

And you shall take Hyssop

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Lesson 4: HYSSOPUS OFFICINALIS

The Israelites had been centuries in Egypt – finally as slaves of their Egyptian taskmasters. They had to work and toil hard in the country where Joseph had been taken as a slave, sold by his jealous brothers to traders in order to get rid of him. The time, when Joseph ruled Egypt and all the Hebrew people were in high esteem had long become history. The oppression became worse once Moses demanded from Pharaoh to let the Hebrew people go. The plagues did not change the ruler's heart – finally we come to the time, when Moses commanded the people to do this in order to protect them from the angel of death:

Ex 12:22 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

If one strikes any plant against a solid material like the lintel or side posts of a door, the leaves and blossoms of that plant will burst and release its typical odor. Hyssop is a bitter herb and has its own characteristic fragrance. The blood of the lambs slaughtered for Passover covered the door posts and the lintels of all the houses where the Israelites lived. Yet, not only was the blood of their lambs, but also the scent of hyssop at the doors.

Here in Exodus, the use of hyssop was to apply the blood to the doors – an act of obedience to the command Moses passed on to the leaders of the congregation. The next time we meet the hyssop plant again is in Leviticus chapter 14. Here we witness cleansing instructions for lepers. The priests had to go out of the camp and inspect the lepers, if they were healed. There are clear rules for this, laid out so that anyone could understand it. Hyssop was applied in the act of purification. Le 14:4 Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two birds alive and clean, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop: Le 14:6 As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water...

In the other passage we find the cleansing of a house that was unclean. Also here, hyssop is applied. Hygiene is especially important in hot lands, as infections would stay and spread more easily than in areas with strong winters.

Le 14:49 And he shall take to cleanse the house two birds, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop:

Le 14:51 And he shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times:

Le 14:52 And he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar wood, and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet...

So the passages here in Leviticus are related to cleansing from the leprosy and plague. So far we have seen hyssop being applied in commanded acts of protection, cleansing and purification.

In the book of numbers, we see hyssop mentioned again. The first time, it is concerning the red heifer that is burned completely with cedar wood, hyssop and scarlet:

Nu 19:6 And the priest shall take cedar wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast it into the midst of the burning of the heifer.

This was done to produce a means of purification for sin as we read in verse 9:

9 And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them up without the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water of separation: it is a purification for sin.

The water of separation was used for cleansing and purification from sin. Nu

19:18 And a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a grave...

Hyssop was in all the verses we read a means of applying ordered protection and purification / cleansing, except at one place when it was to be burned with burning red heifer.

We also have seen that hyssop is often used or mentioned together with cedar wood. Solomon spoke of the cedars of Lebanon and of a hyssop that sprang out of a wall (1Ki 4:33).

Now after these occurrences of hyssop in the Bible, we may have developed a better understanding what this herb with its bitter leaves and tiny little petals of various colors will signify in the next verse we will read about hyssop. Reading it without knowing what happened with hyssop in the preceding books, many people have usually no real clue what its meaning may be. Yet, we have now an understanding about the properties and usage of hyssop in the Bible.

And here we have the verse in a Psalm of David:

Ps 51:7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

David had sinned as the Bible says: A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba (II Samuel 12:1-14). Now, the purging or cleansing of sin with hyssop makes sense, knowing where the plant had been applied previously. David had committed adultery and murder. As king he thought himself to be above the commandments. Only when Nathan came and opened David's eyes and his conscience to his grave transgressions, David realized his terrible actions.

Dr. David Stewart gives us a scientific explanation how the calling for hyssop oil, when applied, will purge oneself from iniquity. The sesquiterpenes of the hyssop oil delete addictions, compulsions and other ungodly directives from the DNA. Hyssop also contains 20-30% monoterpenes which reprogram DNA to restore the image of the Creator's image. Please read Dr. Stewart's book "Healing Oils of the Bible" for more insightful details. I highly recommend it.

Hyssop oil, directed by sincere intent to create a clean heart and restore a right spirit in ourselves, can change habitual behavior that otherwise seems to be impossible to get rid of.

I, the author of this article, have applied this prayerfully to people and I can testify that there was always success, when the person who received the hyssop oil with true intent and desire for being set free. It is a priestly act that requires prayer to apply the oil accordingly. It is simple and strong. Actually it is stronger than alone the will of man to be set free – most people only come for this treatment once they stubbornly have tried from their own will to be set free from addiction or habitual sin and failed many times to accomplish this goal. We should, like David, accept full responsibility for our actions and have faith that there is a unique way to reestablish our broken relationship with Yahweh. Psalm 51:9-12 gives a good example for how to pray when applying hyssop:

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from

thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Ask Abba for guidance and give Him glory for His provisions. Listen to the Ruach about anointing any person and follow His directing you. Be completely sober and attentive to the Ruach ha Kodesh.

To anoint a person, be sure to anoint your hands with some drops of frankincense oil before touching the person; and ask Abba with a prayer in the name of Yeshua to cover you with His protection and for purging / healing of your client. Pray that our Creator will restore the body and spirit of the person to the state of His creation.

