

ZERO TOLERANCE!

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The Lord Yeshua (Jesus) calls us to forsake all and be totally dedicated to Him, even unto death.¹ All our thoughts, words and deeds should line up with Him and His words, etc. Because of His death we have access to forgiveness and His life transforming blood, which is applied to our souls by the Holy Spirit. Total dedication isn't a new concept. It was required of ancient Israel, as seen in the daily sacrifices (Exodus 29:38-43)² and also of the Aaronic Priesthood. Zero tolerance speaks of walking totally dedicated and consecrated to Messiah Yeshua, *which means we don't give way to our Flesh*, but to the Holy Spirit.

In Leviticus 8, Aaron and his sons are dedicated and consecrated to the Priesthood to serve Yahveh. God commanded Moses,

1. to wash or rather bathe them in water (v. 6; for that's what the Hebrew word means) and,
2. to put special clothes upon them (vv. 7-9),
3. to sacrifice a bull for their sins (v. 14),
 - A. a ram for the burnt sacrifice (v. 18), which speaks of their total dedication to God and,
 - B. another ram for their total consecration to God and His purpose for their lives (v. 22).
 - C. Some of the blood of the ram of consecration was placed,
 - 1) on the tip of their right ear,
 - 2) on the thumb of their right hand, and
 - 3) on the big toe of their right foot.
4. Also, they were anointed with oil as part of their consecration to the priesthood, and
 - A. they would eat both unleavened bread with olive oil upon it, and parts of the sacrifices (vv. 2, 26, 31), which spoke of their total dedication, consecration and oneness with God, and
 - B. their clothes were sprinkled with the blood of the three sacrifices and the holy anointing oil (Lev. 8:30), to make them *one* with the Tabernacle and with God, who dwelt in the Tabernacle.

All this was done to them by Moses. The priesthood was their job or responsibility. They were to act as ministers and intermediaries for God between Him and Israel, offering sacrifices and prayers for Israel, and teaching Israel God's Ways—how to walk out their faith and trust in Him through Torah (Mosaic Law), which reveals God's will or what is right in His eyes and what is wrong (i.e. sin).³ The sacrifices of

¹ "Then Yeshua said to His disciples, 'If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.'" (Matthew 16:24)

² See [Mosaic Sacrifice and the Blood of Jesus](#).

³ Leviticus 10:11; Dt. 33:10; Ezra 7:10 and also Exodus 13:9; 15:26; Deut. 4:2; 6:18; 12:8, 25, 28; 13:18; 1st Kings 3:14; 6:12-13; 15:5, 11; 2nd Kgs. 14:3-6; 15:3, 34; 18:3; 22:2; 23:1-25; Is. 38:3. For the opposite of doing what is right in eyes of the Lord, what Scripture calls "every man doing what is right in his own eyes," see Judges 17:6; 21:25; 1st Sam. 13:13-14; 15:10-29, 34; 16:7, 19, 25, 30; 1st Kings 11:6, 33; 14:8, 22; 18:18; 21:20; 2nd Kings 3:2-3; 14:24; Jer. 52:1-3; Ezk. 18:5, 9, 17, 27; 20:19-20, 21; 22:1-16, 26; Rom. 15:4, etc.

that day made a way for them to do all that. The clothes or garments they wore signified their being priests of the God of Israel. The oil that anointed them officially dedicated and consecrated them to Yahveh. They did this ceremony for seven days, seven being God's number of holiness and completion (e.g. Creation Week), and on the eighth day,

“Moses and Aaron went into the Tabernacle of Meeting and came out and blessed the people. Then the Glory of Yahveh appeared to all the people and Fire came out from before Yahveh and consumed the burnt sacrifice and the fat (of the animals' liver, etc., Lev. 8:16, 25-26)⁴ on the Bronze Altar. When all the Hebrews saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces” (worshipping God; Lev. 9:23-24).

What Does This Have To Do With Us?

Everything! Torah is God's prototype for what He has given to Israel in the New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34), and yes, all Gentile believers in the Jewish Messiah are part of God's Israel,⁵ and He wants them to keep all Mosaic Law that applies to them, not just the so-called moral laws that the Church teaches. Yeshua is our High Priest⁶ and baptism in water pictures our being “His sons” in the priesthood.

