

## Day One - Opening Service

### • Opening Prayer

•Blessed is YAHWEH, Eloheinu, KING of the Universe, WHO has kept us alive and well within HIS loving care that we may once more celebrate these joyous days dwelling in the Tabernacle. For the sake of HIS NAME and to set this special time apart as holy, let us kindle the lights of the feast. (Light candles.)

•Happy are they that know the sound of the shofar; In the Light of YOUR Face, oh YAHWEH, we will walk.

All: Blessed is YAHWEH, Eloheinu, KING of the Universe, WHO has sanctified us with HIS

Commandments and has commanded us to dwell in the sukkah and to hear the sound of the shofar. (Sound the Shofar.) (Recite the Sh'ma and sound the shofar.)

•Reader # 1: As the children of Israel, this time of remembrance marks the days we dwelt in

tents in the wilderness, wayward and wandering without a home but with much hope in YAHWEH Who led us every step of the way. Through the deserts, HE lead us 40 years by the Providence of two great Pillars, one of cloud by day and the other of fire by night. In the barren land HE gave us food. In the scorching heat, HE gave us shelter. And from the rocks themselves HE brought forth water to drink. Our clothes did not ware out, and our sandals did not break, for YAHWEH, our PROVIDER was with us all the while.

•Reader # 2: Like those days of old, we live now in uncertain times in an unsafe world, brutal

and barbarous towards all the children of YAHWEH, and we abide for a short while in the tabernacle of the body - a temporary dwelling, feeble and frail, relying on the guidance of YAHWEH and awaiting that last great day to come. In the same way that this tent is temporal, so too is this life and this whole world. If then our lives are so fragile and our world is so treacherous, how ought we to live, knowing it will all be over any possible moment? We are to live as Israel, trusting in our FATHER Above and being true to HIS NAME, knowing we are mortal, that all things are set to kill us, and that our FATHER alone saves and keeps us faithfully to the end.

• Reader # 3: For the sake of HIS great NAME, and for the love of HIS holy Torah, YAHWEH did not allow us to perish in ancient deserts, and the Feast



of Tabernacles is the sign of this, remaining a faithful testimony that in every generation, this same Mighty One for this same Cause will never desert HIS people. This is a feast of thanksgiving for merciful blessings, for paternal protection, and for DIVINE Providence, both then and now. And we are witnesses of HIS MAJESTY, that forevermore HE will be ever faithful, persevering, sustaining, and offering grace and kindness to those who seek HIM in Truth.

• Reader # 4: Being emissaries of the impending Kingdom of YAHWEH and as heralds of HIS

beautiful government upon the earth, in this great celebration, we act as the leaders and educators of all mankind, admonishing all peoples to obey the commandments and continually working for the glorification of our FATHER's Great NAME among all nations. Let this feast of lights illuminate our hearts and illustrate that though we have passed through many an inhospitable wilderness, through the desert and the wasteland, though we have known troubles, many and bitter, yet through it all our FATHER was with us. In the darkness of sorrow and distress, HIS holy Torah lead our way like a pillar of fire, and in the striking brightness of trouble and danger, HIS Sacred NAME gave us shelter like a pillar of cloud.

- •Reader # 5 (Lev. 23: 33-36)
- •Reader # 6 (Ps. 118: 1-15)
- •Reader # 7: (Ps. 118: 16-29)

•Reader # 8 Blessed is YAHWEH, Eloheinu, KING of the Universe, WHO Has given us this

sacred occasion on which to give him glory and gratitude for life and for salvation. We praise HIM for this time dwelling in Tabernacle's and for the time we have to tabernacle bodily on the earth.

•For freedom, faith, and forgiveness... All: Praise YAHWEH!

•For light, life, and love... All: Praise YAHWEH!

•For health, hope, and help in time of need... All: Praise YAHWEH!

Reader # 9: YAHWEH, Almighty Elohim, FATHER of all mercies, We, Your lowly servant's give

YOU humble thanks for all YOUR goodness and loving kindness to us and all YOU have made. We praise YOU for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but above all for YOUR immeasurable love in the redemption of YOUR people by our King Messiah, Yahshua, For the means of grace and the hope of glory made known to us in YOUR Torah. And we pray, oh YAHWEH, give us such an awareness of YOUR mercies that with truly thankful hearts, we may show forth YOUR praise, not only with our lips but in our lives by giving up our temporal selves to YOUR eternal service, walking before YOU in holiness and righteousness all our days.

