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Message from Pastor Mark

Shalom one and all!!

Our hearts go out to our entire internet congregation in the Northeast who have been affected by the weather recently with the hurricane, snow, wind, fire etc. Know you are in our prayers! If any of you have specific [prayer requests](#), that you want to make us aware of, be sure and contact us! We will say a special prayer for you at the western wall in Israel as we will be there soon. You are all family and we want you to know that!






2013 will be upon us before we know it! Here it is already November. If you are local remember to set your clocks back an hour this Saturday night, Nov 3rd. We have some exciting things going on in the month of November! Monday night, Nov 12th, Rob Jacobs and two other individuals from Stand With Us will be speaking on how we can practically fight the media bias that Israel faces by getting involved in writing letters to the editor where the biased articles occur. Then, on Monday night, Nov 26th we will be having a Thanksgiving Concert with Paul Wilbur! Be sure and invite your friends. What a way to show thanks to God for all He has done but by having a time of thanksgiving.



Ps 100:4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.


Ps 107:22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

Ps 116:17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.

Ps 147:7 Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving;

The Hebrew word for thanksgiving is "todah" which literally means an extension of the hand. We lift our hands to thank the Lord Almighty for all He has done for us. The root word is yadah . The Hebrew letter yood  is spelled  which can be pronounced yad which means hand. In the ancient picture language the letter was a picture of the hand as that is what it means. The letter dalet  in the ancient picture language means door and the picture of a tent door was its symbol. So together it was representative of a hand on the door. 

The letter hey  in the ancient Hebrew meant to behold or reveal or to have revelation and the symbol was one raising their hands! 

So if we piece this together we have the word for thanksgiving being 



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We could translate the picture language as giving “thanksgiving” to God is the hand that opens the door to revelation!

One other item we want to introduce this next year is to have one day a month where we will pray and fast for the body of Messiah both locally and internationally. We thought it would be good to tie it to the Biblical Calendar and do it on the New moon.

Ps 81:3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

Isa 66:23 And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

So our first prayer and fast day will be on Thursday, Nov 15th which is Kislev 1. This is open to anyone and everyone who wants to join us. No obligation but a great idea!

It is quite fascinating that The Monday before is Cheshvan 27 which is the very day Noah and family stepped off the Ark as it was the time of new beginnings! It also just so happens that on Tuesday Nov 13th there will be a total solar eclipse seen in part of the world.

As most of you know we will be in Israel for a tour also and if you would like to follow along and watch as we post comments on twitter and facebook be sure and go to our [links!](#) We have people from our worldwide internet congregation coming from seven countries! Finland, Australia, Ecuador, Germany, Canada, India and all over the U.S.! Also from our domestic internet congregation: we have people from over 20% of the 50 states covered! Coming from Louisiana, Oregon, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Maryland, Ohio, Texas, Florida, South Dakota, Virginia, Arizona, and Washington!

I want to be sure and give thanks to all of our faithful El Shaddai Ministry supporters this year! You have been the reason we can extend our reach globally in taking torah to the nations! Our live streaming has really taken off and we have a couple thousand people around the world who live stream with us. I am so glad as we continue to hear of people who have no fellowship in their local area as far as finding any kind of congregation who loves Torah. Now you can join us and be a part of the El Shaddai family. Know we are here for you and so glad we can connect with you. It is the continued support of those who live stream with us that allows us to continue this service. This is a real lifesaver for so many. Just know that we are so very thankful to YOU!!!

Be Blessed!

Pastor Mark

Disaster and a Big Apple

By Pastor Art Palecek

It's hard to imagine for some that in this day and time natural disasters could be a judgment from God, or at least in most people's imagination.

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God? Sending a storm? In the wake of Hurricane Sandy pounding the east coast, it's enough to raise an eyebrow. The brunt of the disaster... New York City itself...and on the brink of an important election. New York is a state that ranks 3rd in electoral votes and a Northwest region that carries almost one-third of the total nation's electoral votes.

It's no coincidence that the first Torah portion for November is Vayera which recounts the judgment, disaster, and destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah in the days of Abraham. Many associate the problems of Sodom and Gomorrah with immorality, and homosexuality, but its issues went far beyond that.

Ezekiel 16:49 Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

Sodom's longsuit was not hospitality. In fact Jewish writings reveal that there were ordinances not to allow passerby's lodging, or to offer services. Sodom and Gomorrah were magnificent cities, with an abundance of wealth of gold, precious stones, and natural resources. It is well known today that there are treasures of resources in the Dead Sea. But the Cities on the plain had no desire to share it with anyone. They were occupied with self.

Isaiah 3:9 The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves.

