

# DAYS OF PREPARATION



## Prayer of Preparation

**Morning-** (said w/Inception Prayer)

- + I charge you in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of YAHWEH, and in the hearing of Elohim. Be careful to follow all the commands of YAHWEH, Eloheinu. Acknowledge the Elohim of your father and serve HIM with whole hearted devotion and with a willing mind, for YAHWEH searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. If you seek HIM, HE will be found by you, but if you forsake HIM, HE will reject you forever. Consider now, for YAHWEH has chosen you to build a temple as a sanctuary. Be strong and do the work.
- + Be strong. Show yourself a man and keep the charge to observe what YAHWEH, Eloheinu, requires. Walk in HIS Ways and keep HIS decrees and judgments, HIS statutes and HIS testimonies as written in the Law of Moses, so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go.
- + Be strong and courageous and do the work. Do not be afraid or dismayed, for YAHWEH Elohim, my Elohim, is with you. HE will not fail you nor forsake you until all the work for the service of the Temple of YAHWEH is finished.
- + (I Kings 5; I Chronicles 28:11-18; 29:1-9)

**Noon-** (said w/ Zenith Prayer)

- + Now, YAHWEH, my Elohim, has given me rest on every side, and there is no adversary or disaster. I intend, therefore to build a Temple for the NAME of YAHWEH, my Elohim.
- + Praise be to YOU, oh YAHWEH, Elohim of our father, Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. YOURS, oh YAHWEH, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is YOURS. YOURS, oh YAHWEH, is the Kingdom, and YOU are exalted as HEAD over all. Wealth and honor come from YOU, and YOU are the RULER of all things. In YOUR Hands are power and might to exalt and give strength to all. Now, Eloheinu, we give YOU thanks and praise YOUR glorious NAME.
- + Everything comes from YOU and we have given YOU only what comes from YOUR Hand. We are aliens and strangers in YOUR sight, as all our fathers were. Our days on earth are like a shadow without hope. Oh, YAHWEH, Eloheinu, as for all this abundance we have provided for building YOU a temple for YOUR holy NAME, it comes from YOUR Hand, and all of it belongs to YOU.
- + I know, my Elohim, that YOU test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things have I given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly YOUR people have given to YOU. Oh, YAHWEH, Elohim of our fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, keep this desire in the hearts of YOUR people forever, and keep

our hearts loyal to YOU always, with wholehearted devotion to keep YOUR commands, requirements, and decrees and to do everything to build this palatial structure.

**Evening-** ( said w/the Nadir Prayer)

- + Now, I am about to build a temple for the NAME of YAHWEH, Eloheicha, and to dedicate it to HIM for burning fragrant incense, before HIM, for setting out the consecrated bread regularly, and for making burnt offerings every morning and evening and on Sabbath and new moons and at the appointed feast of YAHWEH, Eloheinu. This is a lasting ordinance for Israel.
- + The temple I am going to build will be great, because Eloheinu is greater than all other elohim. But who is able to build a temple for HIM, since the heavens, even the highest heavens cannot contain HIM? Who then am I to build a temple for HIM, except as a place to burn sacrifices before HIM?

# Hanukkah

## The Feast of Dedication



*Day One*

➤ Blessing, Dedication, & Candle-lighting ➤

Blessed are YOU, YAHWEH, Eloheinu, KING of the Universe, WHO sanctified us with YOUR Commandments and commanded we dedicate our souls to YOUR service.

We thank you for giving us life and health, for performing miracles for us at this time in ancient days, for sustaining us with YOUR blessings, and for helping us reach this moment to behold the return of this season of celebration.

To commemorate the wondrous miracles YOU worked for us in ages past, to remember the triumphs of YOUR might, and to memorialize the victories YOU've given the righteous, for the praise and glory of YOUR NAME, we kindle the lights of Encaneum.



Blessed are YOU, YAHWEH, Eloheinu, KING of the Universe, WHO formed the lights of fire. Purify this flame, oh LORD, we pray, by the brilliance of YOUR beautiful NAME that shines far brighter than any blaze, and spark within our hearts a holy fire for YOU, so we may shine the light of YOUR Torah to all those lost in darkness, through our King Messiah, Yahshua. Amen.

( Light the Shammash)

It is forbidden, for all eight days of the feast, to make use of these lights for any other purpose than that of remembrance, utilizing them neither for common nor uncommon functions, nor for any other means holy or secular. They are permitted for the provision of light alone, that all people may look upon them and learn the meaning of their memorial. (Light the day candle.)

“YOU, oh YAHWEH, keep my lamp burning. My Elohim turns my darkness into light.” - Ps.18:28

### ➤ Meaning & Purpose of Encanenum ➤

Throughout history, we, the children of YAHWEH, the Almighty Elohim, have been plagued by heathenry and plunged into deepest darkness of idolatry, but through it all, we have prevailed, our Heavenly FATHER helping us to endure. HE led us out of Egypt with their many gods of gold and dedicated a Tabernacle to HIS NAME, built by HIS servant, Moses. When we had gone awhoring after the ways of the nations, YAHWEH again brought us back to HIMSELF under David, the man after HIS Own Heart, and dedicated to HIS Great NAME a Temple built by Solomon. After becoming corrupted by paganism, YAHWEH destroyed that temple, led us into captivity in Babylon, brought us back, and built a new Temple under Zerubbabel, dedicated to His NAME. And finally, when that Temple was corrupted, this time not from

without but from within, YAHWEH destroyed it too, placing His NAME upon His people instead and dedicating us to be HIS Temple, until such time as that glorious House of Ezekiel's prophecy should rise.

But the story of Hanukkah is not one of compromise and corruption. Far from being one of failure and defeat, which is the theme and legacy of much of our history with the Temple worship overall, it is rather the intermediate, a tale of true worship and triumph over all that would tell us to turn away from the Torah, to change our righteous path, and to exchange the Living Elohim for idols. The lights of Hanukkah affirm our faith in the FATHER of Lights and that in spite of all obstacles, the light of our faith still burns brightly in our inner being, illuminating our lives and all those around us, and filling our hearts with gratitude that with the help of the NAME, we have survived, been saved from our enemies, and we have kept the faith.

As the children of Israel, these lights remind us of the glorious events and valiant actions that distinguish our history during the era of the Maccabees. When the king of Syria sought to compel us to surrender our worship of YAHWEH, Our true Heavenly FATHER, and to give ourselves over to the worship of heathen idols, the priestly Maccabean family arose to give challenge to these changes. Though few in number, they gathered the faithful and righteous remnant around them, all who refused to compromise, all who would not fear the will of man. Unaccustomed to warfare, these pious priests led us in battle with death defying valor against the mighty and war trained armies of Syria, and YAHWEH crowned them with glory and honor for their heroic efforts. With praise and thanksgiving, the victors entered the Temple courts in Jerusalem, cleansed that House of all defilement and rededicated it to true worship once more. Therefore these festive days of light and dedication are sacred to us in remembrance that we too should be as Maccabean, ever dedicated to the service of the only Elohim, YAHWEH Sabaoth, and that the light of HIS Torah should always shine out from us to the world.

