

Transcript – Are You Bringing a Bloodless Sacrifice

Alrighty. Chag sameach, again. We are here 2017 Passover week and giving a message today that's called *Are You Bringing a Bloodless Sacrifice...Are You Bringing a Bloodless Sacrifice?* Romans 6:23 says:

Romans 6:23 *The wages of sin is death, but the gift of YAHWEH is everlasting life in Yahshua, Messiah our Master.*

So, this kind of blows out the water the whole idea of the Torah being nailed to the cross. Because we know that, what is sin? Sin is the breaking of the Torah; and the wages of the breaking of the Torah is still death in the New Covenant, but the gift of Yahweh is everlasting life in Yahshua Messiah our Master. If we go to Romans 3, a couple of pages back, we see that Romans 3, verse 10, He says:

Romans 3:10-12 *According as it has been written, There is none righteous, not even one! There is no one understanding; there is not one seeking YAHWEH. They all turned away, they became worthless together, not one is doing goodness, not so much as one...Drop down to verse 23.*

Romans 3:23-25 *All have sinned and fall short of the glory of YAHWEH, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption in Messiah Yahshua...Everything the Passover is about...whom YAHWEH set forth as a sacrifice of atonement through faith in His blood, as a demonstration of His righteousness through the remission of our sins that are past, in the forbearance of Elohim.*

So, I've talked about this many times. It's a basic principle of the Bible is that all of us are born with human nature. We have free will. The human nature is not a good thing. Apart from the Spirit of Yahweh to guide our human nature in the right direction, human beings will always make the wrong decision. Because apart from Yahweh, what decision can we make? He's perfect, and we're not. But what do we see here? We see that the causing of sin is what? The shedding of blood; that because of this, because there is none righteous, because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of Yahweh, *Yahweh set forth as a sacrifice of atonement through faith in His blood as a demonstration of His righteousness through the remission of our sins that are past, in the forbearance of Elohim.* So, a principle of Yahweh is...and we can read it here in Leviticus 17, verse 11...Leviticus 17 and verse 11.

Leviticus 17:11-14 *For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar, to atone for your souls; for it is the blood which makes atonement for the soul. For this reason I have said to the sons of Israel, No person among you shall eat blood; and the alien who is staying in your midst shall not eat blood. And any man of the sons of Israel, or of the aliens who stay in your midst, who hunts game, beast or fowl, which is eaten, shall even pour out its blood and shall cover it with dust. For it is the life of all flesh; its blood is in its life. And I say to the sons of Israel, You shall not eat blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is in the blood; anyone eating it is cut off.*

So it's a pretty serious thing that Yahweh is very, very strict with this point. You're not to eat blood or drink blood. With an animal that you kill, you have to drain the blood. Many times I've had situations where people have asked, what about blood transfusion? That's something totally different; that if you're having an operation and you need a blood transfusion, that's not eating blood or drinking blood. What I do say, though, is because blood can be tainted and what not, you can give your own blood. So if you know you have to have an operation, you can go several months beforehand and give your own blood, so that if they need blood it will give to yourself.

But the point of it is that it's very serious about not eating blood or drinking blood, because the life is in the blood; and we know that. And if you really think about it: for a human being to survive, something else has to die...something has to die. Now, if you're vegetarian you don't want to see an animal die; but most of us regularly eat meat. And when you're eating meat something died, whether it's a cow, whether it's a lamb, whether it's a goat, or whether it's a chicken. Something died for us to continue living; and even a vegetarian, though.

I have a cousin. He used to joke. He used to say that he's a - how did he put it - he'd say he's a meat-atarian. He said he's against that senseless killing of carrots. "They take those poor baby carrots, and they chop them, and they chop them, and they kill them." And he used to joke that way; but it's true. I mean not that they have feelings, but still you're cutting plants; you're killing plants; you're taking plants. But it's just a fact of reality that as human beings in the world we live in today, past the Garden of Eden, that for us to survive and live something else has to die. So that's the premise of the shedding of blood is that sin brings the shedding of innocent blood.

So if you're sinning, some kind of blood has to be shed. And like we said, we were reading over here in Romans 3 and verse 24, it's the shedding of the blood of the Messiah. So when you're looking at it, it's a very sacred thing - blood - because of what Passover represents. When we take that little bit of the fruit of the vine every Passover, are we realizing that it's not the literal blood of Yahshua, but **it represents the blood of Yahshua**? Catholicism, they actually believe that that little cookie they take and that blood is the literal blood and body of Yahshua. And the words that the priest says when they do the mass is actually hocus-pocus. Those are actually the words they use to change that cookie and the wine into that. But we know it's symbolism. But the symbolism, still, is important because of that.