•Reader # 10: (John 6:26-69)

•Reader # 11 : (Kiddish)

All: (The Lord's Prayer)

•Reader # 12 (Ps. 116: 1-19)

• Closing Prayer

# Day One - Day Service

Themes of the Day: Doubt Rebellion & Transgression

• Opening Prayer

Opening Statement: We were there at the Promise land, with all its riches and bounty



before us ready for the taking, but at the border of paradise, we did not believe, and from our failure to trust in YHWH came a refusal to obey HIS command to enter the land in faith, to fight the peoples living there, and to exterminate them in the NAME of YHWH Sabaoth. Fearing the size of the giants, we forgot the far greater size of Elohim. Seeing the strength of their walls and the might of their armies, we lost sight of our own MIGHTY ONE, our Strong WARRIOR, able to deliver them into our hands. Twelve men entered in to spy out the country and plan out the strategy, but only two returned speaking favorably; The rest proclaimed it a hopeless endeavor. YHWH did not send the twelve to tell HIM whether or not victory could be gained, but to test our trust in HIS ability to provide it. And trusting the testimony of the ten over the two, we refused to move forward in faith, to our everlasting shame. Let us therefore, at this time study this pattern of failure - doubt, rebellion, and transgression - that we may learn from our error, open our eyes to faith in our SAVIOUR, and serve and obey HIM forever after.

Doubt: (Read Gen. 3:1-11 & Numbers 13:27-14:1-3)

What we see and hear must never be accepted as truth when it contradicts the Word of YHWH. Our understanding is corrupted and capable of further corruption, therefore what we experience through our senses must be continually examined with and against the Word of YHWH - that we may not act as we wish but righteously by HIS will.

Rebellion: (Read Exodus 32:1 - 9 & Numbers 14:4 - 11)

Doubt is the enemy of faith, and when doubt of the certainty of Torah exists, rebellion will surely follow. Doubt takes away trust, and once trust is gone revolution comes with haste.

Transgression: Revolution against what YHWH has clearly instructed, directed, and taught for us to do, that is to say, rebelling against the Torah, commonly called Law, is sin. (1 John 3:4) Sinful actions born of rebelliousness will never bring about success. Read: (Numbers 14:17-43; 16:1-35)

Discussion: When examining yourself, determine if you have any doubts, which have or may lead to a rebellious state of mind, and what may be the plausible or probable transgression

such a rebellious spirit may cause you to commit. What would be the possible effects of your sinfulness, both for yourself and for others? (Ecclesiastes 1&2)

•Closing Prayer

Day 2

### Theme of the Day: Affliction & Mercy

• Opening Request

Opening Statement : Our lack of faith in YHWH, our SAVIOUR, and subsequent rejection of HIS commandments, resulted in our just punishment in the wilderness, wandering and wayward all our days. Instead of basking in the blessings of freedom, peace, and plenty that our FATHER told us to take hold of and have forever, we chose the desert for our home. YHWH rightly could have killed us all for our arrogance and blasphemy against HIM, but in His forbearance HE forgave our sin and graced us to go on living, albeit under affliction, but living nonetheless. Even in HIS judgments our KING is just and merciful. We should have died off at once, but we were allowed a life in exile, explaining to a new generation why we walk the wasteland not the promiseland. We were delivered to the desert to be redeemed from destruction, banished to the badlands but not abandoned by The Almighty ONE. So as we sit in Sukkah, let us reflect upon that affliction which doubles as mercy, demanding of ourselves faithful adherence to our FATHER's will .

Mercy : Read: (Numbers 14:10-12)

After the descendants of Israel rebelled against the command of YHWH to go in and possess the land, all except Joshua Ben Nun and Caleb Ben Jephunah, YHWH was ready to destroy them all and make a replacement nation of Moses . But Moshe pleaded with YHWH to forgive His people according to the greatness of His mercy. In his prayers Moses notably states that HE (YHWH) by no means absolves - by implication - the guilty-ones. HE (YHWH) punishes the iniquity of the others on their children, to the third and forth generation. Ultimately, YHWH loves HIS people and shows mercy by not destroying them. But YHWH punishes His people by afflicting them. HE must for His NAMEsake

Affliction: Read (Numbers14:20 - 38 & Proverbs 3:11 -12):

After His people turned against HIM, YHWH forgave them, HE showed them His mercy by letting them live, but nevertheless blessed them with the punishment of remaining forty more years in the wilderness. All who rebelled would die in the wilds. Only the children would reap the blessing in the end.

Discussion: Reflect upon The mercies of YHWH . What grace has HE shown you in your life ? What afflictions ( chastisements, corrections ) ? What wildernesses have you been forced to wander?

# <u>Day 3</u>

### Theme of the Day : Humility & Repentance

#### • Opening Prayer

Opening Statement : Before we sojourned in the desert we first tried to repent of our rebellion by attempting to take the land as previously commanded. But it was too late to stay. YHWH had already given judgment against us and declared that we would die in the wilds for our sins. So we were defeated in battle by our enemies because YHWH was not on our side. In our presumption, we thought we could still keep the commandments of our FATHER without His going before us . Our pride was humbled that day and continued to be put in check over the decades moving about the desert...Let us take this opportunity to

recognize our rightful place in relation to our KING and His commands; Our only way of keeping them is by keeping with HIM.

#### Humility: Read: Number 14:41 - 45)

Recognizing that they had sinned, the descendants of Israel wanted to correct their wrong, hoping to avoid the punishment of YHWH. They took it upon themselves and by their own means to do that which could only be done by the power of YAH, what could be accomplished through His being with them and no other way. This experience was used to humble the children of Israel, and show them that they could do nothing unless YAHWEH blessed their effects.