( Read I Maccabees 1-2:22)



### ☞ Virtue of the Day ☞

The first virtue of the Temple and thus the first lesson of Hanukkah is patience. We, the pure and holy, must endure with fortitude the temptation to partake of the pagan ways of our neighbors, however strongly they may pressure us to join them in their iniquity, however non-threatening their customs may appear, and however strictly they may persist.

As the children of YAHWEH, and of no less or el, we are challenged at every turn to compromise our course. The world may try us, and the devil may tempt us, but it is our own hearts that threaten to tear us down. Therefore, it is our first and principal obligation to be dedicated as the Temple of the living El, to patiently bear with the existence of evil outside of Israel and tractably withstand it's assault on our souls. If we are never tested, we can never prove true. If we are never measured and weighed, we may never know the value of our commitment. Can we ever be sure we are good, if we are not offered the chance to do evil? Are we able to be obedient, if another way is never an option? Only by being threatened do we discover what we are willing to fight for... only by being forced to face becoming lawbreakers do we find the strength to resist unto death. On this first day of the celebration, therefore, may we discover what we are made of and what we find matters most to us, the lives of our bodies or the Instructions of our Elohim.



(Read Judith 1&2)

(Read Job 1)

YAHWEH, Eloheinu and King, holy and Heavenly FATHER, we thank you for the lesson of this evening and for the light of this lone candle. As this one tiny flame stands alone in the emptiness of the menorah, may we in like manner be found among the darkness of a vast and vacant world glowing with an otherworldly radiance from the fire kindled deep inside our souls which your only "Son" has set. For all our days, let us be dedicated as your sacred Temple, till another be raised in our place. Whatever may rise against us, to compel our turning from your worship unto the service of ourselves or other elohim, give us the strength to withstand with forbearance both enticing promises as well as evil threats. May we live by the light of YOUR Torah and may we die before we disgrace Your NAME. Keep us we pray, like this one lonely candle, softly shining peacefully, yet burning against the night.

(Read Psalm 112)

(Closing Prayer)

## The Feast of Dedication

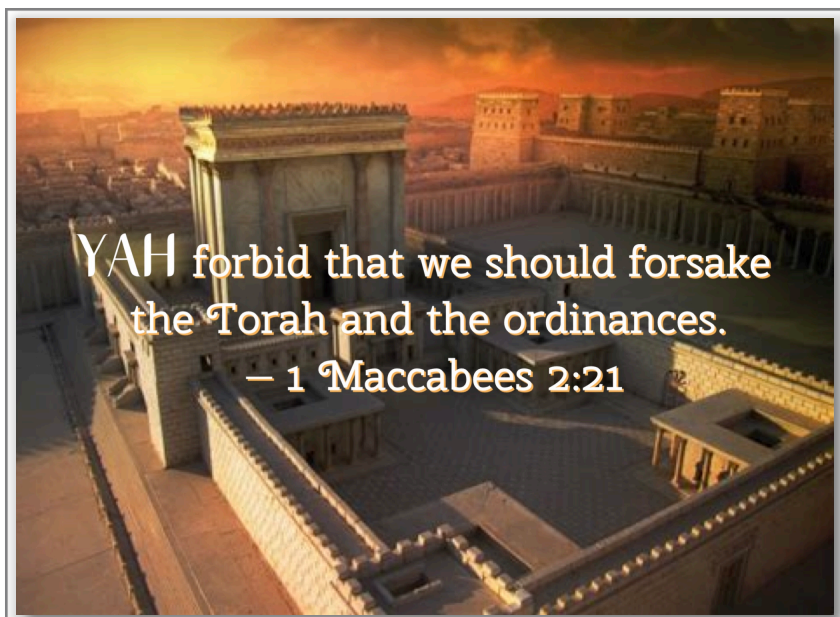
### *Day 2*

(Reader #1)

Blessed are You, YAHWEH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, YOU Who alone are the Author of truth and integrity, and besides YOU, we have no good thing.

(Reader #2)

YOU alone, Almighty FATHER, provide equity and uprightness, and only in Your NAME do we find our honor. YAHWEH, You are good. All good. The highest good. The only good. And from this goodness You have fashioned Your Torah in perfection for all people to follow its Instruction. By these flawless principles YOU teach YOUR people and terrorize Your enemies faithfully. By Your righteous Torah You govern Your people and by the same Torah You bring judgment on the nations who oppose You.



(Reader #3)

To commemorate the changeless Nature of You,

YAHWEH, our Maker and SAVIOUR, the Judge of all the earth, Who cannot but do right by His creation, recognizing our redemption at Your Hand from injustice. The destruction by Your strength of our foes, for the praise and glory of Your NAME, let us kindle the lights of Hanukkah.

(Reader #4)

Blessed are You, YAHWEH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who formed the lights of fire. Purify this flame, we pray, by the brilliance of Your beautiful NAME that shines far brighter than any blaze, and spark within our hearts a holy fire for You so we may shine the light of Your Torah to all of those lost in darkness through our King Messiah, Yahshua. [HALLELUYAH] (LIGHT THE HELPER)

(Reader #5)

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(Reader #6)

"The commandments of YAHWEH are radiant, giving light to the eyes." - Ps. 19:8  
[RECITE THE SHEMA (W/HEBREW) ] - then all may sit down.

### ☞ Meaning & Purpose of Encaneum ☞

( Chosen speaker for the day)

Of all the evil in the world, of every violation of Torah, much must be tolerated by us when it is done by others against us, for the Torah itself instructs us to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us. Therefore, we endure the scorn of the sinful and we forebear the failings of the weak-minded and weak-willed who don't know the Way; But when the lawbreakers try to bully their way into the holy places of our hearts, when the Lawless ones make it their mission to make us like them, when they would defile the Temple - destroy the Torah, and deprive the timid among us of their faith, then we are called to no longer withstand but to wage war on the would-be conquerors, to exterminate the faithless and to establish Torah.

(Chosen speaker #2)

Such was the way of the Maccabees, and so is the meaning of Hanukkah. The priests were asked to set the example of pagan sacrifice which all Israel was to follow, but they boldly made a better sacrifice instead, offering upon the vile altar both the one who ordered the evil rite and the first man to attempt such a sacrifice. They destroyed that heathen altar and departed the town telling all who would hear to abandon their belongings as they themselves had done and to follow them if they would keep the Torah and the Testimony of YAHWEH.

(Chosen speaker #3)

Let us therefore in our time understand through this story and these special lights the utter commitment our Elohim has called us to carry - to hold fast to His Covenant - come what horrors may, and when ordered by man to disobey Divine instruction, we fight with fury and in full faith and surety to remain in the right and righteous Way.