When Abraham and Lot (Abraham's nephew) separated from each other because of infringement of Lot's herds grazing in Abraham's pasture (Genesis 13), Lot chose the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. It was not without distress. He assimilated enough to be a judge in the gates. Peter's epistle describes Lot's dilemma while living in those cities and their impact on him and his family.

2 Peter 2:6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

7 ¶ And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

Two different words for vexed:

1st vexed : kataponeo: worn down, miseried

2nd vexed: vexed: basanizo, scrutinize by words or torture like sandpaper rubbing against sandpaper

And what was Lot's medium for receiving such a blessing of vexation? "Seeing and hearing... their unlawful deeds."

Lot's malady got the best of him, fleeing his house, losing his wife to a pillar of salt while Sodom and Gomorrah had fire and brimstone rained down on them. The conclusion... Lot and two of his daughters fled to a cave where Lot in a drunken stupor unknowingly committed incest. The

fruit?...the birth of Ammon and Moab who became enemies of Israel and thorns in their sides. Lot was never heard from again.

Abraham tried to intercede for the righteous in those cities. Unfortunately God couldn't find 10 righteous men.

Why such a disaster to hit New York City ? Not a terror strike, a depression, or disease, but a "Perfect Storm scenario. Surely there are others that present themselves as arrogant, prideful, and have fullness of bread. Not to mention and abundance of idleness where the unemployment rate is over 9%, and the seat of the world's economic markets generate enough revenue to feed everyone in the world ten times over. Yet it lines the pockets of relatively few with billions.



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None other than the United Nations should be acclaimed for political and humanitarian efforts, while turning a blind eye to the apple of God's eye, Israel. Even when Syria is killing 30,000 of its own people, the UN carries 25+ resolutions against Israel for human right violations.

This collection of resolutions criticizing Israel is unmatched by the record of any other nation as Israel stands in violation of more UN resolutions than ANY OTHER NATION ON EARTH.

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God is Sovereign. He is the Great Judge. He can annihilate or vindicate a Bad or Big Apple.

Genesis 18:20 And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

Psalms 73:17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end.



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Hearing the Father's Voice

By Tom O'Haver

In this column over the next few months, I will discuss the very important topic of Guidance from God, the Father.



Christianity and Judism are unique among religions, for they share the opportunity of a personal relationship with the Creator beginning here and now, and lasting throughout eternity. Yeshua declared, "This is eternal life, that they may know God" (Jn. 17:3). Unfortunately, many in our congregations miss the great blessing of fellowship with Him because we have lost the ability to recognize His voice within us. Though we have the promise that "My sheep hear My voice," too many believers are starved for that intimate relationship that alone can satisfy the desire

of their hearts.

So how do we distinguish the voice of the LORD? Well, one thing we can take assurance in is that if you know the LORD, you have already heard His voice. It is the inner leading that brought you to Him in the first place.

When Yeshua was faced with difficult times and decisions, He always checked with His heavenly father, and so should we. John 8:26-29 "I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you. However he who sent me is true; and the things which I heard from him, these I say to the world. They didn't understand that he spoke to them about the Father. Yeshua therefore said to them, When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and I do nothing of myself, but as my Father taught me, I say these things. He who sent me is with me. The Father hasn't left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him."

Hearing the Voice of our heavenly father is a basic right of every child of His. Don't make guidance complicated. It is actually hard NOT to hear HIS Voice, if you really want to please and obey Him. If you stay humble, He promises to guide you:

Prov 6:9 "A man's heart plans his course, but the LORD directs his steps".

Here are some simple steps that help to hear His voice:

#1. Submit to His Lordship

Ask Him to help you silence your own thoughts and desires as well as the opinions of others that may be filling your mind.

II Cor 10:5 "Throwing down imaginations and every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God, and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Messiah;" Even though you have been given a good mind to use...right now you want to hear the thoughts of the Father.

Prov 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and don't lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

#2. Resist the enemy, in case he is trying to deceive you at this moment. Use the authority that Yeshua has given you to silence the voice of the enemy. James 4:7 "Be subject therefore to God. But resist the devil, and he will flee from you." Eph 6:10-20 "Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world's rulers of the darkness of this age, and against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having the utility belt of truth buckled around your waist, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having fitted your feet with the preparation of the Good News of peace; above all, taking up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; with all prayer and requests, praying at all times in the Spirit, and being watchful to this end in all perseverance and requests for all the holy ones: on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in opening my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the Good News, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."

#3 Expect an answer

After asking what is on your mind wait for Him to answer. Expect your loving heavenly Father to speak to you. He Will.

