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### Message from Pastor Mark

Shalom and [Happy Hanukkah](#) to one and all!!

December is here and 2012 is coming to a close. While many around the world are worried about the Mayan calendar coming to a close we see it as just another day/revolution in time on the Calendar that really counts – God's! Fortunately for believers, when every year comes to a close with what is a month of darkness, we rejoice in and walk in the light and remembrance of Hanukkah, the Feast of Dedication.



In John chapter 10:22 we see Yeshua walking on the Temple Mount during Hanukkah using this feast of lights to explain how He is the Light of the World and God come in the flesh!

We now have a new live-streaming company for our services! This is exciting because it allows for iPad and iPhone streaming as well! What is really awesome is that it also allows for chat between the people who are live streaming so all of you can feel connected as well! This next Monday night is our Hanukkah party and all of you live streaming can participate as well! We will have contests with jumbled words on the powerpoint and now that we have live chat if you guess the answer first you get the prize!!! Wahoo light your hanukkiah come and have fun with us! Any end of the year donations to help us keep the live streaming going so we can continue to take Torah to the nations will be greatly appreciated!

Here we are in the month of Kislev so let's look at some of the historical events that happened during this time. On the 15th of Kislev a pagan altar was set up in the Holy Temple in 167BCE. The 17th of Kislev was the date the UN voted to partition Palestine in 1947. On the 20th of Kislev Ezra urged the Jews in Jerusalem to purge themselves of all foreign influence in 456BCE. On the 24th of Kislev Haggai prophesied the downfall of Persia and the salvation of the Jews. Hanukkah begins on the 25th of Kislev involving the rededication of the Temple. But guess what happened on this very day in the U.S.? Jews were to be expelled from Tennessee on orders from General Ulysses S Grant! On the 27th of Kislev the flood rains from Noah's day ended. If you enjoy these tidbits be sure and get our Biblical calendar from our website right [here](#) that is good for all of 2013 so you will be aware of what is happening and has happened on God's calendar!

The difference between Purim and Hanukkah is that Purim was about Jewish resistance of annihilation and Hanukkah is resistance against assimilation. The world is trying to get everyone to be assimilated into a one-world society. No one people group allowed to be set apart or holy. No geographic place to be set apart. We see the latest UN vote allowing a Palestinian State to be declared unilaterally on the Land that God has set apart for Himself. This declaration is an affront and a direct poke in the eye of God.

Very current events has Syria ready to use chemical weapons against their neighbors. Let's keep our troops and our allies in our prayers at this time. Serious consequences could happen at any moment in the Middle East with Isaiah 17 being fulfilled. 2013 has the potential to be a very prophetic year.

What a trip we had in Israel! I think all who came were blessed and had a life-changing journey. Just like in the Torah portion where Jacob wrestles with God and it changes his walk, so visiting God's land always changes your walk! Rather than going next year we are looking at going again in April/May 2014 giving people a few more months to save up money. I wanted to switch to spring from winter to allow us more daylight hours for touring and also a change in scenery as the flowers are all blooming and everything is greener. We will be definitely limiting it to one bus only so if you are interested be sure and let the office know right away.



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May your holiday be bright!  
*Pastor Mark*

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## Hearing the Father's Voice (Part 2)

By Tom O'Haver

Last month I wrote in [Part 1](#) of this study about some simple steps that help us hear the Father's voice in our lives. The involved submitting to His lordship, resisting the enemy and expecting an answer. This month I would like to cover how to Allow God to speak to you in the way He chooses and how to use the Bible to validate what He is speaking to you personally and through others.



In order to allow God to speak to you in the way He chooses, we need to remember that we should not try to dictate to Him the method we prefer. He is Lord. We are His servants. I Sam 3:9 "Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he calls you, that you shall say, 'Speak, the LORD; for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place."

Listen with a Yielded Heart. There is a direct link between Yieldedness and Hearing. The more we are yielded to His Lordship in our life the easier it will be to hear His voice when He speaks. Here some ways God may choose to speak:

### #1. **His Written Word**

When you read the Bible has a particular verse event or passage ever spoken to you in a way it never has before? He may use a particular verse to reveal His guidance for a specific area in your life. Ps 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my path."

If the guidance you are getting does not agree with the whole Word of God, it is not the voice of God. There are many voices, including our own or others who would seek to manipulate us. The enemy is the father of lies (John 8:44) and would like nothing more than to lead you astray or delay you for a period of time.