The bathing of Aaron and his sons by Moses reflects our baptism in water “by Yeshua,” and our having been Born Again (John 3:1-5f.).⁷ The Church says baptism is “an outward sign of an inner reality,” and what is that inner reality? Paul says that we have died to self (Rom. 6:1f.), and become new creatures, a new breed of human beings “in” Messiah Yeshua:

“Therefore, if anyone is in Messiah, he is a new creature! Old things have passed away! Behold! All things have become new! Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Yeshua the Messiah, *and has given us the ministry of reconciliation*, that is, that God was in Messiah reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their sins to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.” (2nd Cor. 5:17-19)

Baptism in water is a picture of how Yeshua came forth from the Father and the Holy Spirit on Day One of Creation,⁸ as both the Light of the world (John 8:13) and the Word of God (John 1:1-3; Rev. 19:13). Yeshua's water immersion in the Jordan River was a pictorial reenactment of Day One (Mt. 3:13f.). When we are immersed in water we are displaying that we too, have *come forth* from the Father and the Holy Spirit, just as Yeshua did on Day One. Now we are truly *like* Yeshua was that day in the Jordan River, meaning that the possibility existed that He could choose to sin, but He overcame all temptations by the

⁴ The fat symbolizes the “oil” of the Holy Spirit.

⁵ John 10:16; Romans 11:11f.; Ephesians 2:11f.; Rev. 3:12; 21:2f. Some English translations of Eph. 2:15, which speak of “abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations” (NIV), give the false impression that Mosaic Law was abolished, but a correct reading of it speaks of certain statutes of the Law, which forbade the Jew from mingling with the pagan Gentiles, being abolished, not the whole Law. These statutes were given by God to keep Israel separated, pure and holy from all the pagan Gentiles around them. All Gentiles worshipped idols, and God didn't want Israel to do that. Hence, He gave Israel these statutes (Ex. 23:32-33; 34:12, 15; Lev. 20:22-26; Dt. 7:3-11; 23:6; Josh. 23:1-15; Ezra 9:1-10:44; Neh. 13:1-3, 23-28). For more understanding on this verse ask for the PDF, *Ephesians 2:15*.

⁶ Hebrews 2:17; 3:1; 4:14-15; 6:20; 8:1, etc.

⁷ Israel was “Born Again” and taken out of the enslavement of the Egyptian Kingdom of Darkness at Passover, and the crossing of the Red Sea (1st Corinthians 10:1f.).

⁸ See [Yeshua—God the Son](#).

Holy Spirit within Him, and so can we. The Holy Spirit within us desires to:

1. Put special clothes upon us (Lk. 12:27-28); the clothes of the Yeshuic Priesthood:
 - A. clothes of humility (1st Peter 5:5), sprinkled with His blood and the oil of the Holy Spirit, and
 - B. white linen robes (Rev. 3:5, 18; 4:4; 6:11; 7:9, 13, 14; 19:14),
 - C. girding our waists with the Truth of God's Word (Eph. 6:14), and
 - D. the breastplate of righteousness (Eph. 6:14), which is also,
 - 1) the breastplate of faith and love (1st Thess. 5:8), and give us
 - E. shoes for walking out the Good News of *Peace with Papa God* through the sacrifice of His Son (Eph. 6:15), and having
 - F. the Shield of Faith, to quench all the fiery arrows of Satan (Eph. 6:16), and
 - G. the helmet of salvation (Eph. 6:17), and
 - H. the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God (Eph. 6:17) and,
 - I. praying always in the Spirit for one another (Eph. 6:18).

The Holy Spirit has taken the blood of Messiah Yeshua, which incorporates the sin, total dedication and consecration sacrifices of the Aaronic Priesthood,⁹ and has applied it to our lives. We are not only forgiven of our sins, but cleansed and made fit vessels for the Father, the Son and the Spirit to dwell in. That's what being Born Again and water baptism signify, but it doesn't end there. Yeshua's blood in our lives speaks of our total dedication to Messiah and our consecration to His Priesthood. Just as Aaron and his sons had the blood placed upon their right ears, thumbs and toes, so the Spirit has done that for us, which means that,

1. our ears are open to hearing the Word of God, and
2. our hands are ready to do the will of God, and
3. our feet are consecrated to taking God's Word wherever He wants us to go.