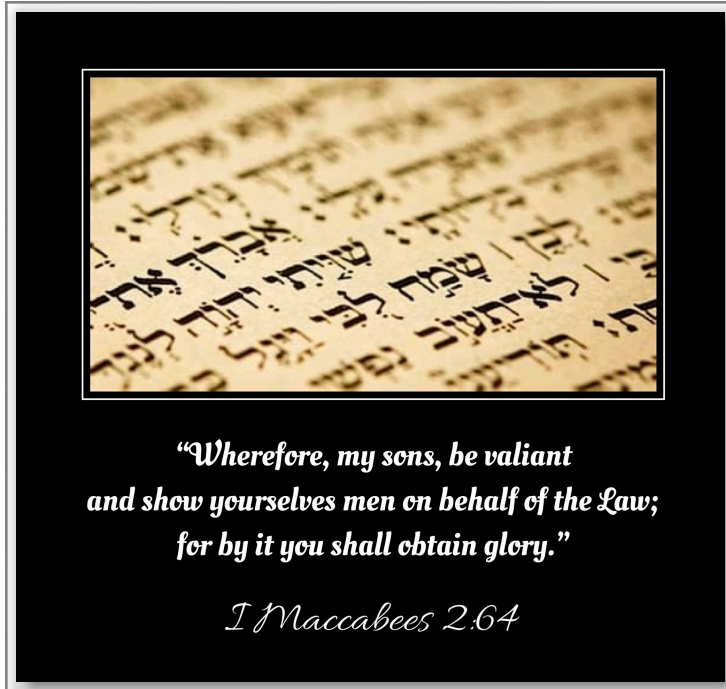


[READ 1 MACCABEES 2:23-70]

☞ Virtue of the Day ☞

(Chosen speaker #4)

The second virtue of the Temple, and so also the second lesson of Hanukkah is Justice. YAHWEH, Eloheinu, is Just and the Justifier of them that have faith in Him and His Anointed.



The Way of His Anointed is Torah, and Torah is the Way of Justice. Our job on this earth is to see justice done, and to emulate, our Immortal MAKER, in this purpose and to make it the meaning of our lives, that justice should be measured out accordingly and in accordance with mercy.

(Chosen speaker #5)

Equitable and impartial over all, we are asked by YAHWEH Almighty, to make His Torah known upon the earth and His saving grace to all the nations. By the help of the NAME, we keep the Torah ourselves and in His strength we show others how it is done. But when the Torah is threatened, we, for the sake of its justice can not hesitate to defend it vigorously and viciously. For we are Israel, the children of YAHWEH, and no other. We are appointed as the mighty among men, and anointed

judges to do our FATHER's just Will in their midst. Can we be good shepherds if we do not fend off the wolves? Can we value the Law of the Elohim if we let men force us to break it? The just Nature of our CREATOR teaches us to prize His Way above our own lives and gives us the courage to fight for it when it is endangered and to die for it when necessary. So on this second day of the celebration, may we find that we are willing to fight for our principles and to die for the Torah, but most importantly to live justly for the glory of our FATHER's Holy NAME.

[READ JUDITH 3 & 4]

(Chosen speaker #6)

Father, how grateful we are for the lesson of this evening and for the light of these candles. We rejoice in the righteousness of Your Torah which directs our lives in security, sincerity, and sanctity. We rest easy under Your sovereignty, knowing Your nature and ways are set in stone, carved in our hearts, stalwart, stable, and never changing. By the light of these candles help us to see You, our FATHER, as the Elohim of Justice and Mercy, our Faithful King Who fulfills His promises to our forefathers as surely as He will for us. The same yesterday, today, and forever, teach us YAHWEH to be equally immutable. As these two great lights may remind us of the greater light which rules the day and the lesser light which rules the night, so also may we call to our remembrance at this time our duty and endeavor, to rule and govern our own lives with comparative regularity.

[READ PSALM 113]

[ CLOSING PRAYER ]

# The Feast of Dedication

## Day 3

[Blessed are You, YAHWEH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, You Who gave us Your Word and have kept it always.]

(Reader #1)

When You speak, Your Word performs Your will exactly as You desire with no deviation or diminution. You Who say and do and fulfill Your promises both with us and to all who came before, You vowed peace and prosperity to Your people that follow Your every instruction, and You swore an oath that the Lawbreakers would be met with curses and be cast out of Your care. Never have You failed to say what You mean and mean what You say. And so we love You and serve You, and we bless Your NAME forever more.

(Reader #2)

To commemorate the genuine regard You have for Your NAME, the heartfelt desire You hold for Your renown, and remembering the whole sole devotion of Your servants of old, for the praise and glory of Your NAME, let us kindle the Hanukkah lights.

(Reader #3)

Blessed are You, YAHWEH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who formed the lights of fire. Purify this flame, we pray, by the brilliance of Your beautiful NAME that shines far brighter than any blaze, and spark within our hearts a holy fire for You so we may shine the Light of Your Torah to all those lost in darkness through our King Messiah Yahshua. [AMEN] (LIGHT THE HELPER [Shamash])

(Reader #4)

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(Reader #5)

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in YAHWEH. Live as children of light, for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth. And find out what pleases YAHWEH, [and do it]. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them." - Ephesians 5:8-11 [RECITE SHEMA W/HEBREW]

☞ Meaning & Purpose of Encanenum ☜

(Chosen speaker of the day)





Patient we must be with the ignorant masses outside of the Kingdom of YAHWEH. They know no better than ants. We must be just in the execution of our King's express commands, but more-so we must mean it. Our dedication to doing our FATHER's will in this world must be whole and total with no pretense or play-acting. YAHWEH demands our zeal for His Temple and our passion for His Torah. He demands it and He deserves it.

(Chosen speaker #2)

Devotion to this duty therefore has to be thorough-going through-out all our parts, thoughts, and abilities. Though the Law may be kept in appearance, as has been the case for countless centuries, it is nothing but noise and nonsense if not done naturally and artlessly, with genuine want of pleasing its Author. An unfeigned, unaffected, unforced obedience is what YAHWEH is after, not merely a mindless mummery and making of mimics.

(Chosen speaker #3)

Proving that sincerity is the surety of sanctification, the Maccabeans made war on the enemies of the Most High. They bore with the sufferings of the Syrians when they had to, and they revolted the moment they were mandated to violate the commands of the Saviour, but those holy priests did not stop at that. They did not simply rebel and run off, rather they gathered together a ragtag army and actively attacked the evil that had threatened to eliminate' the worship of of YAHWEH from the face of the earth. The Maccabees fought with fury and they did not relent until Jerusalem was restored to their control and with it the Temple Mount.