Bless the hyssop oil before you apply it and give thanks to its creator. Remember always that you are only His vessel and that all healing comes from the Almighty. Then apply it by putting some 8-10 drops of hyssop in your left hand and with your right index and thumb anoint the tip of the right ear of the person, then the right thumb, and finally the right big toe. Give thanks to Abba from your heart. Anoint your spouse first, ask her / him to do the same to you. Then go on with your children, and friends in Yeshua. Ask always that the Ruach will guide you. Be careful with strangers – listen to what the Spirit of Yah tells you to do and not to do – follow Him always. This is a priestly work and you can suffer badly if you are not following His directions. I don't want to discourage you, but encourage you. And just let you know that his is a priestly ministry in these last days. Are you a priest? If you are uncertain, pray about it and study scripture and you will know. If you are still uncertain, ask a brother in the faith of Yeshua haMashiyach.

Let us turn to John 19:29-30 and compare it with Psalm 69:21

A vessel, was standing, full of vinegar. A sponge, therefore, full of the vinegar, put about, hyssop, brought they unto his mouth. When, therefore, he had received the vinegar, Jesus said—It is finished! And, bowing his head, delivered up his spirit.

Mashiyach (Messias) offers a new covenant in his blood. When the hyssop branch was raised to Yeshua (Jesus), it was dipped into his blood as the lamb of Elohim, and affirmed a new covenant; just as the covenant between Yahweh and the Hebrews had been affirmed by a hyssop dipped in Egypt into the blood of the Passover lamb.

They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. (Psalm 69:21)

The last mention of hyssop in the Bible we find in Hebrews 9:19

For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people

Please read the whole chapters 9 and 10 of Hebrews to appreciate again what we have received, what we are and what we have been called into by our Master Yeshua ha Mashiyach! I greet you all with these verses from Hebrews 10:21-23 And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering.

Truly, the plants and their oils have been made for people. And His people can especially enjoy them with understanding and guided applications. If our soul seems to freeze from inner and outer cold, here comes hyssop and helps to thaw the ice. It is a grace of Abba to cast bad habits completely out with this little and fragile looking plant's essence. We have covered only the surface of what scripture tells us about hyssop. And we will see that there is more to it. Especially in our days of trouble and worldly insecurity, corruption and godlessness, we can see the goodness of Yah unveiled in His provisions and loving foresight revealed to us by Him.

“O taste and see that Yahweh is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him”. This Psalm 34:8 comes to mind when we actually apply the oils, smell their fragrance and see what they do in a man. These oils had been forgotten for ages and in His time they resurfaced to the benefit of His people. Can't you see?

Hyssop is antiviral, antibacterial, antiparasitic, mucolytic, decongestant, antiinflammatory, regulates lipid metabolism, calming the nerves, vasopressor.

Hyssop is used to cure circulatory disorders, influenza, expels worms, heals respiratory infections, viral infections, cleans the blood, and strengthens stomach and heart, wound healing when used for washing or compress. Caution! Hyssop oil can induce menstruation in women. It also may induce miscarriage in pregnant women when consumed in large doses. Pregnant women should not consume hyssop.

The leaves are used for steam distillation; about 200 kilos produce 1 kg of essential hyssop oil. Good qualities come from France and Hungary. Its price is rather expensive, like myrrh or frankincense. You can easily grow and enjoy blue, pinkish,

and white blossoming hyssop in your garden and enjoy its blossoms and fragrance all summer. It is hardy, self-propagating, and loves sunshine. Fresh hyssop leaves are excellent gourmet spice for fish, lamb, salads and poultry.

Hyssop recipe for lamb chops / sliced lamb marinade

16 thin lamb chops, 100ml mild olive oil, juice from 2 lemons, 2 tsp fresh thyme, 3 tsp fresh chopped rosemary, 5 chopped garlic cloves, 1 tsp oregano, 2 tsp black pepper, ½ tsp chopped hyssop, 4 bay leaves, 1 tsp aceto balsamico (balsamic vinegar), a shot of chilli sauce or Tabasco – according to taste.

Mix all the ingredients in a bowl, add the chops, stir well and put a lid on top of the bowl, place covered bowl in the fridge and let it marinade for 1-2 days. Stir again after 1 day.

Then barbecue, roast or bake the marinated chops. Add salt only after the meat is ready for consumption.

Hyssop tea: Put 1tbsp dried hyssop leaves in 1 large cup with boiling water, pour through a tea strainer after 8-10 minutes, and enjoy this herbal tea.

Hyssop mouthwash: Boil up 1 tbsp of dried hyssop with one cup of vinegar. Let cool down for 8-10 minutes, pour through tea strainer, and use to gargle. This helps against toothache and throat infection. If toothache prevails, add one or two drops of clove essential oil.

Hyssop is a cleansing agent from creation. It is used in the Bible to cleanse and purify people and things set apart. It supports people who are ready to leave a state of defilement to reach their desired physical and spiritual state of being reconciled with Elohim. It is not a means to achieve holiness, but it supports people of Yah who strive to overcome stains or defilement that are difficult to overcome barriers or blockades; and return back into a close relationship with Elohim. Isn't this one, or even the most important aspect of living and walking in faith? For that reason I gave the single plant and oil of hyssop here room for a whole lesson.

The essential oils of plants are just a small portion of what our creator made as it is recorded in Genesis 1:12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

These healing oils appear to be a foreshadow of Re 22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Hyssop oil will be offered on our website in combination with either the oil of myrrh or with frankincense. http://libanonlife.com/html/order_oils.html Also will these lessons on essential oils be posted on the same website in a few days. Come and see.

Shalom,

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