An example of this in our life was when He called us into the ministry we and I are involved in with El Shaddai. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". Jeremiah

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29:11(NIV). We claim and cherish this promise in His word for us personally because we know and found through experience that He is the God of hope in our lives and also wants to be in your life too.

## #2. Through an Audible Voice

Ex 3:4 "When YHWH saw that he (Moses) turned aside to see, Elohim called to him out of the midst of the bush, and said, "Moses! Moses!" Have you ever been awakened in the night, or stopped in your tracks during day by an audible voice speaking to you.

Not all of us may say we have, or want to admit to it, considering the danger of others thinking we are "Hearing voices" in our head. Sometimes that audible voice may even sound like our own thoughts, reactions, feelings or impressions. Our job, if we wish to accept it, is to determine who's voice it is we are hearing. That is what this study is all about and what we want to become proficient in on this walk of life.

## #3. Through Dreams

Matt 2:13 "Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, 'Arise and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him'."

## #4. Through Visions

Isa 6:1-2 "In the year that king Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two he covered his face. With two he covered his feet. With two he flew."

## #5. Probably the Most Common Way is the **Still Small Voice**

Isa 30:21 "...and when you turn to the right hand, and when you turn to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way. Walk in it.'"

Elijah running from Jezebel hid in a cave – I Kings 19:9-13. "He came there to a cave, and lodged there; and behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, What are you doing here, Elijah? He said, I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of Hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and slain your prophets with the sword. I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. He said, 'Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD. Behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake a fire passed; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a **still small voice**. It was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entrance of the cave. Behold, a voice came to him, and said, What are you doing here, Elijah?"

Beware of counterfeits

Have you ever heard of a counterfeit dollar bill? Yes, of course. But have you ever heard of a counterfeit paper bag? No. Only things of value are worth counterfeiting.

Satan has a counterfeit for everything of God that is possible for him to copy. Ex 7:22 "The magicians of Egypt did the same thing with their enchantments; and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he didn't listen to them; as the LORD had spoken"

Counterfeit Guidance comes through things like:

Ouija boards

- Seances
- Fortune Telling
- Astrology

The Guidance of the Holy Spirit leads you Closer to Yeshua and into true Freedom. Satan's guidance leads you way from God into Bondage. One key test for true guidance does your leading follow principals of the Bible? The Holy Spirit never contradicts the Word of God.



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## RECIPES

Submitted by Tina Fallstead



### **Kneecaps**

- 1/4 cup warm water (105 to 110 degrees F)
- 2 (.25 ounce) envelopes active dry yeast
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 6 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- oil for frying
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar for dusting
- 2 cups heavy cream, whipped
- 1 (1.75 ounce) package sprinkles or colored sugar for decoration

Directions:

1. Pour warm water into a small bowl, and sprinkle yeast on top; set aside for 5 minutes. Cream together the shortening, sugar, and salt. Add

- the eggs, one at a time, while continuing to mix. Pour in the milk and the yeast alternating with the flour until smooth. Place dough into a greased bowl, and turn over to grease the top.
2. Cover with a light towel, and let rise in a warm place until doubled in bulk, 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Once the dough has risen, punch down, and roll out on a floured surface to 1/2 inch thick. Cut into rounds with a 2 inch round cookie cutter, cover, and allow to rise another 30 minutes.
  3. Heat deep fryer to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).
  4. Use your thumb to make an indent in the center of each kneecap. Fry in the hot oil a few at a time until golden brown, 1 to 2 minutes per side. Remove to drain on a paper towel, and allow to cool to room temperature, about 30 minutes. To serve, dust the kneecaps with confectioners' sugar, fill the indents with whipped cream, and sprinkle with colored sugar to decorate.



