 19:3 *And Moses went up to Elohim. And YAHWEH called to him from the mountain, saying, You shall say this to the house of Jacob, and tell it to the sons of Israel.*

Comment: So, like we said, whenever they're in trouble, they're usually called Jacob. Whenever it's they're overcoming, they're called Israel. Here He's saying to both.

Exodus 19:4-6 *You have seen what I did to Egypt; and I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Me. And now if listening you will listen to My voice, and you will keep My covenant, you shall become a special treasure to Me above all the nations, for all the earth is Mine. And you shall become **a kingdom of priests to Me**, a holy ... a set apart ... nation. These are the words which you shall speak to the sons of Israel.*

So, very clearly, **each one of us that go under the waters of baptism and come up and have the laying on of hands, you're entering covenant. It's not just a ceremony, but you're entering covenant with Yahweh; and He's telling you how to stay in that covenant.** Everything in this Book is our constitution, telling us how to be sanctified from what? From the world. Because from the Garden of Eden, you had two ways. You had the covenant of Yahweh, the Tree of Life. And you had the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, which was basically man deciding for himself. And of course, Adam and Eve went

in the wrong direction and they started really a covenant with Satan, you could say, and the world. And since that time, every human being has had that choice to make.

And that's why Yahweh has preserved the Torah through all time; because if we want to be under covenant with Him, if we want to be a kingdom of priests to Him, then we have to follow the mandates that He said for us to do. If we go to 1st Peter 2, we see nothing changes in the Brit Chadashah; actually, it's magnified. 1st Peter 2. He says:

1 Peter 2:1-2 *Wherefore lay aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil accusations, as newborn babes desire the word as pure spiritual milk, that you may grow to salvation by it;*

Comment: So, we have to look at this; **we have to look at the Word of Yahweh as pure**, not something that, "Well, it's been tainted," or "Yeah, I can believe in this, but not everything." No, **we have to look at this that this is our life. Every word of it is the pure spiritual milk.**

1 Peter 2:3-5, 8 *if you "tasted and found out that our Master is good;" to whom you have come, because He is a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen of YAHWEH and precious. You also as living stones are being built into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to YAHWEH through Yahshua Messiah ... And if we drop down to verse 8 ... He is a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence. And they stumble at it, because they believe not the word: for which they were appointed.*

Comment: So, it's very easy. It's not that hard if you simply believe the Word and take it at face value. It's when we want to try to doctor the Word or pick and choose where we run into trouble. Then he says:

1 Peter 2:9-10 *But you are an elect race, a royal priesthood; a holy people, and a people for possession; ... The same way the Levites were the possession of Yahweh, in the New Covenant we are also the possession of Yahweh ... that you should proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness to His precious light: you who then were "Not a people, but now are the people of YAHWEH; who had not obtained mercy, but now have mercies poured out upon you."*

So very, very clear. Like we said, the priesthood may be different; and where the Levites were doing sacrifices because it was part of that priesthood because of sin, where now we're doing living sacrifices. We're not sacrificing animals, but we're sacrificing our life every day. But the concept of it never changed, the concept of the priesthood from Levite to Melchizedek. If we go to John 2 ... John 2. And now even the sanctuary of Yahweh, we see the concept has changed. John 2 and verse 13.

John 2:13-14 *And the Passover of the Jews was near. And Yahshua went up to Jerusalem ... Here we are, right? Just like that ... And He found those selling oxen and sheep and doves in the sanctuary, and the money changers sitting.*

Comment: So, the same as we see today. We see Passover is a big time of money. And what they're talking about, that "Oh, this year there are 30%-40% less people here." So, they're not worried that maybe there's a spiritual condition that's hurting. They're worried that hey, their pocketbooks. The hotels and the vendors and the people aren't selling the same kind of wares. And this is what Yahshua was going through. He finds those selling in the sanctuary. Can you imagine? Right in something that's set apart to Yahweh, they're selling and making money, and the money changers sitting.