So like I said, for humans, they shed innocent blood in order to live; and sin does bring the shedding of innocent blood. Now Genesis 3:21...Genesis 3:21. And like I said in the beginning, the message is called *Are You Bringing a Bloodless Sacrifice...Are You Bringing a Bloodless Sacrifice?* Genesis 3 and 21 says...this is after Adam and Eve sinned. They did their sin, and Yahweh tells them what their sin is going to bring. And it's very interesting that in verse 18 He tells the man *by the sweat of your brow*, that his work is going to be through what? Thorns and thistles, *and you'll eat of the plant of the field. By the sweat of your face you'll eat your bread until you return to the ground.* So, it's like, through toil and trouble; that by rejecting the way of Yahweh and rejecting His perfect Torah that there would be toil and trouble, that even just to eat your daily bread. And then in verse 21. It says:

Genesis 3:21 *And YAHWEH Elohim made coats of skin for the man and his wife, and clothed them.*

So what happens? First we see that when they rebelled against Yahweh and they ate of the forbidden tree that Yahweh said not to eat, and it said their eyes were open and they knew they were naked. What happens? Naked means they have no covering. They realize they don't have a covering; Yahweh was their covering before that, but once they were naked they're left without a covering. So now, what I believe is Yahweh Yahshua here in the Garden of Eden - because it says no human being has ever seen Yahweh the Father; and there's only two Yahwehs that we know of in the Bible, Yahweh the Father and Yahweh the Son - but *Yahweh Elohim made coats of skin for the man and his wife, and clothed them.* So in order to make coats of skin that means He had to kill an animal; that Yahshua had to do the first sacrifice to cover their sin.

And even the day of Yom Kippur, right? What does it mean, Yom Kippur? It's the Day of Covering; it's not the day of removal. So the high priest every year would go in there, and he would put the blood on the mercy seat - the kapporet; the seat on the Ark of the Covenant - and he would cover the sin from year to year. Just like now, we take the Passover. We know that our covenant with Yahweh is only a yearly covenant, and every year we have to renew that covenant. And the same in the first Testament...every year in the First Covenant, I should say...every year they had to renew the Covenant by the blood, and the sins were covered from year to year but never removed; and we know that Yahshua's sacrifice removed them; but He's the first one. The first one to shed the blood, the innocent blood, was Yahshua Yahweh. Genesis 4 and verse 3. Very interesting story that we see here with Cain and Abel. And it talks about, in verse 2, Abel becomes a shepherd of flocks. And Cain became a tiller of the field.

Genesis 4:3-12 *And it was in the end of days...Verse 3...it happened that Cain brought an offering to YAHWEH from the fruit of the ground. And Abel brought, he also, from the firstlings of his flocks, even from their fat. And YAHWEH looked to Abel and his offering. And He did not look to Cain and his offering. And Cain glowed greatly with anger, and his face fell. And YAHWEH said to Cain, Why do you angrily glow, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, is there not exaltation? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is toward you; but you should rule over it...Okay. Self-discipline, again...And Cain talked with his*

brother Abel and said let us go out into the field; and it happened as they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel, and killed him. And YAHWEH said to Cain, Where is your brother Abel? And he said, I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper? And He said, What have you done? The voice of the blood of your brother cries to Me from the ground. And now you are cursed more than the ground which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you till the ground, it will not again give its strength to you. You shall be a vagabond and a fugitive on the earth.

So, really interesting. And sometimes, maybe, if you're reading the story the first time people may not understand it. Why would Yahweh not accept Cain's sacrifice and He would accept Abel's sacrifice? Because it's in the intention. It's not the sacrifice itself. There are grain offerings in the Bible, so it's not that Yahweh would not accept a grain offering; but the problem was, when you're looking at the intent...and Genesis really has a lot of intent and meaning in these stories...we're seeing that, what happens? Cain brings a bloodless sacrifice. Right? And what is a bloodless sacrifice? It means he brought a sacrifice that's easy to do.

And, I'll tell you something. We know today we don't have to kill a lamb at Passover time. But we know some people that in the past have done it, not as a commandment but they wanted to just see what it was like. And they actually got a little, baby lamb when it was born. They kept it for a year. And then a year later, at the Passover time, they killed it - just for the Night to Be Observed, like I said, nothing to do with sin sacrifice or anything like that. They just wanted to see what it was like to do that according to Scripture. And they said it was awful, not the taste of the lamb, the taking this tiny, little, baby lamb that...I mean, think about it. You're taking it from birth; you're caring for that lamb; you're making sure it's cared for and nursed; and it's the cutest, little thing in the world; and then you have to take it and kill it. And they said they were so distraught they couldn't believe it. But what does that do? It shows us what each of us have done to Yahshua.

Sin brings the shedding of innocent blood. Sin is a bloody business, and we can't ever get that out of our mind because what happens is...Yahweh says, *Do not be deceived at the deceitfulness of sin...* and I've said this before, that sometimes, the first time the sin comes and you're just so guilty and distraught, you can't believe it. But then, all of a sudden, you do it again, and now you're distraught but not as much. And then you do it a third time; and before you know it, it becomes a habit. And now, you're really not even repenting anymore. But as time goes on, now not only aren't you repenting, you're even maybe blaming somebody else for your sin; and then it becomes the unpardonable sin, which is unrepentant sin.