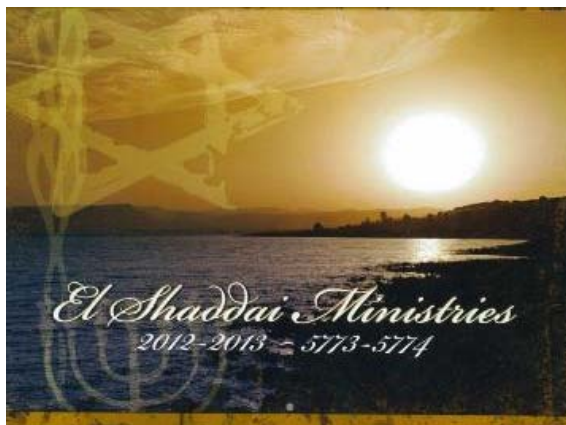
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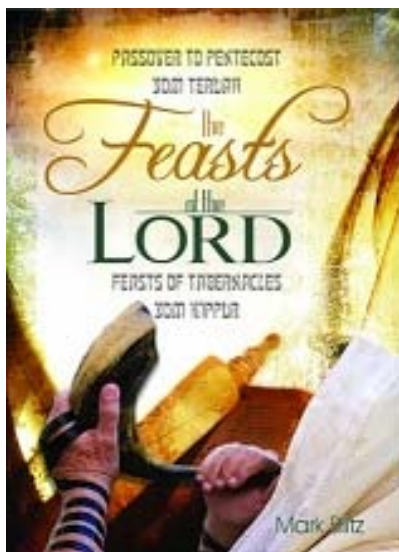
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and to the very day, so will the Fall Feasts be fulfilled in order and to the very day. We don't know the exact time these Feasts will be fulfilled, but with these DVDs you will know the seasons and the signs to look for so you won't be caught unaware! Don't miss the Divine Appointments that are scheduled for you!

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## THIS DAY IN JEWISH HISTORY

Submitted by Tina Fallstead

**Ezra Cries and Prays (348 BCE)** On this day, Ezra the Scribe went up to the Holy Temple and fasted, prayed, and cried in public. While he prayed and confessed, weeping and prostrating himself in front of the Temple, a large assemblage of men, women, and children gathered around him. At that time, all of the assembled priests and Israelites swore to send away their non-Jewish wives. Ezra then issued a proclamation that all Jews residing in Israel should assemble in three days' time in Jerusalem (see Today in Jewish History for the 20th of Kislev).

**Ezra's Address (347 BCE)** Ezra, head of the Sanhedrin and the leader of the Jewish people at the time of the building of the Second Temple, made an historic address to a three-day assemblage of Jews in Jerusalem, exhorting them to adhere to the teachings of the Torah and to dissolve their interfaith marriages (the Jewish people were on the verge of complete assimilation at the time, following their 70-year exile in Babylonia).

**Alexander in Jerusalem (313 BCE)** On Kislev 21 of the year 3448 from creation (313 BCE), there occurred the historic meeting between Shimon HaTzaddik and Alexander ("the Great") of Macedonia. The Samaritans, bitter enemies of the Jews, had convinced Alexander that the Jews' refusal to place his image in their Temple was a sign of rebellion against his sovereignty, and that the Holy Temple should be destroyed. The Kohen Gadol ("High Priest") at the time was Shimon HaTzaddik, the last of the "Men of the Great Assembly" who rebuilt the Holy Temple and revitalized Judaism under Ezra. On the 21st of Kislev Alexander marched on Jerusalem at the head of his army; Shimon, garbed in the vestments of the High Priest and accompanied with a delegation of Jewish dignitaries, went forth to greet him. The two groups walked towards each other all night; at the crack of dawn they met. As Alexander beheld the visage of the High Priest, he dismounted his horse and bowed respectfully; to his men he explained that he often had visions of a similar-looking man leading him into battle. Shimon HaTzaddik brought the emperor to the Holy Temple and explained that Judaism prohibits the display of any graven image; he offered to name all the male children born to priests that year "Alexander" as a demonstration of loyalty to the emperor (which is how "Alexander" became a common Jewish name). The Samaritans plot was rebuffed, and Kislev 21 was declared a holiday. (Talmud Yoma 69a) **According to an alternative version, this episode occurred on the 25th of Tevet.**

**Jews Accused of Poisoning the Wells during the Black Plague (1348)** As the "Black Death" plague decimated Europe, Christians accused the Jews of causing the plague by poisoning the wells in an effort to wipe out the Gentile population. On the 23rd of Kislev 5109 (Nov. 15, 1348), Rudolph of Oron, bailiff of Lausanne, sent a letter to the mayor of Strasburg informing him that certain Jews of Lausanne had "confessed" under torture that they together with their coreligionists had poisoned all the wells in the Rhine valley. This resulted in the masses persecuting and killing tens of thousands of Jews throughout Europe.