John 2:15-18 *And making a whip of ropes, He threw all out of the sanctuary, both the sheep, and the oxen, and the money changers, pouring out the money and overturning the tables. And the ones selling the doves, He said, Take these things from here! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise ... Exactly what we see today, unfortunately ... And His disciples remembered that it was written, "The zeal of Your house has consumed Me." Then the Jews answered and said to Him, What sign do You do to show us, since You do these things?*

Kind of interesting because we were just talking yesterday about the blood moons. People selling videos up to \$70-\$80, "The blood moons are coming. It's the end of the world. So, give me \$80 a video." Come on, why would you need the \$80

if it's really the sign of the Day of Yahweh coming? And now they're asking Him what sign, and the blood moons is supposed to be the sign. But here's the sign, not the blood moon. But he said:

John 2:19-21 *Yahshua said to them, tear down this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up. Then the Jews said, This sanctuary was forty six years being built, and do You raise it up in three days? But He spoke about the sanctuary of His body.*

So now again, we look at the type. You have type and fulfillment, type and fulfillment. Well, the type is Yahweh has a physical sanctuary that we know is only a shadow of what's in heaven, and He had a laver, and He had all these things that He sanctified. Why? Because they were being used for His purpose, and they were set apart. But now we see that Yahshua says, now in this time in the New Covenant, there's not going to be a **physical** temple that will have the sanctified vessels, but there's going to be a spiritual temple. It's going to be My body. My body is literally the sanctuary. And we know He is the Head, and we are all part of that body.

So, we have the same accountability, if not more. Because the temple in Jerusalem, Solomon's temple, was only a type. It was only a type. Yahweh never commanded a temple to be built. That's what he said to David. But He said, because your heart is right, I'll let you do it. But that wasn't His plan. There wasn't plan to be any sanctuary here on earth until the Messiah comes. But he let him do it as a type. Because He said, you know what? Yeah, this will help My plan. By having the sanctuary then, and the lavers, and the sacrifices, it'll all be showing toward My plan of what's really sanctified.

But now—now we know that plan; now we have His Spirit—and if we don't keep the things of Yahweh sanctified now in the reality, look at what happened in the shadow when they broke something that was sanctified, death. How much more to us now when it's the reality of what's holy to Him?

Exodus 20 ... Exodus 20. Because when Yahweh set apart the sanctuary and the things that were holy to Him, there's few things that He blessed the people with. Exodus 20. He says:

Exodus 20:1-2 *And Elohim spoke all these words, saying, I am YAHWEH your Elohim, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.*

Comment: So very, very clearly, **the first commandment is we are to put nothing above Yahweh.** And there's people, even today, that have taken the name of Yahweh for themselves. Now it's one thing if the name Yahweh is in your name, if you're named Jeremiah (Yirmeyahu), or you're name Elijah (Eliyahu), and it's something where Yahweh does this or Yahweh does that. But no human being should just take the name Yahweh, because that name was set apart to Yahweh and nobody else. That's the name He set apart. Look at verse 7.

Exodus 20:7 *You shall not take the name of YAHWEH your Elohim in vain; for YAHWEH will not leave unpunished the one who takes His name in vain.*

Wow! There's not another commandment that pretty much leaves it where you can't even be forgiven if you're doing something purposely, taking His name in vain. So, it's something that is extremely important. And it's important because, as we'll see, that's the family name that is put on Yahweh's people in the covenant relationship.

So, let's go to John 17, because it's interesting as Yahshua is giving His last words with His disciples, look what He says. John 17. I'm going to start in verse 6. He says:

John 17:6 *I revealed Your name to the men whom You gave to Me out of the world. They were Yours, and You gave them to Me; and they have kept Your Word.*

Comment: So, here it is. **Now part of the sanctification in the New Covenant that Yahweh's given to His people is His name being on them.**

John 17:7-9 *Now they have known that everything that You have given to Me I have given to them and they received them. And they know that I have truly proceeded from Your presence, and they believe that You have sent Me. I pray concerning them; I do not pray concerning the world, but concerning the ones whom You gave Me, because they are Yours.*

Comment: So again, the Garden of Eden all over again. Are we sanctified to Satan's system, or are we sanctified to the system of Yahweh?