(Chosen speaker #4)

Therefore this day may we remember by the lights of this Menorah that we too owe more than lip-service to the Torah and the Temple, more than a quick resistance. Ours is to be a lifetime of holy devotion to our Heavenly FATHER Who is always genuinely good to us, and to fighting the good fight of faith on His behalf and for His glory.

[READ 1 MACCABEES 3:1-60 ; 4:1-35]

≡ Virtue of the Day ≡

(Chosen speaker #5)

The third virtue of the Temple and so the third lesson of Hanukkah is Sincerity. The Elohim of that Mountain, and indeed of all Creation, is trusted by us unquestionably because time and trials have shown us He is always sincere. Infact we are able to rely so wholly on YAHWEH because of His rightness that we judge reality by His every Word, verifying the actual against all His promises. We know no better benchmark nor can we find a more solid foundation. And so we shape our world around the Torah, knowing full well we have gained the greatest and purest Law for life.

(Chosen speaker #6)

The validation of this deeply held and heartfelt belief is that we not only know it in our souls but that we transform ourselves to reflect such Divine sincerity. For us to adopt this virtue means that we must persist, not only resist. We must pursue holiness and righteousness all our days as a way of life. This is not a virtue that can be a one-off, a kind of nicety brought to bear against the threat whenever it may arise. No. Sincerity is in everyday actions of ordinary people that keep the darkness at bay. It is the little things, the common things, that daily grind of perpetual goodness that is the kind of light that burns brightly when the night comes. That is the virtue that lends support to our cause - the three great lights of strength, beauty, and wisdom. On this third day of the celebration may we live by these great pillars of sincerity as we build our life on righteousness, fighting for our principles, but more importantly, living for them, which is the far harder task.

[READ JUDITH 5 & 6]

(Chosen reader #6)

For the lesson of this evening and for the lights of these candles, we worship You, YAHWEH Eloheinu, Holy Heavenly FATHER of Light and Righteousness. By their beautiful light we bless Your NAME with sincerity of heart and mind, with one devoted spirit as a holy people duty bound to do Your will. May we this night be so dedicated to Your greatness, to Your Torah, and to Your Temple that with renewed vigor and vitality, we will implement this virtue of sincerity from hence forward for all to see and believe, not in us, but in You through our testimony. That all will know Your NAME through our words and deeds, and that all will bear witness to Your blessed and holy Anointed One, Yahshua, beholding the sincere belief we will live out before their eyes. Make our lives like these three lights that whether in youth, adulthood, or old age we may be strong, beautiful, and wise for all who are lacking and all for Your glory.

[ READ PSALM 114]

## The Feast of Dedication

### *Day 4*

[Blessed are You, YAHWEH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has given us reason to have faith in Your NAME.]

(Reader #1)

The power to think, to rationalize, and to choose all come from You. And the choices You have set before Your children are always straightforward, clear, and without trickery. Never have You forced Your will on us. Never have You made another hear Your Word without their consent. You have not created creatures mandated to follow Your every whim nor have You formed beings bound to the darkness without hope of coming to the Light. Always You have given the power of decision. Always You have offered the chance of rebellion, and with that chance, the ability to change. With that ability You have made infinite possibility, the eternal potential for us to shape our world - either as reflecting Your greatness or otherwise mirroring our own weakness. What You have made, YAHWEH, is our capability to trust in You with certitude that You will always be good to us.

(Reader #2)



To commemorate our decision to be dedicated to Your worship, to being a holy people and to holding fast to You through all things, recalling our ancient sanctification and returning once again to those days, for the praise and glory of Your NAME, let us kindle the lights of Hanukkah.

(Reader #3)

Blessed are You, YAHWEH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who formed the lights of fire. Purify this flame, we pray, by the brilliance of Your beautiful NAME that shines far brighter than any blaze. Spark within our hearts a holy fire for You so we may shine the Light of Your Torah to all those lost in darkness, through our King Messiah, Yahshua. [AMEN] (LIGHT THE HELPER [ SHAMASH])

(Reader #4)

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that all people may look upon them and learn the meaning of their memorial. (LIGHT THE CANDLES)

(Reader #5)

"YAH is Light. In Him there is no darkness at all." -1 John 1:5  
[ RECITE THE SHEMA (W/HEBREW) ] - then all may sit down.

### ➤ Meaning & Purpose of Encaneum ➤

(Chosen speaker #1)

With all this wearisome world, we are patient, forgoing judgment for the sake of mercy. Our gracious forbearance is mixed with justice that a righteous outcome can always be expected. But our sincerity in executing sagacity and fortitude is nothing if not done by faith, since it is written, "Without faith it is impossible to please Him ...

(Chosen speaker #2)

History is riddled with heroes who did the right thing for the wrong reason. Very many would-be-believers just could not bring themselves to trust in YAHWEH, though their deeds were otherwise rather nice. Watered down devotion and half measures of holiness are not the way of faith in the Creator. No. Faith is all in, acceptance discounting loss and counting cost. We believe the truth and then we live like it matters. That is faith.

(Chosen speaker #3)

The Maccabees made that clear if ever anyone did when they rededicated the Temple of YAHWEH. After defeating the enemies of Israel and freeing Jerusalem, they entered the courts of the Temple, over-grown and overwhelmed by idols, and finding the House defiled, they began with conviction to cleanse it entirely. They removed the graven images; they broke down the polluted altar; they scoured the halls and sanctified every room before finally building anew

the altar of our Elohim. In faith they gave back our FATHER's House to the worship of His NAME, blessed and dedicated for this purpose alone. Last of all, but perhaps most important, they built a wall around the Temple Mount and set a watch thereon to safeguard its future sanctity.

(Chosen speaker #4)

By the blessing of these lights this day of dedication, let us begin to see ourselves with such enduring faith as if we were this self-same Temple. Have we been defiled by our own hand or another? Then let us move with Maccabean resolve - removing all idolatry from our inner being - breaking down our ruined altar and making ourselves a home for the Holy NAME once more. In greatest faith may we wall off our lives from all possible corruption, guarding ourselves from all possible future threats.

[READ 1 MACCABEES 4: 36-61 ; 2 MACCABEES 10:1-8 ]

☞ Virtue of the Day ☞

(Chosen speaker #5)

The fourth virtue of the Temple and also the fourth lesson of Hanukkah is Faith. That mysterious "substance of things-hope-for" and that enigmatic "evidence of things-unseen", this is the one special verity which enables all the rest, the first crucial step on the ladder of life without which no hope is to be had and no love to be given. The key to the way of life, the key to complete righteousness is faith, for "the just shall live by faith."

(Chosen speaker #6)

Much more than merely knowing facts or forming opinions on holy matters, faith requires utter dependance upon the one, true Deity, YAHWEH Sabaoth. Our complete reliance on His Divine mercy is the only thing that brings salvation and the only way to require sanctification. Anyone can carry the Scriptures around and study them thoroughly, but only those who exercise faith in the Author of that Book may bear fruit unto eternal life. The just are not taught to have faith, like it were a talisman, some relic to be held and hallowed for its special powers. No. As the just, we are instructed to live by faith, and that demands our action. That commands the need for deeds.