**Construction of the Second Temple Resumes (520 BCE)** In the first year of rule of Cyrus, the King of Persia, Jews were given permission to return to Israel and rebuild the Holy Temple. A group of Jews led by Zerubavel set out for Jerusalem and began working on the second Temple. However, the Cutheans falsely accused the Jews of plotting a rebellion against King Cyrus and were successful in halting the construction of the Holy Temple for the remainder of his reign and throughout the reign of Ahasuerus, his successor. Construction resumed in the second year of the reign of Darius, Ahasuerus's son, on the 24th of Kislev.

**Mishkan completed (1312 BCE)** The vessels, tapestries, wall sections and other components of the Mishkan (the portable sanctuary or "Tabernacle" built under Moses' direction to house the Divine Presence during the Israelites' journeys through the desert) were completed on the 25th of Kislev in the year 2449 from creation (1312 BCE). The Mishkan was not assembled, however, until 3 months later, when, beginning on Adar 25 of that year, it was erected and taken down daily for a 7-day "training" period prior to its dedication on the 1st of Nissan. Our Sages tell us that the day of Kislev 25 was compensated 12 centuries later, when the Maccabees dedicated the Holy Temple on Kislev 25, 3622.

**Chanukah Miracle (139 BCE)** On the 25th of Kislev in the year 3622 from creation, the Maccabees liberated the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, after defeating the vastly more numerous and powerful armies of the Syrian-Greek king Antiochus IV, who had tried to forcefully uproot the beliefs and practices of Judaism from the people of Israel. The victorious Jews repaired, cleansed and rededicated the Temple to the service of G-d. But all the Temple's oil had been defiled by the pagan invaders; when the Jews sought to light the Temple's menorah (candelabra), they found only one small cruse of ritually pure olive oil. Miraculously, the one-day supply burned for eight days, until new, pure oil could be obtained. In commemoration, the Sages instituted the 8-day festival of Chanukah, on which lights are kindled nightly to recall and publicize the miracle.

**Torah translated into Greek (246 BCE)** In a second attempt to translate the Torah into Greek (after an unsuccessful attempt 61 years earlier), the ruling Greek-Egyptian emperor Ptolemy gathered 72 Torah sages, had them sequestered in 72 separate rooms, and ordered them to each produce a translation. On the 8th of Tevet of the year 3515 from creation (246 BCE) they produced 72 corresponding translations, including identical changes in 13 places (where they each felt that a literal translation would constitute a corruption of the Torah's true meaning). This Greek rendition became known as the Septuagint, "of the seventy" (though later versions that carry this name are not believed to be true to the originals). Greek became a significant second language among Jews as a result of this translation. During Talmudic times, Tevet 8 was observed by some as a fast day, expressing the fear of the detrimental effect of the translation.

**Passing of Ezra (313 BCE)** Ezra, who led the return of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel after the Babylonian exile (423-353 BCE), oversaw the building of the Second Temple, canonized the 24 books of the Holy Scriptures ("bible") and, as head of the "Great Assembly" legislated a series of laws and practices (including formalized prayer) which left a strong imprint on Judaism to this very day, passed away on the 9th of Tevet of the year 3448 from creation (313 BCE -- exactly 1000 years after the Giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai). The passing of Ezra marked the end of the "Era of Prophecy."

**Siege of Jerusalem (425 BCE)** On the 10th of Tevet of the year 3336 from Creation (425 BCE), the armies of the Babylonian emperor Nebuchadnezzar laid siege to Jerusalem. Thirty months later -- on Tammuz 9, 3338 -- the city walls were breached, and on Av 9th of that year, the Holy Temple was destroyed. The Jewish people were exiled to Babylonia for 70 years.

### **Jews expelled from Austria(1668)**

**Purim Hebron** On this day, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob came to the rescue of the Jewish community of Hebron, after an evil Pasha imprisoned its leaders and threatened to sell the entire Jewish population into slavery. The Sephardic community of Hebron would celebrate this day to mark the great miracle which occurred.

**1st NY Synagogue (1728)** In 1684, a group of Spanish and Portuguese Jews who fled the Inquisition (see "Today in Jewish History" for Tevet 22) held a Rosh Hashanah service in New Amsterdam, thereby founding congregation Shearith Israel ("Remnant of Israel"). On this 17th of Tevet in 1728, the congregation purchased a lot in Lower Manhattan to erect the first synagogue in New York.

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