John 17:10-14 *All My things are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them. And no longer am I in the world, yet these are in the world; and I come to You, Holy Father, keep them in Your name, ... Again, keep them in Your name—Congregation of Yahweh ... those whom You gave to Me, that they may be united (echad) as We are united. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name; ... in the name of the Father, Yahweh ... I guarded those whom You gave to Me, and not one of them was lost, except the son of perdition, that the Scriptures might be fulfilled. And now I come to You, and I speak these things in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in them. I have given them Your Word, and the world hated them because they are not of the world, as I am not of the world.*

Comment: So, when people come up to me and say, "Ah, I'm so discouraged. I'm going out. I'm witnessing. I'm talking to people, and I only get rejected." I read them this scripture. I say, "That's good. You're doing the right thing then." Number one, only Yahweh can open up their mind. But the world isn't going to love you when you bring them the truth; they're going to hate you. *But be of good cheer, Yahshua has overcome the world.*

John 17:15-16 *I do not pray that You take them out of the world, but You keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.*

Comment: So, what's the message of this? *Are You Keeping the Vessels of the Sanctuary Sanctified?* So, **that's the point. We're in the world, but not of the world. And if we're being part like the world, then we're not keeping Yahweh's vessels sanctified.**

John 17:17-22 *Sanctify them in Your Truth; Your Word is Truth. As You have sent Me into the world, I have sent them into the world. And I fear for their sakes. I sanctify Myself so that they may also be sanctified by the Truth. And I do not pray concerning these only, but also concerning those who will believe in Me through their word; ... And here we are, 2,000 years later ... that all may be echad, as You are in Me Father and I in You, that they also may be echad in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And I have given them the glory which You have given Me, that they may be echad, as We are echad:*

We drop down to verse 25.

John 17:25-26 *Righteous Father, indeed the world did not know You, but I knew You; and these have known that You sent Me. And I made known Your name to them, and will make it known, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.*

So very clearly, very clearly, this is Yahshua's prayer of sanctification that we should have in the end time. This is the sanctification for His congregation. And like I said, the problem too many times is because we're living in the world, and the power of the world, especially in this day and age, is so strong, that we're trying to mimic the world instead of mimicking Yahweh's pattern in the Torah and being an example to the world. And even though most of them will hate us for it, there are going to be a few people that will come to the truth.

On the other end, if you look at our brother Judah, now they don't have everything perfect, but why do people hate the Jews so much? Because for the most part, for the last 3,000 years, the Jews have stayed separate. There's Jews living in Iran. There's Jews living in Iraq. There's Jews living in Egypt. But they're living separated from those communities. And to the best of their ability, and like I said, they're far from perfect, and particularly in a lot of their oral law, but they have tried to stay separate to a degree, and that's why they're hated. That's why they're hated, because they try to stay separate.

Now, as we as the people of Yahweh, are we trying to stay separate from the world? And I say the worst insult someone can ever give you is to say, "Wow, I didn't know you were a believer." That's the worst insult. Because if they don't see there's any difference in you than anybody else, then there's a problem. The books we read, the music we listen to, our language every day, how we speak, the internet that we're surfing, is it like the world, or is it from Yahweh? This is very clear, and this is Yahshua's last prayer that He's given, that we keep the vessels of the sanctuary sanctified. Let's go to 1st Corinthians 6 ... 1st Corinthians 6 and verse 18. It says:

1 Corinthians 6:18-19 *Flee fornication. For every sin which a man do outside the body, he doing fornication sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit in you, which you have from Elohim, and you are not of yourselves?*

Comment: And of course, he's talking about physical fornication, but he's also talking about spiritual fornication. And if you ever do a study on fornication in the Bible, you'll find out probably at least 80% of the time the word fornication is used, it's spiritual fornication. So, not to degrade against the physical fornication. It's a sin. It's against the seventh commandment, *thou shall not commit adultery*. But at the same rate, don't read through this so quick to say, "Ooh, that doesn't pertain to me." Because **anything we put before Yahweh and His Word is spiritual fornication**. When you're mixing with the world, it's spiritual fornication. When you're mixing the things of Yahweh with the things of Christianity, it's spiritual fornication. He says:

1 Corinthians 6:20 *You were bought with a price; then glorify Elohim in your body, and in your spirit, which belong to Elohim.*

So, that's what we said. Physical fornication (your body), spiritual fornication (your spirit). We want to glorify Yahweh in all things. It's not just in one thing. We're bought with a price. And like I say, for Westerners, it's very hard to understand that because we choose where we work. We choose where we live. We choose where we worship. We could get on a plane any time we want and go where we want to. We can buy homes. We could buy things if you had the money. But yet, do we really understand the concept that we're slaves? We're bought with a price.