This means that every Christian is a priest *like* Yeshua. One doesn't have to be "an ordained minister," but God has made us all priests in the Kingdom of His Son. The Apostle Peter, who literally walked with Yeshua for three and a half years, says to us:

"Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the Word, that you may **grow** thereby, *if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious*. Coming to Him as to a *living* stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious. You also, as living stones, are being built up into a spiritual House, *a holy Priesthood*, to offer up spiritual *sacrifices acceptable to God* through Yeshua the Messiah. Therefore, it is also contained in the Scripture,"

"Behold! I lay in **Zion**, a chief CornerStone—Elect! Precious!, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame!"

"Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious, but to those who are disobedient,"

"The Stone which the Builders rejected has become the chief Cornerstone," and

⁹ For two articles on Mosaic sacrifice and how Messiah's sacrifice is seen in them, and what the Holy Spirit wants to do with us to make us like Yeshua, see [Mosaic Sacrifice and the Blood of Jesus](#), and [Mosaic Sacrifice in the New Testament](#).

“A Stone of stumbling and a Rock of offense.””

“They stumble, being disobedient to the Word, to which they also were appointed, but you are a chosen generation, *a Royal Priesthood*, a holy nation, His own special people, that *you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of Darkness into His marvelous Light*. Who once were not a people, but are now the people of God; who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, ***abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul***, having your conduct honorable among them who don’t believe, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works, which they observe, glorify God in the Day of Visitation.” (1st Peter 2:1-12)

The sacrifice has already been made. The blood and the oil of anointing have been sprinkled on our garments, to make us one with The Sacrifice and the God of The Sacrifice, and we are called to eat of the meat and the bread of The Sacrifice (pictured in the unleavened bread of Passover and the daily sacrifices, and to drink the blood of The Sacrifice, pictured in the wine of Passover and the daily sacrifices). We are one with The Sacrifice. This is our calling. This is what it means “to believe in Jesus.” As Yeshua Himself said, we are to count the cost:

“Now great multitudes went with Him, and He turned and said to them, ‘If *anyone* comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, *he cannot be My disciple*. And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it—lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, “This man began to build and was not able to finish.” So likewise, *whoever* does not *forsake all that he has* cannot be My disciple.” (Luke 14:25-30, 33)

Our job is 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Is there ever any time, for those of us who are married, when we aren’t married? Can we date another? In other words, 24/7 we’re married, and 24/7 we’re married to Yeshua (Eph. 5:30-32).¹⁰ There’s not a moment in our lives that we “can skip out on Him” by *feeding our Flesh*. Yes, we do skip out, but that’s not His will for us. Just look at Him! Did He ever skip out of the will of His Father? He is our Example; not what our Flesh says we can do and can’t do.

This is what we must struggle with being “in our Lord.” There’s not a moment in our lives that we don’t have to be totally dedicated and consecrated to Him and His purpose for our life—

1. to be Light in Darkness;
2. to teach Israel Torah;
3. to pray for those around us and those far from us,
 - A. to be Born Again and reconciled to Papa God;
 - B. to be filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit, and

¹⁰ For those of you who are married to unbelievers, even if they say they believe, for just as there are people who call themselves Jews, but are not Jews, so too, there are people who call themselves Christians, but aren’t. Paul wants you to know that your spouse needs to be pleased with you, in order for you to stay, not that you have to submit to him to do anything he wants, including sinning, but that you have an option to leave (1st Cor. 7:12-15). This speaks of the unbeliever as ‘on their way’ to being Born Again. It doesn’t speak of the believer having to be verbally or physically abused, as some pastors have taught abused wives who have come to them, erroneously citing that the wife must be submissive to her husband (Eph. 5:22; Col. 3:18; 1st Peter 3:1).

- C. to walk in Torah; and also,
4. to be an example to all of what it is to be a priest of the God of Israel.
 5. To exemplify the Life of Yeshua within us by reading and knowing the Word of God, and by our prayers and by praising Him with our songs, our words and our deeds, and by being completely dedicated and consecrated to Yeshua, and in that, others will hear the Good News and give their lives to Yeshua. This is what it means to be a follower of His—to be a priest of His, and to be a brother of His (Heb. 2:11).