But, are you bringing a bloodless sacrifice? Abel's sacrifice took heart. He had to kill something that was alive. He had to kill something that he loved. And as a shepherd, you're there to protect the sheep; but, he wanted to take something that was dear to him, that he loved, and he wanted to give it to Yahweh. Cain, on the other hand, he only wanted the blessing. He didn't want to work for it. He didn't want to do anything extra. He basically just wanted the blessing; and we see that by the attitude. How do you know it? You see it. Because now, with Cain's sacrifice, because it's a bloodless sacrifice, is not accepted, what does he do? He gets angry. And what does Yahweh tell him? He says:

Genesis 4:7 *If you do well, is there not exaltation...So, we see Cain's attitude was not right...And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at your door; and its desire is toward you; and you shall rule over it.*

And sometimes, there's times in life, where we look at Yahweh and we say, "Why don't we have this?" "Oh, this person is so healthy, why am I not healthy?" "This person has this, why don't I have this?" And it's the same sin that Cain is doing. Maybe if there's something in our life that we're not blessed with, maybe it's because we're bringing a bloodless sacrifice. There is sacrifice in everything; and like I said, when you even understand the whole point of sacrifice, what is sacrifice? Korban. It's not a matter of giving something up; it's a matter of drawing closer to through relationship. So every time we're doing sacrifice to Yahweh it's to draw closer to Him. And that was the whole point of the sacrificial system; that somebody was taking something that was so dear to them, and they were giving it to Yahweh to become closer with Yahweh. But if you're bringing a bloodless sacrifice, you know what that means? It means you're going through the motions.

And through the years...I've told you I'm almost 34 years in this walk...I've seen so many people through the years sit there and actually say how much Yahweh owed them because they were Sabbath keepers. "Do you

know what I lost by becoming a Sabbath keeper? I had a job! I was making a hundred thousand dollars a year and I gave that job up for Yahweh!" And it's somehow as if Yahweh owes them more than what they owe Yahweh. And Yahweh doesn't owe us anything. Any job that we had to give up for the Sabbath, praise Yahweh for; because if we were not in covenant relationship with Him, who knows where any of us would be? We could be dead. We could be in prison. We'd be miserable at best. Look at the world out there. Look at the people that aren't in covenant relationship, how they are.

But, we have to make sure we're not bringing a bloodless sacrifice; because in our relationship with Yahweh - our covenant relationship – **everything**, like He says here, *by the sweat of your brow you'll eat your bread until you return to the ground*. There has to be sweat in our sacrifice to Yahweh. There has to be...like it says, *you have not fought against sin until the shedding of blood*. How many of us have shed blood to fight sin, to stop sin? And we have to. Our life needs to be dedicated with Him; and we have to think about that. Are we bringing a bloodless sacrifice?

Now on the other hand, when we look at Cain, when did he shed blood? He shed blood for himself. He didn't want to shed blood for Yahweh, right, because it was too much work; but then when he got angry, and when he got jealous, he shed the blood of his brother. And Yahweh said, that blood is crying from the ground to Me; because, now, he didn't do it for Yahweh; he did it for himself...he did it for himself. And what did it do? It got him cast out of the presence of Yahweh. Leviticus 6...Leviticus 6 and verse 1.

Leviticus 6:1-7 *And YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying, If any person sins and is slyly treacherous against YAHWEH, and deals falsely with his neighbor concerning a deposit, or concerning security, or by robbery, or has extorted his neighbor, or has found a lost thing and has lied about it, and has sworn to a falsehood in regard to any one of these things which a man does, sinning in them, then it shall be, when he sins and is guilty, he shall return what he got by robbery, that which he robbed, or the extorted thing which he extorted, or the deposit which had been deposited with him, or the lost thing which he had found; or all that about which he swore falsely; he shall even repay it in its principal, and the fifth part he shall add to it; to whomever it belongs. He shall give it on the day of his guilt offering. And he shall bring his guilt offering to YAHWEH: a ram, without blemish out of the flock, at your evaluation for a guilt offering, to the priest. And the priest shall make atonement for him before YAHWEH, and as regards to one thing of all that he has done, it shall be forgiven him, by being guilty in it.*

So he's to bring, we know, at Passover, a lamb without blemish; over here it's a **ram** without blemish; that when we bring our offering to Yahweh, we're to bring the best of what we have, not the worst. And that happens sometimes, right? That, somebody can be here, they can have a hundred lambs of the flock and, okay, Passover is coming; they're going to take the weakest one; they're going to take the blemished one; they're going to take the bad one. And Yahweh says, No. I don't accept that. We have to bring our best before Yahweh. Genesis 28 and verse 20.

Genesis 28:20-22 *And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If Elohim is with me and keeps me in this way which I am going, and gives to me bread to eat and clothing to wear, and I return in peace to the house of my father, then YAHWEH shall be my Elohim, and this sandstone...This is the tabernacle of David...and this sandstone which I have placed as a memorial pillar shall become the house of Elohim; and all which You shall give to me, I will tithe the tenth to You.*

And, I said this many times. Really, the earth is Yahweh's, the fullness thereof, and the people and those who live in it. Everything belongs to Yahweh, including ourselves. He owns every tree, everything that's made. If you're looking at this wooden table, it was made from a tree. If you're looking at something else, marble is made from stone quarries, or whatever; that everything belongs to Yahweh. So really, as the Creator of everything and the owner of everything He could very easily say, "You know what? I don't want to make it too hard on you. I'll let you keep 10% of what you earn so that you can get food and what not, and you can even glean all the food out there, but 90% comes to Me. I'm the owner of everything." But, no. Yahweh says the opposite.