You know that **when you went under those waters of baptism, you gave eye for eye, tooth for tooth, life for life**. And **Yahshua wasn't playing games. He was beaten. He suffered, and He died for your sins as well as mine**. And when you go in covenant, that's what you're saying, *eye for eye, tooth for tooth, life for life*. So, He died so we can live. And now this life is to be, **Romans 12**, a living sacrifice to Him. And if we want to stay sanctified to the vessels of Yahweh, you have to live that way. Because if not, if you're living for the world and the things of the world, then you're defiling the sanctuary. You're defiling the things that Yahweh set apart. Let's go to 2nd Corinthians 6 ... 2nd Corinthians 6 and verse 14.

2 Corinthians 6:14-15a *Do not unite in marriage with unbelievers ... Very simple. It's a very simple command, although people don't follow all the time, but you're not to unite in marriage with an unbeliever ... For what partnership does righteousness have with lawlessness? What fellowship does light have with darkness? And what agreement does the Messiah have with Satan? ...*

Comment: Wow, these are pretty strong words from the Apostle Paul. Now if we ever use these words today, boy, would you be judged! "Are you calling me Satan because I don't believe the way you do?" Well, no, but Paul did. Paul literally said:

2 Corinthians 6:15-17 *What agreement does the Messiah have with Satan? Or what part does a believer have with an unbeliever? And what harmony has the sanctuary of Elohim with idols? For you are the sanctuary of the living Elohim, as it is said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them, and I will be their Elohim, and they will be My people." Because of this, "Come out from among them and be separate, says YAHWEH, ...*

Comment: And that's what I'm saying. You can't live upon the world and do everything that the world does and be separated to Yahweh. What we're supposed to be is in the world, but an example **against** their wickedness not partaking with their wickedness.

2 Corinthians 6:17-18 *Because of this, “Come out from among them and be separate, says YAHWEH, and do not touch the unclean thing, and I will receive you.” “And I will be a Father to you, and you will be sons and daughters to Me, says YAHWEH Almighty.”*

So very, very clear what Yahweh says on this. If we go to 1st Corinthians 10, a great Pesach scripture here that just magnifies what we're talking about. 1st Corinthians 10. He says:

1 Corinthians 10:1-6 *I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the Sea. And all were baptized to Moses in the cloud, and in the Sea, and all ate the same spiritual food. And all drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank of the spiritual rock following, and that Rock was Messiah. Yet Elohim was not pleased with most of them, “For they were scattered in the deserted place.” But these things became examples for us, ... So, now he's going to tell us how they were not sanctified ... so that we may not be lusting after evil, even as those lusted.*

Comment: Like I said, it's not like ancient days where there's a market ... There's a market everywhere you look. There's a store everywhere you look. And like I said, if you have two coats, the Bible says give one to your brother. It doesn't say if you have 15 coats to buy another one. It's covetousness. It's lusting.

1 Corinthians 10:7-9 *Neither be idolaters, even as some of them, as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.” ... So again, idolatry is anything we put before Yahweh ... We should not commit fornication, as some of them fornicated, and twenty three thousand fell in one day ... Like we said, spiritual fornication, mixing with the ways of the world ... Neither let us tempt the Messiah, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents.*

Comment: And we tempt the Messiah every day that we follow our own way. That's why, like we said, Passover we have to examine ourselves. We should be humbled to be able to be thinking of where I need to change, how I can be a better believer, how I can be a better example. And if we're not, we're tempting Him. We're tempting Him by going in and taking of that Passover when we didn't examine ourselves correctly.

1 Corinthians 10:10 *Neither should you murmur, as some of them murmured, and perished by the hand of the destroyer.*

Comment: And I've had people back in America years back, that they would laugh because they'd be complaining about the seats, complaining about the air conditioning, and then, “Haha, I guess we're just Israelites.” I say, “That's nothing to laugh about. Read the scripture.” That's nothing to laugh about when you see how many thousands of them were destroyed from murmuring.

1 Corinthians 10:11 *And all these things happened to those **as examples, and it was written for our warning**, on whom the end of the ages have come.*

Comment: So, this is written for us. They didn't make it. Only Caleb and Joshua—two—walked in, but certainly we have a chance.

1 Corinthians 10:12 *So that he that thinks he can stand, let him be careful that he not fall.*

Comment: So again, none of us want to get lifted up in pride. We want to make sure that we're following these things here. Drop down to verse 18.