Carnality, our Flesh, tells us we're on a cruise ship headed to the Bahamas, complete with feasting every day, but the Spirit of the Holy One tells us we're on a battleship in the midst of the war. Scripture states,

“Therefore, *gird up the loins of your mind!* Be sober!, and rest your hope *fully* upon the Grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Yeshua the Messiah, as obedient sons, *not conforming yourselves to the former lusts*, as in your ignorance, but *as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct*, because it is written, ‘Be holy!, for I am holy!’ And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear, knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your Fathers, but with the precious Blood of Messiah, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

“He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times *for you*, who through Him, believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. Since *you have purified your souls in obeying the Truth through the Spirit*, in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, *having been Born Again*, not of corruptible seed, but incorruptible, through the Word of God, who lives and abides forever because “All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers and its flower falls away, but the Word of Yahveh endures forever.” Now this is the Word which by the Good News was preached to you.” (1st Peter 1:13-25)

Our Flesh leads us to do things that *waste* our time (like watching TV/movies; sports, and shopping just to shop, etc.), but the Holy Spirit wants to immerse us into our job as priests of God. The Spirit wants to make us totally dedicated and consecrated to Messiah Yeshua, just as He was to His Father. The Darkness, within (our Flesh) and outside us (people and unclean spirits), hates the Light within us. It wants to destroy us, and at the very least, distract us from our jobs. C.T. Studd, a man who fully gave his life to Jesus, said, “Only one life, ’twill soon be past—only what’s done for Christ will last.”¹¹

Conclusion

We must realize, deep within our soul, that we have been bought with the sacrificial Blood of Messiah Yeshua, not to do our own thing, but to be a priest of the God of Israel. Just as Aaron and his sons were brought into the priesthood, and dedicated and consecrated to God through sacrifice and clothes, etc., so too have we, only in a much greater way. As God called them to be holy, He certainly calls us to be holy, totally dedicated to Him and totally consecrated to the Work that He has called us to. C. T. Studd also said, “Some wish to live within the sound of church or chapel bell. I want to run a rescue shop within a

¹¹ [C.T. Studd](#)

yard of Hell.”¹² That’s total dedication and consecration to God and His will. Millions of people are dying and going to Hell because no one told them about Yeshua, nor lived His life out as an example before them.

Ruti and I have been running “a rescue shop within a yard of Hell” for many years now. Whether in Tulsa, OK, or in Israel, or in San Diego, or in Flagstaff, AZ, we bring His Light to all around us. It’s not easy. The USA is made up of atheists, agnostics, witches, proud soldiers and sailors, and secular people, as well as Jehovah Witnesses, Catholics, Muslims, Jews, Mormons, pseudo Christians,¹³ and Christians, most of whom need to hear the Good News and be Born Again, filled with His Spirit and walk in Torah. Many Christians are Born Again, and some are filled with His Spirit, but most oppose Torah.

Welcome to our neighborhood! Is it like yours? What does Messiah Yeshua want to do through you for them—priest of the God of Israel?

The Holy Spirit wants to make us *exactly* like Yeshua was when He was in Israel 2,000 years ago, but do we really want the Spirit to do that? Or do we want to just float along in this life? Simi, a friend, wrote to me and quoted something from J. Canon, which is appropriate for us:

“The Church is not a cruise liner on which we glide our way to Heaven on permanent vacation. It’s a battleship that requires “all hands on deck,” as it fights its way to a glorious destination.”

Have you given up on Yeshua delivering you from the sins that so easily entangle you? Would you rather kick back and watch a good movie instead of reading His Word or praying? Have you been fighting in prayer for the souls of those around you? Have you been making opportunities to share the Joy of your life with all you come into contact with? Or do you find yourself lethargic when it comes to witnessing and praying for others? Do you yearn to be like Him “with all your heart, soul and strength”? If not, and you want to, He wants to make a way for you. Just ask our Father in Heaven. Yeshua said:

“Ask! And it will be given to you! Seek! And you will find! Knock! And it will be opened to you! For *everyone* who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your sons, *how much more* will your Father in Heaven give good things to those who ask Him?!” (Matthew 7:7-11)

God wants to trim our lifestyles down to holiness, but this requires our will in the matter and our sacrificing “our time” and “our ways” to Him. What sacrifice of ours, is too great for Him who gave His Life for us? We must not let the pleasures, distractions, and ways of the world distract us from our job as priests of the God of Israel.

Zero Tolerance! Don’t give in to the Flesh and its ways—in thought, word or deed!

All to Him my precious Savior, I surrender *all!*¹⁴

¹² Ibid.

¹³ The hardest people to win to Messiah are church people who think they are going to Heaven, but haven’t been Born Again.

¹⁴ Revised on Saturday, September 16, 2023.