



MATTHEW 6

The Lilies of The Valley

PINCHAS

Our focus is on the pureness and Holiness of YHVH. YHVH do not honor violence but honoring zeal for Himself. YHVH Honors Those Who Honor Him.

Like a shepherd whose flocks have been depleted by an attack of wolves, when the catastrophe is over, the shepherd lovingly counts his sheep to determine how many are left alive.

YHVH Honors and desire His people Godly Leadership. Leadership is that YHVH will be honored and His statutes and commandments be the authority in the midst of His people. Being anointed for leadership over a group of people is a sacred trust that we are not to take lightly.

Numbers 27:18 –20

"YHVH said to Moses, Take you Joshua (Yehoshua) the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay (samach) your hand on him; And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight. And you shall put some of your honor on him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient."

We all need Godly leadership; we were created to be governed to come under samchut (authority). Without a shepherd, we are scattered and helpless sheep, exposed to attack on all sides.

The law was concealed with Moses. At the incident of the Golden Calf at the Mountain of Sinai, Moses stood up against the Israelites.

YHVH cares not just for the nation of Israel as a whole, but also for each and every individual within His Kingdom: "He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him." *Psalms 145:19*

We come to realization the worshipping of idols and Baalism continues with the Israelites even after they have left the desert. Pinchas is the grandson of Aaron and son of Eleazar, the High Priest (Exodus 6:25), he distinguished himself as a youth at Shittim with his zeal against the heresy of Peor.

Pinchas' grandfather was an idolater and Pinchas showed his disapproval, being disgusted by the worship of Ba'al Pe'or.

The tribes ridiculed him, saying, 'Have you seen the descendant of Puti, whose mother's father fattened calves for idol worship, and yet he killed a leader of one of the tribes of Israel?'"

During the time of Balak the Israelites participated in sexual immorality with the Midianite women causing a devastating plague that had come on Israel and killed 24,000 Israelites.

The death toll ended when Pinchas killed the Israelite Zimri, a Simeonite leader who brought a Midianite princess into his tent. Pinchas entered his tent and plunged a spear through both of them.

Numbers 25:11

"Pinchas son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest, has turned my anger away from the Israelites. Since he was as zealous for My honor among them as I am, I did not put an end to them in my zeal."

Pinchas' act of vengeance was against the tribe of Shimon, whose leader Pinchas killed. The other tribes were thankful for Pinchas' action which stopped a brazen act of public indecency and halted the plague but it came with a twist before they realized the truth.

The act of Pinchas' brought the ending of the plague, which resulted in both physical salvation to his people and a great reward from YHVH .

Numbers 25:12–13

YHVH honors Pinchas with both the priesthood and an eternal covenant of Peace (Shalom).

Pinchas took action in Moses presence, Israelites were outraged. How could Pinchas be so disrespectful to Moses and the other tribes, who were surely aware of the law and yet had not taken action? Pinchas had disgraced Moses and the others by acting and taking vengeance for YHVH!

Moses did not have Pinchas sentenced for murder. Ultimately this proved that Pinchas had been legally justified in his actions. Although the tribes felt that Pinchas acted disrespectfully to Moses, since they were unaware that the law had been concealed from him by YHVH.

This led them to feel contempt for Pinchas, as they desired to defend Moses honor. Moses honor was something that concerned all of the tribes, and not just the tribe of Shimon.

To the tribes, the "disrespectful" nature of Pinchas' actions indicated that he had not acted entirely out of moral. They concluded Pinchas, was not a pure moralist but purely an opportunist. Infact Pinchas inherited the nature of Aaron, who "pursued peace and brought people who were fighting with each other to love each other. This proves that Pinchas' intentions had indeed been pure.

After the devastation of this plague, YHVH commanded that a census be taken. The census would help prepare each tribe to receive their fair share of inheritance once they enter their promised land.

YHVH delivered news that must have been a devastating blow to Moses. He was told that although he would be allowed to see the Promised Land, he would never be allowed to enter. *Numbers 27:12 –14*

Even when Moses knew he would not be the one taking them into the Land, he still showed concern for the flock by asking YHVH to appoint a man over the assembly.

The census revealed that some families survived even though YHVH's wrath had consumed their forefathers.

YHVH asked Moses to transfer his authority of leadership to Joshua (Yehoshua) by the laying on of hands. This is a physical act to symbolize the transference of authority.

In Hebrew, the word for lay is samach, from which is derived the noun smichah, the act of priestly ordination. The related word samchut means authority. The root of this Hebrew word s-m-ch means to trust, to support, or to rely on.

Moses anointed Joshua, to lead the people of Israel into their Promised Land. YHVH anointed Yeshua to lead His followers into the promised Messianic Era.

YHVH is the ultimate authority, and Yeshua is our Great Shepherd, He will also ordain leaders to help guide and support us in our walk with Him, as did the great Biblical leaders, such as Moses and later Joshua.

Elijah, walked in a Godly zeal and passion for YHVH had a similar experience by boldly confronting the false prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel to prove that YHVH is Elohim. Elijah requested that if YHVH is Elohim, follow him, but if Ba'al is follow him. 1 Kings 18

YHVH honored Elijah's zeal by promising to send him to usher in our Messianic redemption, as it is written:

Malachi 4:5

"I am sending you the prophet Elijah before the coming of the great and awesome day of YHVH ."

We can choose to rise above our backgrounds even the sin or rebellion of our own parents to become devoted followers of YHVH . We are also to consider our own personal behavior, attitudes, and relationship with YHVH.

The ancestors of Korach, the Levite who led a rebellion of 250 leaders of their tribes against Moses and tried to take over the priesthood, survived.

Korach, his home, and the men with him were consumed by an earthquake and fire, yet the Scriptures say that "the sons of Korach died not." (*Numbers 26:11; see also Numbers 16:32*)

These sons became the founders of a guild of psalmists whose writings are still with us today, filling a portion of the book of Psalms (Tehillim).

Their praises were not just written, they were shouted. In preparation for warfare, they "stood up and praised YHVH, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice." *2 Chronicles 20:19*

YHVH is our portion, He is a God of justice and will give us our inheritance if we boldly ask for it and believe that we deserve it.

YHVH loves men and women equally and, therefore, decreed justice for the daughters by granting them their father's land (*Numbers 27:1 – 11*).

As Moses prepared to divide up the land, the daughters of Zelophehad asked for their inheritance, since their father had died without sons.

We see from YHVH's attention to these women's request that there is nothing so small or big that YHVH does not care about if it is something that concerns us.

The daughters of Zelophehad didn't think they were worthy because everyone else who received an inheritance were men. They would not have received their portion of the Land that was due to them.

Let us not be timid, but bold in carrying out YHVH's invitation to ask for what we desire and trust Him to bring it to pass in His way and His time, if it is His will.

We will not know if it is His will unless we ask. Yeshua invites us to ask for what we desire, in His name: "Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full." *John 16:24*

Let us pray for the leaders of our nations and especially for the leadership of Israel to govern us with Godly wisdom and integrity in these last days.

Let us choose our leader and Shepherd who follows Godly wisdom and honor YHVH. One who stands in agreement of YHVH's commitments and follow the.

Let us continue to pray for the return of Yeshua HaMashiach to take over the reign and rule of every governing nation.

HalleluYah! Amein

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