1 Corinthians 10:18-20 *Look at Israel whose observance is according to flesh; are not those eating the sacrifices partakers of the altar? What then do I say, that an idol is anything, or that an idolatrous sacrifice is anything? No. But the things the pagans sacrifice, “They sacrifice to demons, and not to YAHWEH.” And I do not want you to have fellowship with demons;*

Comment: I literally had people asking me if I think it's wrong, “a relative was getting married in a Catholic church, and is it wrong if I take the communion?” I say, wow, never mind the communion, I wouldn't even be in there. I wouldn't be in

an idolatrous place where they're sacrificing idols. But when they pray over that little wafer, what do they say? Hocus pocus. Those are the words that are being used. And he's saying these things are literally sacrificing to demons. And He says, *I do not want you to have fellowship with demons.*

1 Corinthians 10:21-24 *you cannot drink of the cup of the Master and a cup of demons; ... And we just at Passover that's what we did. We took of the cup of grace. And he says, you can't have it both ways ... you cannot partake of the table of our Master, and a table of demons ... So, Yahweh is very clear. **You can't be a compromiser if you want to be in covenant relationship with Him** ... Or do we provoke our Master to jealousy? Are we stronger than Him? All things are lawful to me, but not all things profit. All things are lawful to me, but not all things edify. Let no one seek the things of himself, but each one of his neighbor.*

Comment: So, it's not even a matter of trying to go the lowest on the bar. "Do I have to do this?" "Can I get away from this?" Remember, every example you set is an example towards somebody else. So, when we're asking questions that can be kind of in the middle, "Am I allowed to go to a wedding on the Sabbath day of a non-believer?" It's far beyond that wedding of your friend or cousin or brother or sister. What example are you setting for everybody else in the congregation?

Because again, that's the way law is set is by precedent. And if you set a precedent, somebody else is going to follow in that footsteps. And the precedent I want to set is the highest standard. **I want to raise the bar to the highest. Because if someone's going to look at my example and do it, Yahweh forbid if I make a mistake, but now if I lower that standard and other people are doing it because I did something, there's a great more accountability.**

So, this is what we have to look at when we're looking are we keeping the vessels of the sanctuary sanctified. We want to be to the highest standard. That's why we say, ha'yachad, raising the bar. We're not looking for the minimum. We're not Jewish lawyers. We're here looking for the top. We want to do the best. We want to go far and above, because the example Yahshua set for us is just that. He didn't do the minimum. He did the very best of everything and set the greatest example for us to follow Him. You drop down to verse 31.

1 Corinthians 10:31 *Then whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all things to the glory of Elohim.*

So even though *all things may be lawful, but not all things profit. All things are lawful, but not all things edify.* So yeah, there may be things sometimes that technically may not be breaking the Torah, but they may not be so edifying to others and they may be a bad example to bringing other people to break the Torah. So, we want to be thinking about this: *That whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, **do all things to the glory of Elohim.*** Is what I'm doing glorifying Yahweh? 1st Corinthians 3 and verse 9. Go back a few chapters. 1st Corinthians 3 and verse 9.

1 Corinthians 3:9-13 *For we labor together with Elohim, and you are Elohim's work, and you are a building of Elohim ... How many times does he say we are the sanctuary, right? We are a building together ... According to the grace of Elohim given to me, as a wise master builder, I laid a foundation, but another builds on it. But let each one be careful how he builds. For no one is able to lay any other foundation besides the One having been laid, which is Yahshua Messiah ... That's the foundation that all of us should be building on ... And if anyone builds on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, grass, straw, the work of each will be revealed; for the Day will make it known, because it is revealed in fire; and the fire will prove the work of each, what sort it is.*

Comment: And that's why I said, we're bought with a price. So yes, we have to work. We're commanded to work. But at the same rate, what is our first work? We have to put the work of Yahweh before the work of man.