He doesn't even say 50/50. He says we can keep 90% of His, of everything, as long as we give Him His 10%. And the 10% doesn't go to Him. Yahweh can't use money. It's to be used for spreading the good news. It's to be used for helping the widow, and helping the poor, and all the good things there. **But until we give Yahweh His 10%, that 90% does not belong to us.** And it doesn't literally mean...there's times people come up to Jerusalem, say you bring your tithe with you, doesn't mean it has to be out of you. But, I know what I've always done. When I first became a believer and I was examining the congregation I was with whether they were true or not, I didn't want to tithe one penny until I knew they were true; because I knew the money was Yahweh's, and I knew He's putting it in my hand and I'm responsible.

So it's not just we'll just give it and Yahweh will take care of it if they're misusing it. No. It's yours. You worked it; He put it in your hand, and you better make sure that money is going in the right place. But I still separated every paycheck. I separated...I separated...for almost a year; and then, when I realized, yes, this congregation is doing the right thing, they are a true branch, then I gave all the money into them. So, you can separate your money. It doesn't mean you have to give it right then, but it should be separated.

I've seen people that will borrow from their tithe. They'll say, "Oh, we don't have enough money this month for rent." And they borrow from the tithe, and "I'll pay it back next month." No way...no way. In third world countries, when I go there - and I've heard it over, and over, and over how poor they are - and they say, "We can't afford to tithe." And I tell them, "You can't afford not to tithe." Because if you're poor and you ever want to come out of that, you're not going to get there by stealing from Yahweh. It just isn't going to happen.

And the other thing is, when you're thinking about it, tithe is increase to Yahweh. It's not just money. It's not just mammon or material things. Every single thing we have, every gift we have, everything we have belongs to Yahweh. If you can play the piano, that's a gift from Yahweh; you didn't get it from yourself. If you're a builder and you can build a house, that's a gift from Yahweh; you didn't get it from yourself; **and we should be tithing everything. Every gift we have should be used for the glory of Yahweh before ourselves.** And, are you bringing a bloodless sacrifice? Are you using your gifts for yourself to build your kingdom while the Kingdom of Yahweh lays in ruins, like it says in Haggai?

The first thing that should be used with any gift, whether it's mammon or whether it's a physical gift, should be for the Kingdom of Yahweh. And then...Yahweh doesn't want us not to use our gifts for ourselves...so we can use them for ourselves. But, are we thinking about that? Are we, like Cain, for ourselves? Are we using the blood sacrifice to get all the things we want in our own kingdom; and then, when it comes to Yahweh we're giving a bloodless sacrifice; He's getting what's left over? People say that all the time. "I work so hard;" "I do this;" "I don't have time for prayer;" "I don't have time for study." Wow! So you have time for everything in the world, but you don't have an hour a day, an hour and a half a day, for Yahweh? There's a problem there...there's a problem there. We're bringing a bloodless sacrifice.

Yahweh has to come first. He has to be the first thing in our life. The tithe - the first 10% - goes to Him, not the last 10%. And the same in the day. Right? There's 24 hours in a day. What does that mean? Ten percent means 2.4 hours go to Yahweh. It's not the last 2.4 hours when you're tired, and you're barely, and you fall asleep as you're praying. No. **You make sure your best 2.4 hours go to Yahweh.** You make sure that you're giving Him the time that He deserves. And even more than that He deserves, not 10% but 100%. But He knows...He knows we live in a world where we do have to work; we have to provide for our families; but are we giving Him the best of everything we have? Exodus 23...Exodus 23 and verse 15...Exodus 23 and verse 15. He says:

Exodus 23:15-19 *You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread...Here we are; we're doing it...Seven days you shall eat unleavened things, as I have commanded you, at the set time of the month of Aviv. For in it you came out from Egypt, and they shall not appear before Me empty. Also the Feast of Harvest, the first fruits of your labor, of what you sow in the field. Also the Feast of Ingathering...So, Shavuot and Sukkot...after the going out of the year, at the gathering your work from the field...So it's after the tekufah, after the fall equinox. When people start the year too early, before the spring equinox, then they're not keeping Sukkot after the turn of the year, after the fall equinox...Three times in the year every one of your males shall appear before the Adon YAHWEH. You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leaven...Right...And the fat of My feast shall*

not pass the night until morning. The first, the first-fruits of your ground you shall bring to the house of YAHWEH your Elohim. You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk.