(Chosen speaker #7)

The object of our faith therefore is as equally vital as the virtue itself. Faith in ourselves and our own abilities would bring us to the brink of failure and beyond. Faith in other human beings would be likewise just as baleful. Can we put our faith and trust in the world and its promises? No. This too would prove to be vain, and ever has whenever tried. Rather there is only the Elohim to be given our greatest devotion; our utmost confidence; our highest credence. But which elohim

would that be of the so very many making a claim? Of all the posturing and powerful, only one can take the crown. Of all elohim either real or imagined, created by nature or the hands of man, none can be found worthy to be called King of the Universe ... the only One able to assume such office is He Who held it before He made the world, before He formed the stars,



and before He drew forth our father, Adam, from the dust - breathing life and soul into his body. The Elohim we give our faith is the El Who gave us grace ... Him of the Hallowed NAME, YAHWEH, and no other.

(Chosen speaker #8)

In light of these thoughts on this fourth day of celebration we must take this time to remember that faith requires actions, not claims or well learned lines of dogma. Let these four lights call to our minds every moment throughout the year the Four shining LETTERS comprising the sacred NAME of YHWH and help us when the Way is hard, to hold fast to our commitment in full faith and fear of Him alone Who called us to bring His NAME to the Nations both in sound and sanctified living .



[READ JUDITH 7 & 8]

(Chosen speaker #9)

For the lesson of this evening and for the light of these candles, we bless Your beautiful NAME and praise You now and always. May it be Your will evermore, YAHWEH, that we should live to do so ; never forgetting what Light we carry inside our souls. Keep us, Father, immersed in Your Torah, engrossed in being Your Temple, and with sincerity and verity, making mankind know Your NAME is near in their midst, in how we move among them as Your agents of grace.

[READ PSALM 115]

## The Feast of Dedication

### *Day 5*

Blessed are You, YAHWEH, Eloheinu , King of the Universe, for You have given us Your Way and set Your path for us to follow in meekness.

(Reader #1)

Everything You ordered for Your worship was laid down long ago as Law unchanging and unchangeable. When we entered the Promise Land You told us plainly not to follow the ways of the nations around us, nor to attempt to honor You in their customs and sacrifices. All who come before You must be holy and lowly, for only the penitent shall pass into Your courts and only as far as You permit. Thus in demureness we come before You, boldly approaching the Throne of Grace, yet bashfully fearful of Your prescribed ways we may move and which paths we must take.

(Reader #2)

To commemorate Your established pattern, everything as shown to Moses on the Mountain, in memorial of true faith and the glory of Your NAME, let us kindle the lights of Hanukkah.

(Reader #3)

Blessed are You, YAHWEH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who formed the lights of fire. Purify this flame, we pray, by the brilliance of Your beautiful NAME that shines far brighter than any blaze, and spark within our hearts a holy fire for You; so we may shine the light of Your Torah to all those lost in darkness through our King Messiah, Yahshua. [AMEN] (LIGHT THE HELPER [ SHAMASH])

(Reader #4)

For all eight days of the feast, it is forbidden to make use of these lights for any other purpose than that of remembrance, utilizing them neither for common or uncommon functions nor for any other means holy or secular. They are permitted for the provision of light alone; that all people may look upon them and learn the meaning of their memorial. (LIGHT THE CANDLES)

(Reader #5)

"This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil ... Whoever lives by the Truth comes into the Light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through Elohim." - John 3:19, 21  
[RECITE THE SHEMA (W/HEBREW) | - then all may sit down.

### ➤ Meaning & Purpose of Encaneum ➤

(Chosen speaker #1)

Evil has been resisted, routed, and removed and the holy things having been cleansed of their desecrations, we come at last to the heart of darkness in the House of YAHWEH. Where there is not but shadows and blackness, there is meant to be perpetual light, the setting of which fire is for us to make our first priority. For truly it would be easier to allow the night to reign in the Holy Place. Far simpler it would be to wait and delay - to forestall the kindling of a holy fire, but what would that say of all we've been claiming in regard to our faith and sincerity? What value would be had for all our former acts of justice and patience if we do not do what was prescribed for pure worship when we have in our power to perform according to Divine order?

(Chosen speaker #2)

Everything up to the moment was a matter of righteous pride, putting foot to path and hand to task for our Heavenly Father. That was fine action for the eyes of men to see, but we come now to the sacred place where is found the NAME of our Maker. There before His Majesty a shyness is required and sheepishness; a sort of shrinking overtaking us as we make our way upwards toward His presence. We maintain our pride in the face of men but abandon it before the Elohim Who drew us out of nothingness to make of us what we are.

(Chosen speaker #3)



In this attitude tradition holds the Maccabees approaching the restoration of light to the Middle Chamber of the Temple. Their devotion to restoring the House of YAHWEH was so thoroughly exhaustive that they did not want to put off blessing and commissioning the Temple for any reason, not even a lack of necessities. The Law required the Menorah never to be unlit and only holy oil was allowed to be burned for its lighting. Upon inspection of the storerooms it is said that only one jar of oil was available for use in the Candelabrum. The priests therefore had a choice; hold off completing the dedication until enough oil was made ready for the lamp or put their trust in the Light to provide for their shortcomings. To delay would be prideful faith in their own ability, but they decided to humbly believe that YAHWEH would meet the need. They lit the Menorah with only enough oil to burn for a day, but the Almighty made a miracle and the light shone out for eight days instead.

(Chosen speaker #4)

Therefore this day by the blessing of these lights may we remember our own smallness in all this. May we put into our minds and hearts this day, midweek into this miraculous memorial, a healthy helping of humility that enables us to continue to act when our own lack of ability and provisions would otherwise compel us to independence and self reliance. In Maccabean fashion, let us allow for nothing to hinder our obedience nor ever anything to stop us from being entirely dedicated to doing our Father's commands and being a Temple for His NAME.

☞ Virtue of the Day ☞

(Chosen speaker #5)

The fifth virtue of the Temple and so also the fifth lesson of Hanukkah is Humility. We are asked to make our boast in the Torah and our yielding to the One Who wrote it. Light has come into the world and men prefer darkness, because it hides the flaws and the failures.