1 Corinthians 3:14-17 *If the work of anyone which he built survives, he will receive his reward. And the one whose work shall be burned, he will suffer loss; but he will be delivered, but as through fire ... purification through fire ... Do you not know that you are a sanctuary of Elohim, and the Spirit of YAHWEH dwells in you? And whoever defiles the sanctuary of Elohim, Elohim will destroy; for the sanctuary of Elohim is holy, which you are.*

Comment: And it's collectively. So, it's not just our life, but it's how we're affecting those other lives. And like I said, right here, we're in a building, right? If you had some of these structural stones that were put in incorrectly or were bad, or maybe not even really stone, they were something like sand or something, and this fell apart, the whole building may collapse. So, as all of us being living stones in that sanctuary, we have to think about that. How is my stone? Am I making my stone stronger in that pillar of the sanctuary? Or am I being a stone that's going to be pulled out and the whole building will collapse from here? So, like he says:

1 Corinthians 3:17-23 *Whoever defiles the sanctuary of Elohim, Elohim will destroy; for the sanctuary of Elohim is holy, ... set apart ... which you are. Let no one deceive himself. If anyone thinks to be wise among you in this age, let him become foolish, that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with Elohim; for it has been written, "He catches the wise in his own craftiness." And again, "YAHWEH knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain." So let no one glory in man; for all things are yours, whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours, and you are Messiah's, and Messiah is Elohim's.*

So again, that's the judicial order structure. Yahshua came in the image of the Father, the exact representation. That's why He said, *when you see Me, you've seen the Father*. Because He didn't deviate. He didn't work for the Father from 8:00 to 6:00, and then go do His own thing. No, everything He did was toward the glory of Yahweh, and He was exactly like Yahweh. And now He bought all of us, and everything we do should be toward the glory of Yahshua. Matthew 6 and verse 19. We'll be done here shortly. Matthew 6 and verse 19. He says:

Matthew 6:19-24 *Do not treasure up for you treasures on earth, where moth and rust cause to corrupt, and where thieves dig through and steal. But treasure up for you treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust corrupt, and thieves do not dig in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. The lamp of the body is the eye. Then if your eye is pure, all your body is light. But if your eye is evil, all your body is dark. If, then, the light in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one is able to serve two masters; for he will either hate the one, and love the other; or cleave to the one, and despise the other. You are not able to serve YAHWEH and wealth ... or Yahweh and mammon.*

Comment: So, it's very clear. We don't want to be double-minded. And it's a great commitment. And that's why you have to think about it before you make that commitment to enter covenant with Yahweh. Because **once you make that commitment and you turn back, it's the unpardonable sin. Once He gives you the Holy Spirit and opens your mind to the truth, you have to act on it. And you have to embrace it, and you have to cherish it. And you have to sanctify that truth.** And if not, you're committing the unpardonable sin because now you're not doing it in error anymore. You're doing it in defiance. And verse 33.

Matthew 6:33 *But seek ye first the kingdom of YAHWEH and His righteousness, and all these things will be added.*

So, it's not that we're 12th century monks and we're going to put chains on our back and it's wrong to look nice or have anything nice. Of course not. Some of the richest men in the Bible were the most righteous, like Abraham. But it's *seek ye first the Kingdom*. That's the point of it. And if we seek the Kingdom, Yahweh will bless you what you need; and then everything we have, we're good with it. Matthew 7 and verse 16, one chapter over. He says:

Matthew 7:16-20 *From their fruits you will know them. Do they gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles? So every good tree produces good fruits, but the corrupt tree produces evil fruits. A good tree cannot produce evil fruit, nor a corrupt tree produce good fruit. Every tree not producing good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Then surely from their fruits you will know them.*

Comment: So, it's what we're producing for the Kingdom is not only our reward but will depend—depend on whether we're burned or we make it into the Kingdom.

Matthew 7:21 *It is not be that just everyone who says to Me, Master, Master, will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but the ones who do the will of My Father in Heaven.*

So, extremely important. What fruit are we bearing? And the last scripture I want to go into is Matthew 12. Because I started out with showing with Belshazzar what he said. Because of Nebuchadnezzar, he knew better. He knew better, so Yahweh had a greater accountability to him. And the same way here with us. If we have His Spirit and we know better and we're not doing it, *to him that knows to do good and doesn't do it, it is sin*. So, Matthew 12. I'm going to start in verse 24. It says:

Matthew 12:25 *But Yahshua, knowing their thoughts, He said to them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to ruin. And every city or house divided itself will not stand.*

Comment: So very clearly, if we're one body, if Yahshua's prayer was that we all be one as He's one, we need to be united. Because that's the thing that will destroy us. It'll come from within. It won't come from without.