So, again, like He says, **the first, the first-fruits of your ground**. He wants our first. He wants our best. He doesn't want the end of it. He doesn't want the last of it. He doesn't want what's left over. He commands us to get the first-fruits, the best. Proverbs 3 and verse 9...Proverbs the 3rd chapter and verse 9. He says:

Proverbs 3:9-10 *Honor YAHWEH with your substance, and with the first-fruits of your increase, and your barns will be filled with plenty, and your wine vats will burst with new wine.*

So again, if we believe this, if we honor Yahweh and we give Them our best of everything...and like I said, it doesn't matter what it is; everything we have. If you can play an instrument, if you can sing, if you can build, whatever you can do, whatever your gift is...if you honor Yahweh with the first-fruit of that, He's going to make sure that, like He says, *your barns will be filled with plenty, your wine vats will burst with new wine* if we honor Yahweh with the first-fruits of all our increase. Malachi 1 and verse 6. We see what happens when that is not being done. Malachi 1 and verse 6. He says:

Malachi 1:6 *A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My fear? says YAHWEH of Hosts, O priests who despise My name. But you say, In what have we despised Your name?*

Some people say - and even leaders, pastors, whatever - "It's not important what you call Him. It doesn't matter what you call Him; He understands it." And He's saying, Wow! You're supposed to be My son, and you don't even honor My family name. But then they say, "How have we despise your name?"

Malachi 1:7-8 *You are offering defiled food on My altar, and you say, In what have we defiled You? It is in your saying, The table of YAHWEH, it is to be despised. And if you offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And if you offer the lame and the sick, is it not evil? Bring it now to your governor. Will he accept you or lift up your face? says YAHWEH of Hosts.*

You know, even the way we appear before Yahweh. I say not everybody has to wear a suit, **but you should wear the best thing you own. You're appearing before Yahweh**. If the governor, if Benjamin Netanyahu said, "I want you to come and meet me today," we're not going to wear our worst clothes. We're not going to wear our common clothes, right? Because common means your everyday clothes. You're going to wear the best thing you have. So it's not a matter of having to wear a suit; it's a matter of wearing the best you have. You want to give Yahweh the best. We want to honor Him the best way.

We want to show Him that He's separated from everything in our life, that He's not common; He's not just average. And that's what He's saying. Would you give it to your governor? Would you take a defiled lamb and give it to your governor? Well, if you wouldn't give it to an earthly leader, why would you give it to Yahweh then? And that's what's happening here. People are saying they're going to give the best; and then, when the time comes, they switch him and they give Yahweh the worst.

Malachi 1:9-14 *And now entreat the face of Elohim, that He favor us. This has been by your hands; will He lift up your faces? says YAHWEH of Hosts. Who is even among you that will shut the doors, and will not kindle fire on My altar in vain? There is no delight to Me in you, says YAHWEH of Hosts. I will not accept a food offering from your hand. For from the rising of the sun to its going down, My name will be great among the nations, and everywhere incense shall be offered to My name; and a pure food offering; for My name shall be great among the nations, says YAHWEH of Hosts. But you are profaning it when you say, The table of YAHWEH, it is polluted; and its fruit, His food is to be despicable. And you have said, Behold, what weariness! And you have sniffed at it, says YAHWEH of Hosts. And you bring the stolen, and the lame, and the sick; and you bring the grain offering. Should I accept it from your hand? says YAHWEH. But cursed be a deceiver and there is a male in his flock, and he vows it, but he sacrifices a blemished one to YAHWEH. For I am a great King, says YAHWEH of Hosts, and My name is feared among the nations.*

So very clearly, like Yahweh says, you can fool man, you can fool yourself, but you can't fool Him. You know that the key is He wants us, from our heart, to want to give Him the best of everything we have. And we should. That's part of grace. It's not just the unmerited pardon, but it's wanting to give back to Yahweh the best of everything that He's blessed us with. So, like He's saying here, but it's evil when we're holding back.

Genesis 31. Very interesting story there that we see with Laban and Jacob. Right? It's very similar to this. Genesis 31 and verse 5. Because, what was happening? Laban was taking advantage of Jacob for all these years; and then, the time comes that he's saying, "Okay, I'm going to give you your wages." And he tried to give him the worst of the flock, the weakest ones. There's not so many spotted and speckled, so he says, "Take the spotted and speckled," and trying to give him the weak. But what does Yahweh do? He changes it around. Genesis 31 and verse 5.

Genesis 31:5-12 *And he said to them, I see your father's face, that it is not toward me as before. But the Elohim of my fathers has been with me. And you know that with all my power I served your father. And your father has cheated me and has changed my wages ten times...Just like Yahweh's talking about there in Malachi...And Elohim has not let him do evil to me. And he said this: The speckled shall be your wages, then all the flocks bore speckled. And if he said this, The striped will be your wages, then all the flocks bore striped. And Elohim has taken away the livestock of your father and has given to me. And it happened at the time the flock was in heat, I lifted up my eyes and I saw in a dream: And behold! The rams leaping on the flock were striped, speckled, and spotted. And the Messenger of Elohim spoke to me in a dream, Jacob! And I said, I am here. And He said, Lift up your eyes and see all the rams leaping on the flock; they are striped, speckled and spotted. For I have seen all that Laban is doing to you.*

So, even in work. Let's say we're getting taken advantage of by our boss because he's not a believer, so he's not thinking this way. If we're making sure that we're giving Yahweh our best, and we're giving to Yahweh well above what He even asked for, then even in other situations He's going to take care of us. He's not going to allow us to get taken advantage of, and He's going to care for us that way. And that's why I say, Yahweh is our partner in all things; but particularly, if we're not tithing, then we're stealing from Him. It's like you're stealing from your partner. 1st Corinthians 6 and verse 19...1st Corinthians 6 and verse 19. He says:

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 *Or do you not know that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit in you, which you have from Elohim, and not of yourselves? You were bought with a price; then glorify Elohim in your body, and in your spirit, which belong to Elohim.*

So He says we're slaves, and we belong to Him. So if you have the gift of building, and you're a builder, do you build the house of Elohim first, or do you build your own house first? Even Solomon built the house of Elohim then built his own house. Because our first-fruits, our first of everything, has to go to Yahweh first because we're slaves of His. And if we're really a slave, the Master gets taken care of first. Like it says in the book of Luke: if you're out working all day in the field and you come in, does the master say, "You worked hard. Sit down and eat"? Or does he say, "Make my food first, and then you eat"? So even when you do everything that you're supposed to do, say we're unprofitable servants. We only did what was commanded. We want to go far and above that.

Like we always say at the school HaYachad, raising the bar. We're not looking what is the minimum. We're looking to what is the best I can do. I'm an ambassador of Yahweh; I want to set the highest standard in the world. I don't want to just do the minimum, because Yahweh didn't do the minimum for me. I always say that when it came time for Yahweh, did He do the minimum? No. He sent heaven's best. He didn't send a cherub down to die for our sins; He sent His Son. He sent heaven's best to die for us, and we should want to give Him the same. Mark 12 and verse 41...Mark 12 and verse 41. He says:

Mark 12:41-44 *And sitting down opposite the treasury, Yahshua watched how the crowd threw copper coins into the treasury. And many rich ones threw in much. And coming, one poor widow threw in two lepta (which is a kodrantes). And having called His disciples near, He said to them, Truly I say to you that this poor widow has thrown in more than all those casting into the treasury. For all of them gave from their abundance, but this one cast in from her need. She had cast in everything that she had, all her goods!*

So it's not the quantity, but the quality. Yahweh owns the universe. He doesn't need our money. He doesn't need, but what He wants to see is He wants to see our heart. He wants to see our attitude. This is what this parable here is showing us, that we should be willing to give everything; that's what He says: *unless you forsake everything, you cannot be My disciple*. It doesn't mean that we give everything up that now we're dependent on everybody else; that wouldn't be Yahweh's principle. What it means is, mentally, that everything we have you use for the Kingdom; and if somebody needs it more than you, then you give it to them; but everything is Yahweh's, and we should be using it toward His work and toward His will. We must give our best. Our first vocation is always as a believer in Yahshua; that's our first vocation. Ephesians 5: 1 and 2...Ephesians 5, verse 1 and 2. It says:

Ephesians 5:1-2 *Then become imitators of Elohim, as beloved children, and walk in love, even as Messiah also loved us and gave Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to YAHWEH for an odor of a sweet smell.*

So this is what Yahshua said, and we know...we know...that the Levitical order was a shadow of Melchizedek. And like we were reading there in Leviticus, we're learning from these sacrifices of things that we need to understand with Yahshua; but we're not Levites; we're of the Melchizedek order. It's a whole different order; and we need to be living sacrifices to Yahshua. Romans 12:1 and 2...Romans the 12th chapter, 1 and 2. He says:

Romans 12:1-2 *Therefore, brethren, I call on you through the compassion of Elohim to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, pleasing to Elohim, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, in order to prove by you what is the good and pleasing and perfect will of Elohim.*

So our bodies are to be living sacrifices, which means that, number one, we want to keep our bodies in best ability of possible. We want to be as healthy as we can; because if you're not healthy physically, it's hard to serve Yahweh spiritually. And then, we want to be living sacrifices. It's not about sacrificing an animal. It's about being a living sacrifice for Elohim. So we know that it talks about, in Corinthians 14, that Yahweh gives the gifts to the people...Corinthians 12 and Corinthians 14...as He sees fit, liberally. And He didn't give everybody one gift because that would make us dependent on the person who had all the gifts. No, He spreads His gifts out throughout the body, so we all need to be dependent on each other which means we have to use those gifts within the body to help and support each other; and that's the way He made us. And 1st Corinthians 10:31...1st Corinthians 10:31 says:

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

So we want to make sure that anything we are doing we're not doing out of vanity, we're not doing out of pride. Even if there's sometimes, maybe, Yahweh gave you the gift of singing, and you can do special music; it's not for you. It's not that everybody could look at you and clap and say what a great voice you have. No, this is a sacrifice that you have to give to Yahweh; that you can, with your voice, you can praise Him and glorify Him. And everything has to be done to the glory of Yahweh, not to the glory of man.