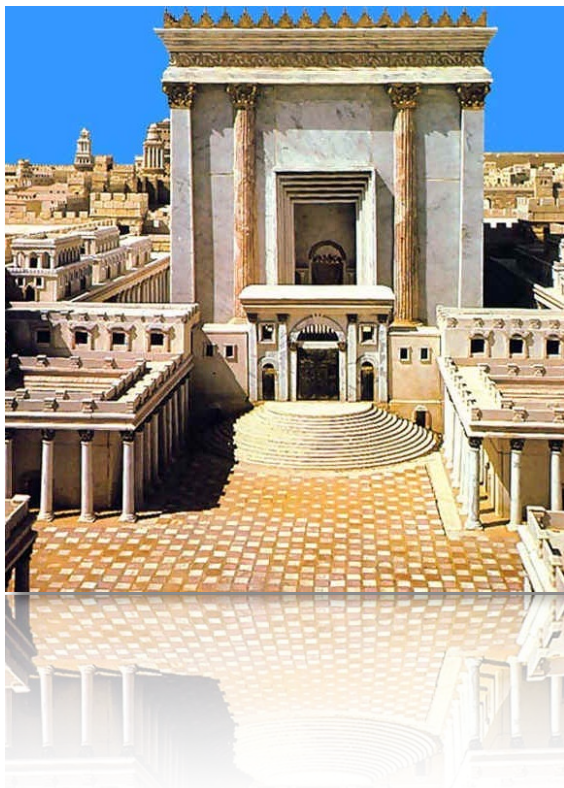
“Darkness hides the true size of fears and lies” so we love it and let it hold us in its shroud. To embrace the night above the day allows for us to continue our selfish boasting. Any fool can posture in the shadows, for none can see how weak he is, how feeble and unqualified. But light has come into the world, and we have no choice but to be seen for who we are in all our sad reality. The only thing we have to decide is whether to be willingly made visible or to be ashamed of what we look like when the light shines our way.

(Chosen speaker #6)

Humility affords us the ability to kindle that light ourselves and indeed to be that light. It is up to us whether light comes into our world by the Way of Torah. We can set the standard of righteousness by keeping our King's commandments or we can be one with the surrounding shadows. The fate of nations and the faith of our neighbors is in our hands. We will live either as a part of the darkness or apart from it. For as surely as five lights glow in the Menorah this night, in the same way we shine the Light of the Torah through our five senses - working for the will of the Most High in all things.

(Chosen speaker #7)

On this fifth day of celebration, in light of all we know of our purpose to humble ourselves in the sight of YAHWEH, so He may lift us up. Let us ponder now our position on this planet as His hands and feet to meet out justice - to bear with





patience - to believe by faith, and to act with sincerity of heart so that the light of His commandments may shine in the abounding darkness calling all people to humbly come to the Light of His NAME.

READ JUDITH 9 & 10]

(Chosen speaker #8)

For the lesson of this evening and for the light of these candles, we give You humble thanks. Sink this teaching so deep in our souls, Father, YAH, that fear of You would be our only focus and all other thoughts would blow away with the wind. Keep us confident only in Your care. Make us trust only in Your strength. Allow us no reliance on our own might and righteousness. When want or loss would threaten to prevent us from following You faithfully, help us to hold fast to You for our hope through all the storms of life and to stand behind Your NAME when facing every terror. Create of us, oh YAHWEH, a miracle worthy of Your glory. Make more of us than we can make of ourselves, and may we outlast the night and burn for Your NAME for more days than we imagined would be possible.

[READ PSALM 116]







## The Feast of Dedication

### *Day 6*

[Blessed are You, YAHWEH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, You Who are our Light - You Who are our Truth.

(Reader #1)

With humble hearts full of faith we come before You to bless Your NAME in sincerity and verity. We have waited for You with patience, working the deeds of justice all for the sake of that Divine attribute and foundation of every virtue which is Truth itself. As the highest point of our profession, this attribute of authenticity is the first lesson we are taught in Israel. On this theme we contemplate and by its dictates endeavor to regulate our conduct in the fashion of Your Temple. Hence while influenced by this principle, hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us. Sincerity and plain-dealing distinguish us and the heart and tongue join in promoting each others welfare. We rejoice in each others prosperity in promotion of the life and way of Your Anointed One, Yahshua.

(Reader #2)

To commemorate the Light of Your Torah and the mysterious destiny You have set for us in Your well-beloved Son, to be honest and trustworthy, acting toward Elohim, neighbor, and self with integrity and honor; remembering to hold a zealous attachment to these duties ever insuring both public and private esteem; for the praise and glory of Your NAME, we kindle the lights of Hanukkah.

(Reader #3)

Blessed are You, YAHWEH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who formed the lights of fire. We pray, by the beautiful brilliance of Your NAME that shines far brighter than any blaze, to spark a holy fire within our hearts so we may shine the light of Your Torah to all those lost in darkness, through our King Messiah, Yahshua. [AMEN]



( LIGHT THE HELPER [SHAMAH])

(Reader #4)

For all eight days of the feast, it is forbidden to make use of these lights for any other purpose than that of remembrance, utilizing them neither for common or uncommon functions nor for any other means holy or secular. They are permitted for the provision of light alone, that all people may look upon them and learn the meaning of their memorial. (LIGHT THE CANDLES)

(Reader #5)

"Send forth Your Light and Truth. Let them guide me. Let them bring me to Your Holy Mountain, to the place where You dwell."

Ps. 43: 3

[RECITE THE SHEMA (W/HEBREW) ] - then all may sit down.

### ☞ Meaning & Purpose of Encaneum ☜

(Chosen speaker #1)

The miracle of this celebration is not as we would suppose eight days of light from one day's worth of oil. No. That is but a parlor trick for the powers of Providence. Rather it is the building itself that was the wonder. The candle trick was kind of neat (if not myth) but far from being a miracle. What should be shocking our souls this season is how mere men can make wood and stone into a home for the Most High. One moment there is a tall building, the next a beautiful Temple. The transforming power of sincere faith patiently brought forth through the just and humble pursuit of the One, True Elohim of Light and Righteousness, that and that alone is the miracle off Hanukkah.

A(Chosen speaker #2)

The Maccabees knew this power well, as did the prophet Ezra before them and King Solomon earlier still. They understood through their qualities of knowledge, tolerance, and generosity that Eloheinu has given us subcreative power to reshape our world through the exercise of our freedom, fervence, and zeal. And they perceived moreover that with unlimited enthusiasm and devotion they could do anything they dreamed of ... and they dreamed of making room for the



Most High in their midst. These ancient worthies wanted to take the light they were given and make more light therefrom...and they did. And thus each in their time added to what they had received making shrines of simple stones.

(Chosen speaker #3)

The kings and priests of past ages dedicated buildings to the blessed NAME of YHWH, and they did not wait or hesitate to do so, because they knew how the change would take place. The power is in surrender and not before. Their understanding, and so should ours be, was that

YAHWEH makes the change Himself, that a temple is not a Temple until His NAME is there. It becomes more than a structure only when His presence arrives to dwell. And He will not show up until such a time as everything has been prepared to His previous specifications and set according to His pattern.