Matthew 12:26-28 *And if Satan throws out Satan, he was divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? And if I throw out the demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Because of this, they shall be your judges. But if I cast out the demons by the Spirit of YAHWEH, then the kingdom of YAHWEH has come near to you.*

Comment: And they knew it ... they knew it. The ones that were accusing Him, the scribes and the Pharisees, they knew that He came from Yahweh. Because they said it, *no man can do these things unless Yahweh be with him*. So, He's saying, *if I cast out the demons by the Spirit of Yahweh, then the Kingdom of Yahweh has come near to you*. And now He says something very interesting in verse 29.

Matthew 12:29-30 *Or how is anyone able to enter the house of the strong one and plunder his goods, if he does not first bind the strong one; and then he will plunder his house? The one who is not with Me is against Me, and the one who does not gather with Me scatters.*

Comment: So again, like **Proverbs 18:1**, *he who separates himself seeks his own desire*. And it's very clear that as a body ... It's almost like take your body and cut a leg off. How easy is it to walk with one leg, right? And each of us are a part of the body, and we're all connected to each other, and we need each other. And there's gifts that Yahweh gives to each of us in that body to use in the body.

So, like He says, ... it's really interesting ... *the one who is not with Me is against Me, and the one who does not gather with Me scatters*. So that's what we have to decide. Are we keeping the vessels in the sanctuary sanctified? That actually by doing this, we're not just helping our life to be sanctified, but we're helping every single person around us life to be sanctified. We're looking on the things of others more than the things of ourselves. And then He says:

Matthew 12:31 *Because of this, I say to you, Every sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven to men, but the blasphemy concerning the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven to men.*

Comment: So again, some people who think the Holy Spirit is a person, if it was, the Holy Spirit would be put above Yahweh and Yahshua, because you could curse Yahweh and Yahshua and be forgiven but not blaspheme the Holy Spirit. No, that's not what He's talking about. What is He talking about then? What He's talking about then, people can curse Yahweh and Yahshua in ignorance and He can forgive them. The same way I say why Yahweh may have blinded His true name to the world. Because probably every second of every day someone is cursing the name of 'God,' but that's not Yahweh's name. So, they're not as accountable. Because we read the third commandment, that if you defile the name of Yahweh, you're not forgiven. So, what does He do? He keeps them all in unbelief to have mercy on them all (**Romans 11:32**).

So, in His mercy, He doesn't allow them to know His name so they can't blaspheme it, right? But **once He gives you His Spirit, and once you know the truth, and once He's opened up your eyes, and now you say, yes, I know right from wrong and I'm going to choose wrong, now you're doing it defiantly. And now there's a greater accountability, and that accountability is your eternal life**. Because there's, to all these people in the White Throne Judgment, He's going to open their mind, and now for the first time they'll know the truth. So, their accountability is less. But for us, He already opened our mind.

In the Judgment, there's going to be nothing more, except we're going to shed these bodies. But the mind that you're building, the character you're building now, that's what you're going to take into eternity or to the Lake of Fire. And that's why for us the stakes are so much higher, that He says we can't blaspheme the Holy Spirit. That Holy Spirit will teach you all truth. It will open your mind to all things if you allow it to, but you have to surrender your human nature to Yahweh's nature. So that's why He's saying, if you blaspheme the Holy Spirit, if you reject His very truth that's opening up your mind, there's no forgiveness.

Matthew 12:32-33 *And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him. But whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, ... the set-apart Spirit; the Ruach haKodesh ... it shall not be forgiven him, not in this age nor in the coming age. Either make the tree good and the fruit good, or make the tree corrupt and the fruit corrupt; for the tree is known by the fruit.*

Comment: The Holy Spirit is that seed. That's the new tree that's growing in you.

Matthew 12:34-37 *Generation of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man out of the good treasure of the heart puts forth good things. And the evil man out of the evil treasure puts forth evil things. But I say to you, that every vain word, whatever man will speak, they will give an account of it in the Judgment Day. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you'll be condemned.*

One or the other. And that's what the Holy Spirit does, it opens our mind so we're not condemned, that we go from death to life, but you have to allow it to. You have to surrender to it. You have to make sure that you're allowing it. If someone has the Holy Spirit and their mind is open to the truth, and they still rebelliously reject Yahweh's Word, His judicial order, and they go their own way, they're blaspheming the Holy Spirit, and they become a reprobate.

Yahweh entrusted His congregation with preserving the vessels of His holy sanctuary. We need to cherish this. We need to stay separate from the world, and not mix the holy with the profane, but keep our priesthood the first priority in our life. Yahweh bless.