And are we giving our best of everything we have - or are we bringing a bloodless sacrifice - our physical gifts that we possess to Yahweh? If not, like I said, we're bringing a bloodless sacrifice. We want to make sure that everything we're doing we're doing to the glory of Yahweh; and everything should be done from the heart, the mind, and the will. Revelation 3 and verse 14. We have to be careful. We don't want to judge by what's around us, because we're living in the Laodicean era. Some eras were better than others, but the Laodicean era from verse 14 of Revelation 3 says:

Revelation 3:14-17 *And the messenger of the congregation of Laodicea, write: These things says the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Head of the creation of Elohim: I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I would that you were cold, or hot. But, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, I am rich, and I am made rich, and I have need of nothing, and do you not know that you are miserable and a wanderer and poor and blind and naked.*

Just like Adam and Eve; they didn't need Yahweh. They didn't need Yahweh for anything; that they went against Him. They went their own way, and they wound up being naked. They wound up without being a covering. And the Laodicean, though, he's lukewarm. And like I said, if something is hot - if it's a real cold day, a nice cup of hot tea you really like. If it's sweating, a nice cup of cold water. But lukewarm is good for nothing but inducing vomiting. Nobody would ever say, "Give me a cup of lukewarm tea, or lukewarm water." There's just no reason for it. And that's what we want to make sure. When you're bringing a bloodless sacrifice, that's what you are; you're lukewarm. You're doing the minimum.

And some people, they think that, "Okay. I keep the Shabbat. I keep the holy days. I'm not eating pork." But those...and they're important things...**but those are only to set us apart to be sanctified, to be holy.** Those in themselves, like like I said before, Yahweh says you're only doing what's commanded of you. That doesn't make you holy because you're not eating pork. It doesn't make you holy because you're sitting in a room on Shabbat or the holy days. It's setting us apart from the world to be holy.

And if we really want to make sure that we're not bringing a bloodless sacrifice, we want to give Yahweh...we want to work for it, we want to work hard towards serving Yahweh to the best of our abilities...we want to give Him everything we have and the best of everything we have, not like the Laodicean that's here. 1st Chronicles 23...1st Chronicles 23, verse 1 and 2; and then I'll drop down to verse 30. He says:

1 Chronicles 23:1-2 *And David was old, and satisfied with days, and caused his son Solomon to reign over Israel. And he gathered all Israel's chiefs, and the priests, and the Levites.*

So, here it is. Right before David's ready to die, he's handing over the throne to Solomon. He's telling them all the things they need to do. And then, in verse 30, he says for the priests:

1 Chronicles 23:30 *even to stand every morning to thank and praise YAHWEH, and likewise at evening.*

We see that the daily sacrifice never stopped - the sacrifice of the lamb in the morning and at evening time - but it became a prayer sacrifice; and we should be doing this everyday of our life. We wake up. What's the first thing we should be doing? Giving praise to Yahweh another day of life, we're alive today; and surrendering our life to Him; to say, "Father, I know I may have to go out and work today. I know I have responsibility; but this day is in Your hands. And if anybody you want me to meet, if there's anybody you want me to serve, if there's anything you want me to do, this day is dedicated to You." And then the end of the day, the same thing. "Thank you, Father for all you blessed me with. If there's any way I fell short today, that I don't even know, that I sinned, please forgive me." Because, who knows? You might not wake up the next morning. So we have to make sure we're doing the daily sacrifice everyday, the prayer sacrifice. Jeremiah 17 and verse 24...Jeremiah 17 and verse 24. He says:

Jeremiah 17:24-26 *And it shall be, if you carefully listen to me, says YAHWEH, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the Sabbath day, but keep the Sabbath holy, to do no work in it, even kings and rulers sitting on the throne of David shall enter into the gates of this city, riding on chariots and horses, they and their rulers, the men of Judah, and those living in Jerusalem. And this city will be inhabited forever. And they will come from the cities of Judah, and from the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the Shephelah, and from the mountains, and from the south, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and grain offerings, and incense, and bringing sacrifices of thanksgiving to the house of YAHWEH.*

So we want to always be bringing sacrifice of thanksgiving, always to be praising Yahweh for everything. Right? *Yahweh is my shepherd; I shall not lack.* Whenever we lack, what are we saying? We're saying Yahweh is not my shepherd. So part of that not bringing a bloodless sacrifice is to always have a spirit of thanksgiving, even in our trials. Whether it's sickness, whether it's suffering, whether it's anything we might be going for, that we know Yahweh would never allow it unless it was for our good. So we want to make sure that we're giving that sacrifice of thanksgiving to Him in all things were going through. Psalm 107 and verse 21...Psalm 107 and verse 21. He says:

Psalm 107:21-22 *Let them thank YAHWEH for His mercy, and His wonders to the sons of man. And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and recount His works with rejoicing.*

It's one of the reasons why on Shabbat we do the testimony, because we're giving thanks to Yahweh. We're sharing with each other; we're encouraging with each other all the wonderful things that Yahweh is doing in our life, and we're giving a sacrifice of thanksgiving to Him. Psalm 116 and verse 16. Two pages over. Psalm 116 and verse 16.