(Chosen speaker #4)

So let us remember what matters most on this night in the light of these six candles; may we set in mind what the men of old knew, that we acquire light from Light -- Light and Truth. We decide when a building will be made more than a common structure when we give it over to the Almighty Who called us to be sacred. Not until we have made ready that room to the high standard of His requirements will He ever arrive. Never till He appears will that house be anything other than the worthless work of our hands. May the three lesser lights show us our standing in righteous integrity; us moving as predictably as the sun and the moon in the sky made possible by the three greater lights of Scripture -- right actions toward others, and perfect relations with our neighbors; Light from Light -- Light and Torah.

[READ 1 KINGS 8:22 - 9:3 & Ezra 6:1-18]

☞ Virtue of the Day ☞

(Chosen speaker #5)

The sixth virtue of the Temple, and so the sixth lesson of Hanukkah is Truth. Moving through life uprightly with well-squared actions, it is our obligation, when tried, to prove true every time, giving clear signs showing it so. Thereby, we may then act in truth as our obligation requires subduing and improving ourselves in morality, equality, and rectitude, making our rude and rough nature more shapely toward a state of perfection formed according to the Torah and built by the rules of the Living Elohim.

(Chosen speaker #6)

In truth, we come to the Temple looking for a place in the House. Asking, seeking, and knocking at the door of the outer court. We made our inquiry and gained our admission having been prepared before hand in truth in our hearts. Entering in by the door we were received on the porch; put to the question and held at the point of remembrance to remain in an honest state. Prayer for us when we were caused to kneel and attend to such and to put our trust in YAHWEH alone, was that this same Elohim would endow us and grant us to become true and faithful servants of His NAME. When we expressed our greatest desire upon coming to the



house and swearing to be true, it was for the light that we craved - for Light and Truth. Shall it ever be our greatest desire to receive more light in YAHWEH and to always be true moving further up and further in to the Temple of YHWH Eloheinu.

(Chosen speaker #7)

On this night, sixth day of celebration, may we remember that without YAHWEH we are in darkness. Without our Elohim there is no Temple but only a building. Without His Torah we are nothing but commoners on the earth. The King of the Universe has made us able to be genuine miracles in our world, bringing light into dark places till the Day dawns. Our task is to be true in a tumult of lies and to remain in the Light even after nightfall. Let us resolve to be so dedicated this year, never relying on our own power but always on Heaven's grace to give us life, light, and all other good things.

[READ JUDITH 11 & 12]

(Chosen speaker #8)

For the lesson of this evening and for the light of these candles, thank you, Father, for we are and shall be ever Yours. You are the Source of Light and the Author of Truth. All we have is Yours, and all we ever will be belongs to You. In You we "live and move and have our being" and in You we see who we truly are. By Your Light we behold what we are. Make us wholly reliant on Your Providence, putting no trust in our own ability to perform as You have ordered for Your worship. We can't even do that without failing, but in full faith moving forward with Your thoughts, Your plans, and Your intentions in mind we will endeavor to do so from hence forth forevermore.

[READ PSALM 117]





# The Feast of Dedication

## Day 7

[Blessed are You, YAHWEH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, for You have given us the Way of salvation in Messiah, Yahshua.

(Reader #1)

Your perfect Light was Your very Word sent down to live as one of us and to die for all of us, yet to rise again for Your glory. The King Messiah You gave us was and is Your wondrous Son and our Saviour Who did Your every commandment. Who could not help but to be obedient to Your desires. He came to shine the Light of Your NAME so that all mankind may know You and be saved from sin and wickedness, if only they are willing. Without flaw He kept Your Holy Torah and taught us in Word and deed how we too could keep it fully.



(Reader #2)

To commemorate the completion of Your Testimony and the living incarnation of Your Torah, in memorial of our Master and Teacher Who gave His life to renew the covenant. Who showed us how to be dedicated to Your Holy Temple, and Who embodied every virtue as the living example of love, for the praise and glory of Your NAME, we kindle the lights of Hanukkah.

(Reader #3)

Blessed are You, YAHWEH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who formed the lights of fire. Purify this flame, we pray, by the brilliance of Your beautiful NAME

that shines far brighter than any blaze, and spark within our hearts a holy fire for You, so we may shine the light of Your Torah to all those lost in darkness, through our King Messiah, Yahshua. [AMEN] [LIGHT THE HELPER (SHAMASH) ]

(Reader #4)

For all eight days of the feast it is forbidden to make use of these lights for any other purpose than that of remembrance, utilizing them neither for common or uncommon functions nor for any other means holy or secular. They are permitted for the provision of light alone, that all people may look upon them and learn the meaning of their memorial. [LIGHT THE CANDLES]

(Reader #5)

Yahshua is the Light of the world. Those who follow Him shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of life.

[RECITE THE SHEMA (W/HEBREW) ] - then all may sit down

(Chosen speaker #1)

Truly, YAHWEH is our Light, but the Light of YAH is Yahshua. He is Who shines in the darkness of our cruel and uncaring world, as one bright moment of holiness entirely dedicated to the worship of the One, True Elohim and Almighty King of Creation. As seven numbers the lights of the Menorah this night and also the amount that illuminated the Holy Place, so also is it the count of perfection and dynamic wholeness, which Yahshua exemplifies for us. It is He Who represents the light of the Temple revealing all the holy things and showing us the Way of pure worship. Surely it is He Who lights our Way just as He did for the ancients who trusted in His eventual appearing.

(Chosen speaker #2)

When He was with us He said, "A new commandment I give to you: 'Love one another as I have loved you' ... " In this way, Yahshua demonstrated the Torah for us, patiently bearing with our weaknesses, justly condemning the hypocrisy of pretenders, sincerely healing all who had faith, and humbly serving every need of the people as their true King. Our Messiah moved in the light of love for the Law and the lost ones. He lived to mend the rifts and right the wrongs. He died and lives again for the same purpose and to prove the same point -- that old aim of all



praise. He wanted and wants even still for us to know YAHWEH, the only True Elohim, and to come to Him rightly through His Holy Anointed One. He wants us to be that Temple, holy to the NAME of YHWH and sacred to His Torah.

(Chosen speaker #3)

In the way of the Maccabees, let us now decide to make our lives holy in the love of the coming Messiah. The priests of old looked forward to His arrival, lighting the Menorah and dedicating the Temple in total faith, but they knew the Temple still foreshadowed greater things yet to come which we now experience in our day. Therefore, looking forward to His return, we light the Menorah as a sign of the perfect life we look for, the love we long to live by, and the light we long to shine.

[ READ JOHN 3:1-21 ]

☞ Virtue of the Day ☞

(Chosen speaker #4)

The seventh virtue of the Temple and so also the seventh lesson Hanukkah is Love. By no means a feeling or a frilly, fancy thing; love is painful, passionate, and purposeful. Love is utterly selfless and self-sacrificing. Love is the hard stuff, the kind of things that take time, trial, and caution to cultivate. What life is all about is love. It is the crowning virtue, the kingly principle, and the highest rung on the ladder of life. All the Torah and the Prophets hang on the order of love and are the exposition of this one, single command.