Repentance: Repentance for the children of Israel, as with us all, was and is a very hard and arduous process of mistakes and lessons learned - so many times over.

Read: (Numbers 15:1-41, 16:36-50 & Proverbs 15:33. 18:12

Discussion: "Have you been humbled? How? Have you repented? If so, for what? • Closing Prayer

(Reed Ecclesiastes 5 &6)

## <u>Day 4</u>

Theme of the Day Belief & Faith

#### • Opening Prayer

Opening Statement: In the wilderness wanderings, in the midst of the fitting affliction our FATHER applied to our lives for leaving His loving Law on the edge of eternal blessings about to be made our very own, still we complained and cried about our discomfort. Already under sentence we demanded better treatment, as if being alive was not gift enough. And so our punishment grew - progressively worse until we worshipped YHWH without amendment. Our lesson of the long years of wandering was how to believe Eloheinu in the bad times, so we could keep faith with HIM when all was well. Therefore, we should learn from this to grow strong in adverse circumstances, setting our hearts on our SAVIOUR's Face, so we will be ready when the blessings are brought to life for us.

Belief: Read : (Numbers 20 - 21)

As the children of Israel found themselves struggling with true repentance, their

belief in YHWH and His earthly servants were constantly being tested by their own uncircumcised hearts. Even though they knew they all deserved to have been destroyed by the Most High, yet were the Israelites demanding and dissatisfied with their situation.

The mercies of YHWH are limitless, however, and so HE constantly sought to assure His children of the certainty of His Word. None of us are exempt from this struggle, as even those closest to YHWH failed when tested, namely Moses, who did not maintain unshakeable faith in the Word of YHWH.

Faith : Although faith and belief go hand in hand, faith comes to these alone who truly believe. Belief is based on knowledge or experience, what we see and hear telling us what is real. And because of what we then know to be real, faith develops. Once fully grown, however, faith surpasses belief, as we need no longer see or hear something to know that it is real. On-faith, all that is needed to be considered is the source from which the thing believed did, does, or will exist. (Read Numbers 22-24)

Discussion : Why do you believe? Is their any personal experience you have had that supports your belief? Do you have faith? What do you have faith for? For whom? (Read Eccl. 7 & 8)

Closing Player

## <u>Day 5</u>

### Guidance:

Having doubted the certainty of the power of YAHWEH, Then rebelling and transgressing against the Word of YAHWEH, which brought upon the children of Israel the affliction and mercy of YAHWEH, the 1 children of Israel brought upon themselves that which ultimately lead to their repentance. But full repentance would not be possible until their unwavering belief in



YAHWEH and those through whom He spoke was established beyond all doubt (again). This was to be the Key in bringing about the faith in not only YHWH and His Word which He revealed through those through whom He chose to speak, but also that the children of Israel would have faith in the certainty of all that YHWH promised would come to pass - both in and beyond their life times. All was being done to raise up a nation for Himself. - The children of those who would die in the wilderness. Therefore, YAHWEH provided guidance, not only for those who were to perish in the desert, but most importantly for those of whom He would "raise up a nation." This guidance is revealed in Num. 15 -36 and summed up in Prov. 28:26.

DISCUSSION: Read the laws (instructions, directions, teachings) provided by YHWH, and how they were applied in the accounts written of in Numbers 15 - 36. Discuss how the children of Israel from whom YHWH would "raise up a nation" were continuously rebelling, transgressing, being afflicted, shown mercy, humbled, brought to repentance, and caused to believe and have faith in YHWH by this guidance.

# <u>Day 6</u>

Trust: The children of Israel, whom YHWH referred to as a "stuff-necked people", with all they had experienced still had problems trusting in the ability of YHWH. However, the guidance YHWH provided, especially in light of the circumstances and situations wherein such guidance was provided, became the foundation upon which the children of Israel would build their trust in YHWH. Read Num. 31 & Deut. 29 - 30. Discussion :



Why would the Word of YHWH in Num. 21, and Deut. 29 - 30 inspire or bring about trust in YHWH? What is the relationship between belief, faith, guidance, and trust. How does what is written in Num. 31 and Deut. 29 - 30 apply in your life and affect your trust in YHWH?

## <u>Day 7:</u>

Reverence and Obedience: Having been brought to a state of true repentance, and having learned to trust YHWH, the children of Israel

from whom He [YHWH] would "raise up a nation" would have to "reverence" YHWH. Read, Deut 4 - 6 See Strong's words #3372 and #7812, 12.

Obedience : A proper reverence of YHWH leads to obedience, for when we are obedient to YHWH our hearts may then truly be circumsised . Read Deut. 4:20 - 40 (special attention on v. 29 - 30 ); 30:1-20

Question: How does reverence for YHWH relate to love for YHWH? Can you love YHWH without reverencing HIM or vice virsa !