Psalm 116:16-19 *O YAHWEH, truly I am Your servant now; I am Your servant, the son of Your handmaid; You have loosed my bonds. I will sacrifice to You the sacrifice of thanks and will call on the name of YAHWEH. I will pay my vows to YAHWEH now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the house of YAHWEH; in your midst, O Jerusalem. HalleluYah!*

He's saying this on the Passover. It's part of the great hallel. But it shows that; that we're going to pay our vows to Yahweh in the presence of His people. We're going to thank Yahweh. We're going to show all the wonderful things that Yahweh is doing in our life. We're going to encourage people and be thankful for everything. And the question we need to ask ourselves: are we completely satisfied in Yahweh alone? Is there something else we need, or are we completely satisfied in Yahweh? Hebrews 13 and verse 15...Hebrews 13 and verse 15. He says:

Hebrews 13:15-18 *Then through Him let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to YAHWEH always, that is the fruit of the lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not be forgetful of doing good and sharing, for Elohim is well pleased with such sacrifices. Listen to your spiritual leaders, and submit to them, for they watch your souls, giving an account, that they may do this with joy, and not with grieving; for this would be unprofitable to you. Pray for us, for we trust that we have a good conscience, in all things wishing to behave well.*

So we want to make sure that we are, like it says here, *offering up a sacrifice of praise to Yahweh always, that is the fruit of our lips, giving praise to His name.* Like it says, *life and death are in the tongue.* Are we constantly - the fruit of our lips - is it giving praise and glory to Yahweh? Is everything that we say, is everything that we're sharing, is it a sacrifice? Is it a sacrifice of praise to Yahweh? If we're complaining, if we're murmuring, if we're gossiping, then it's not a sacrifice of praise to Yahweh. We want to make sure we're showing that our life is completely fulfilled in Yahshua. Last scripture we're going to go over is Hebrews 11 and verse 4, kind of bringing the whole message around in the circular pattern. Hebrews 11:4 says:

Hebrews 11:4 *By faith Abel offered a greater sacrifice to YAHWEH than Cain, by which he obtained witness to be righteous, Elohim testifying over his gifts; and through it, even though he is dead, yet he speaks.*

So, the Bible really doesn't tell us much about Abel. And like I said, when you're looking at the story itself, from the name we see Kayin - the redeemer, the purchaser, from the word kanati - to buy; and yet, Havel means nothingness, vanity. And yet, when we see the story, it's really the other way around. Havel was the good one, and Kayin was the bad one. And you don't hear a lot more about him because he's not there; he died. But here we see, very strange, in the fathers of the faithful, who's mentioned? But, Havel.

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Elohim testifying over his gifts. So like we said at the beginning, they both bring a sacrifice. It wasn't about that Yahweh enjoyed the animal of the flock better than He enjoyed the vegetables in Kayin's garden. It was about the attitude that was before it, that Abel had the attitude of wanting to give the best he had. It came from his heart, and his mind, and his will. And Cain, basically, was taking the easy route. He was bringing a bloodless sacrifice. He was just going out, "Oh, I have to meet Yahweh," pick something real quick and go.

Like I said, you have not fought sin until you've done so to the shedding of blood. There is no forgiveness without the shedding of blood. Blood is something that is sacred to Yahweh, and we don't want to bring a bloodless sacrifice. We don't want to take the easy routes. We don't want to just do the easy thing because,

especially in the world we're living in today, like we said, there has been now...a day is to Yahweh as a thousand years; a thousand years is as a day...we've had almost six days or six thousand years since the creation of Adam and the world back then. And now, after all this time, how blessed we are to see it from the end of the book.

Like I said, the King David, when he was on this earth, as faithful as he was, King David never read one prophecy in Isaiah. It wasn't there. Isaiah wasn't born until 250 years after David was there. David never saw Isaiah or Jeremiah or Ezekiel; none of that. All those prophets were later. When the apostles are there, and Yahshua's there in the first century, there's no New Testament. The New Testament did not come until late first century, early second century. They didn't have these books that we have here, that we can go in them, and we can go back and forth. They only had the Tanak. We're seeing it from the end of the book.

And not only do we have the whole Bible, praise Yahweh, but we have the whole history for the last 2,000 years. We're seeing that everything that Yahweh did including the restoration of the nation of Israel. And now, we're at the end of the book. Were right at the time when Yahweh is getting ready to send His Son back to this earth to set His Kingdom up. We're seeing the fruitlessness of this whole world's system of the New World Order. And are we bringing a bloodless sacrifice?

Are we taking whatever Yahweh has given us in our life, whether it's something physical or something spiritual but whatever gift we have, are we using it to the glory of Yahweh? And what are we sacrificing? I always say that, at the school I ask people, if there's one biblical character that you would like to meet at the resurrection, who will it be? People think; some say, "Oh, I'd love to meet King David. I can't wait to meet him," some say the Apostle Peter, some say Abraham, which are all great characters. Right? They're going to run up, "Oh, David! Tell me about when you slew Goliath."

But I say, you know something? Every one of these people in the Bible all knew about the day we're living in, and they're going to say to you, "You lived in the last generation! You were the last generation! What did **you** sacrifice for Yahweh and Yahshua?" And what are we going to say? Are we going to say we had a bloodless sacrifice? Or, are we going to say we sacrificed the best that we have in our life?

As a firstborn and first-fruit to Yahweh we must give Him our absolute best every single day. First-fruits and tithes belong to Him. We must give Him our first and best 10% - like I said, even our time - and not the last 10% which is left over at the end of a long day. As with Cain who wanted a reward without sacrifice, this is not pleasing or acceptable to Yahweh. Our calling to Him must be the highest priority in our life. Chag sameach.