(Chosen speaker #5)

Without love we are nothing, have nothing, and can accomplish nothing. Without love what we have been about all along, all our virtues will have been a waste, merely shadows and dust, blown away in the wind. The entirety of Temple worship, the whole structure with all its rituals, sacrifices, and pageantry was designed to teach us how to love our FATHER and our neighbor. YAHWEH sent Yahshua to show us the more perfect way, to give us the pattern in a living form so we could know how to make it work on the earth as it does in heaven.

(Chosen speaker #6)

On this seventh night of Hanukkah, let us remember that love is our only obligation in life, and love is obedience to Divine command. Every command and not only the easy ones. If we are to be dedicated to YAHWEH Almighty, if we are to be His Temple then this one thing we do: We love, for the end is near and there is nothing for it but to fight like a Maccabean. For truly love is a battle and life is a war. Therefore love is life's battle, and life is love's war.



[READ JUDITH 13 & 14 ]

(Chosen speaker #7)

For the lesson of this evening and for the light of these candles, here we are to worship and cry HalleluYAH. Father, make us worthy to be Your Temple. Set us apart as holy to Your NAME and save us from all that would defile our sanctity in Your Son, Yahshua. Thank You for sending Him to us as You promised and for performing miracles of light in His NAME to this day. As the old time holy ones kindled the light of Hanukkah in the Holy Place, so You kindled the Light of Your Son in our hearts. Help us to be dedicated always to Your Torah, living in the Light of Your Holy Anointed One and loving as He loved.

[READ PSALM 118]



# The Feast of Dedication

## *Day 8*

[ Blessed are You, YAHWEH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, because You have sanctified us with Your commandments and called us to walk before You blamelessly. ]

(Reader #1)

To be Your miracle to the world, we must be unlike they are in all things. In the thoughts we have, the words we say, and the things we do; YAHWEH would have us be different from the norm, divided from the ordinary course of the world and working against its desires, waring against its ways. YAH would have us be a light in a dark place, to shine out the pure Gospel of HIS Son, Yahshua, drawing all who would be forgiven to come to the Light we share.

(Reader #2)

To commemorate the purity of the Torah and the perfection it fashions in its subjects, in the honor of YAHWEH, as the Elohim Who gave it and for the Messiah Who taught us to keep it; Remembering the high standard of light and righteousness we are bound to bear before the watching world, for the praise and glory of HIS NAME, we kindle the lights of Hanukkah.

(Reader #3)

Blessed are You, YAHWEH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who formed the lights of fire. Purify this flame, we pray, by the brilliance of Your beautiful NAME that shines far brighter than any blaze, and spark within our hearts a holy fire for You, so we may shine the Light of Your Torah to all those lost in darkness, through our Messiah, Yahshua.

[AMEN ] [LIGHT THE HELPER ( SHAMASH) ]

(Reader #4)

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any other means holy or secular. They are permitted for the provision of light alone, that all people may look upon them and learn the meaning of their memorial. [ LIGHT THE CANDLES]

(Reader #5)

Yahshua said, "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone who is in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise you Father in Heaven."



## ➤ Meaning & Purpose of Encaneum ➤

(Chosen speaker #1)

For eight days we celebrate the dedication of the Temple of YAHWEH and moreover of our own lives to that purpose, because it takes eight days to declare something sacred; eight being the number of fulfillment and transformation. And we have come to the completion of this joyous occasion for which we have looked forward to all year long when we can kindle the light of these candles in memory of our life's purpose to serve as a sanctuary for the Shekinah Glory of the Almighty YAHWEH, a House to hold His Holy NAME on earth.

(Chosen speaker #2)

As eight is also the number of advent and ascension, we begin anew at this time to rise in Messiah to the challenge of the Torah to be holy as He is holy, to work righteousness at all times, and to seek the balance in all our beliefs, avoiding extremities, and all that would threaten the equilibrium of the Law. In the hope of resurrection and eternal life, we resolve this eighth night, the number of infinity, to call to our remembrance day and night the future judgment from hence forth. The goal of our ambitions hereafter shall be to shine the light of Yahshua, showing all peoples through our words and actions the Way, Truth, and Life that leads to YAHWEH and so to an everlasting hope. Therefore, with Maccabean conviction, let us fight evil at every turn, principally the wickedness inside ourselves, forgive with the ready mercy of Heaven for all wrongs done to us in this life, and follow whole-heartedly our Master and Messiah, the King of Kings under YAH alone, Yahshua, our Light leading us to YAHWEH.

[READ 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13]

## ➤ Virtue of the Day ➤

(Chosen speaker #3)

The eighth and final virtue of the Temple, and so also the eighth lesson of Hanukkah is Innocence. Not to be understood as having never done any wrong to man or the Most High; innocence is simply the state of being we aspire to be found in on the day of our death or the Master's return, in which we have repented of our sins, craved the pardon of our Creator, and done our level best to make right what we have broken along the way. This is the condition of blamelessness in which we live by the virtues of the Temple fencing ourselves off from the world and setting ourselves apart as holy.

(Chosen speaker #4)

By living according to the eight Hanukkah principles of Patience, Justice, Sincerity, Faith, Humility, Truth, Love, and Innocence, we find ourselves brought into a way of walking where evil and Lawbreaking, while not beyond us, are rightly beyond our desires or our habits. We therefore may act in favor of aiding the world in its sufferings, ourselves apart from the problems leading them to the only Solution, YAHWEH, their Maker. This is the Torah observant life and the legacy of the Temple. Whether a stone



building is standing on the Mountain of Zion or not, by our decision to daily live for the Divine NAME, dedicated to its proclamation around the world, in the way laid for us by the Word of the Most High, Who died and lives forevermore, we ensure that there will always be a sacred Temple on the earth devoted to YAHWEH Sabaoth, the King of the Universe.

[READ JUDITH 15 & 16]

(Chosen speaker #5)

For the lesson of this evening, and for the light of these candles, we find ourselves, Heavenly Father, overwhelmed with gratitude. To think that You, YAHWEH Almighty, would choose us, of all people to be taken from among the rest of the graceless gentiles, to be set apart for Your NAME, to be blessed with the Torah, the Gospel, and the Promise of eternal life in the NAME of Yahshua. We are taken aback and undone by the unmerited mercy You have bestowed on us in our iniquity. As we embark upon yet another year, moving through the darkness of this world, we pray that we would prove worthy of Your trust and do rightly with this high honor and responsibility of being Your Temple to carry Your NAME to the Nations and Your Worship to the ends of the earth. Help us to be bold and to shine brilliantly that all who meet us would see and believe and bring us safely through the days that follow so we may be rededicated once more in the year to come.

[READ PSALM 119]