John 10:27 "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

Psalms 69:13 "But as for me, my prayer is to you, LORD, in an acceptable time. God, in the abundance of your loving kindness, answer me in the truth of your salvation."

Ex 33:11 "The LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. He turned again into the camp, but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, didn't depart out of the Tent."

True Guidance is getting closer to the Guide. As we grow to know the Lord as He speaks to us and as we listen to Him and obey, we make His heart glad:

Matt 7:24-25 "Everyone therefore who hears these words of mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man, who built his house on a rock. The rain came down, the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat on that house; and it didn't fall, for it was founded on the rock".

Next month, we will discuss 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.



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RECIPES

Submitted by Tina Fallstead



Minestrone Soup

- 4 cups vegetable stock
- 2 (14.5 ounce) cans stewed tomatoes
- 1 large potato, cubed
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 1 large head cabbage, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons Italian seasoning
- 1 (15 ounce) can kidney beans
- 3 cups fresh corn kernels
- 1 large zucchini, sliced
- 1 cup uncooked pasta
- salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

1. In a large soup pot combine the vegetable stock, the undrained tomatoes, potato, onion, celery, carrot, cabbage and Italian seasoning. Bring to a boil and reduce heat. Simmer for about 15 minutes.
2. Stir in the beans, corn, zucchini and pasta; simmer for 10 to 15 more minutes until the vegetables are tender. Season with salt and pepper.

Cheddar Biscuits

- 2 cups biscuit baking mix



- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder 2 tablespoons margarine, melted
- 2 teaspoons dried parsley
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (205 degrees C). Grease a cookie sheet, or line with parchment paper.
2. In a large bowl, combine baking mix, Cheddar cheese, and garlic powder. Stir in milk. Drop batter by heaping tablespoonfuls onto prepared cookie sheet.
3. Bake in preheated oven for 10 minutes. Brush biscuits with melted margarine, and sprinkle with parsley and garlic salt. Bake for 5 more minutes, or until lightly browned on the bottom.



Caramel Apple Pie

1 recipe pastry for a 9 inch double crust deep dish pie

- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 5 cups thinly sliced apples 2/3 cup white sugar
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 20 caramels, halved
- 2 tablespoons milk

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).
2. To Make Taffy: In a small bowl combine brown sugar, melted butter or margarine, and 1/3 cup flour. Mix well and set aside.
3. To Make Apple Filling: Place apples in a large bowl. Add white sugar, 3 tablespoons flour, cinnamon, and lemon juice. Toss until all ingredients are mixed well and apples are thoroughly coated.
4. Spoon half of apple filling into pastry-lined deep-dish pan. Top with half of caramels and half of taffy mixture. Repeat process with remaining apple filling, caramels and taffy mixture. Place top pastry over filling and seal well (this is very important--if edges are not sealed, caramel will leak out all over). Cut steam vents and brush top crust with milk or light cream.
5. Cover pie with foil and place on a baking sheet. Bake in preheated oven for 25 minutes. Remove foil from pie and bake for another 20 to 25 minutes, until crust is golden. Serve warm.

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Submitted by Tina Fallstead



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THIS DAY IN JEWISH HISTORY

Submitted by Tina Fallstead

Great Flood Begins (2105 BCE) Cheshvan 17

The rains began to fall on the 17th of Cheshvan of the year 1656 from creation (2105), flooding the earth and rising above the highest mountains. Only Noah and his family survived, in the ark built to that end by Divine command, and a pair of each animal species, who entered with him into the ark.

Flood ends (2104 BCE) Cheshvan 27

On the 27th of Cheshvan of the year 1657 from creation (2104 BCE) "the earth dried" (Genesis 8:14) completing the 365-day duration of the great flood that wiped out all life on earth save for the eight human beings and and the animals (two of each species) in Noah's ark; on this day G-d commanded Noah to "Come out of the ark" and repopulate, settle and civilize the earth.

Reuben Born (1568 BCE) Kislev 14

Reuben, the eldest son of Jacob and Leah, was born in Charan (Mesopotamia) on the 14th of Kislev of the year 2193 from creation (1568 BCE). As Jacob's firstborn, he was initially entitled to the leadership of Israel and to a double portion in the Holy Land, but these privileges were taken from him (and given respectively to Judah and Joseph) because he sinned by "violating the bed of his father." Reuben unsuccessfully tried to prevent the persecution of Joseph by his brothers in 2216 (1545 BCE) and subsequently berated them for selling him into slavery (Genesis 37:21; 42:22). In 2238 he relocated to Egypt together with his father, brothers and their children, where he died on his 125th birthday in 2318 (1443 BCE).

Noah's Ark Comes to Rest on Mount Ararat (2104 BCE) Kislev 16

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