

Doing Your Own Pleasure – Sabbath Sex – Is this Kodesh?

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The 5th Month in the Second year of the Fourth Sabbatical Cycle

The 4th Sabbatical Cycle after the 119th Jubilee Cycle

The Sabbatical Cycle of Sword, Famines, and Pestilence

August 4, 2018

Shabbat Shalom Brothers and Sisters of Yehovah family,

Sabbath Sex

Isaiah 58 has so many good things to teach us. I just can't separate them this week.

Isaiah 58

“Cry aloud; do not hold back; lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the judgment of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near to God. Why have we fasted, and you see it not?

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’
Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers.

Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord?

“Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of wickedness, **STOP SINNING** to undo the straps of the yoke, **STOP CHURCH TRADITIONS OF BONDAGE** to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry **THE BREAD OF LIFE IS THE TORAH AND THE HUNGRY THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW IT**

and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
THIS IS HOW YOUR PRAYERS WILL BE HEARD

you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’ If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness

and your gloom be as the noonday. And the Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in.

“If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

This week the part I wanted to focus on was doing your own pleasure on the Sabbath. In particular about having sex on Sabbath.

Should we be having sexual relations with our spouse on the Sabbath? We are told to keep the Sabbath Holy.

| Exodus 20:8 “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

I can hear many of you getting upset because I have now ventured into your private chambers and your private time. Some of you wonder why certain trials never go away. Could it be that you do not value the Sabbath and you are compromising it?

When Yehovah was about to meet with Israel, He gave Moses specific commands for the people to prepare.

Exodus 19:10 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes. And let them be ready for the third day. For on the third day the Lord will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. You shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, ‘Take heed to yourselves that you do not go up to the mountain or touch its base. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death. Not a hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned or shot with an arrow; whether man or beast, he shall not live.’ When the trumpet sounds long, they shall come near the mountain.”

So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and sanctified the people, and they washed their clothes. And he said to the people, “Be ready for the third day; do not come near your wives.”

The word for come here is Nawgash and means to lie with a woman.

H5066

na[^]gash *naw-gash*’

A primitive root; to *be* or *come* (causatively *bring*) *near* (for any purpose); euphemistically to *lie with* a woman; as an enemy, to *attack*; religiously to *worship*; causatively to *present*; figuratively to *adduce* an argument; by reversal, to *stand back*: – (make to) approach (nigh), bring (forth, hither, near), (cause to) come (higher, near, nigh), give place, go hard (up), (be, draw, go) near (nigh), offer, overtake, present, put, stand.

Why was a sexual relationship between a husband and wife forbidden at Shavuot?

Lev 15:16 “If any man has an emission of semen, then he shall wash all his body in water, and be unclean until evening. And any garment and any leather on which there is semen, it shall be washed with water, and be unclean until evening. Also, when a woman lies with a man, and there is an emission of semen, they shall bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

:31 ‘Thus you shall separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness, lest they die in their uncleanness when they defile My tabernacle that is among them. This is the law for one who has a discharge, and for him who emits semen and is unclean thereby, and for her who is indisposed because of her customary impurity, and for one who has a discharge, either man or woman, and for him who lies with her who is unclean.’ ”

That Shavuot Israel had an appointment with Yehovah. Each of his Holy Days are called

Lev 23:1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘The feasts of the Lord, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts.

Let’s look at the actual Hebrew for some of these words to learn the actual meaning of them.

Holy is the word; H6944

qo[^]desh *ko’-desh*

From H6942; a *sacred* place or thing; rarely abstractly *sanctity*: – consecrated (thing), dedicated (thing), hallowed (thing), holiness, (X most) holy (X day, portion, thing), saint, sanctuary.

Notice that the words sanctify and consecrate are the same words Yehovah spoke to Moses about getting the people ready for the third day. Moses was told to get the people clean so they can be Holy before Yehovah.

The word for Feasts is **H4150**

mo[^]?e[^]dmo[^]?e[^]dmo[^]?a[^]da[^]h

mo-ade', mo-ade', mo-aw-

daw'

From H3259; properly an *appointment*, that is, a fixed *time* or season; specifically a *festival*; conventionally a *year*; by implication, an *assembly* (as convened for a definite purpose); technically the *congregation*; by extension, the *place of meeting*; also a *signal* (as appointed beforehand): – appointed (sign, time), (place of, solemn) assembly, congregation, (set, solemn) feast, (appointed, due) season, solemn (-ity), synagogue, (set) time (appointed).

The Feasts are Appointed times. They are the days Yehovah has set aside to meet with us. If we come on the wrong day it is the same as going to the doctors on a Thursday when the appointment was on Wednesday. You will have missed your appointment.

To not keep the Holy Days is to miss your appointment to meet with Yehovah.

Another part of this words Moedim is the word Yawad. I want you to look at it and see just how many meaning this word has that are speaking about Holy Days. I see Trumpets and Atonement, Shavuot, Sukkot and the 8th Day all in this one word.

H3259

ya[^]?ad yaw-ad'

A primitive root; to *fix* upon (by agreement or appointment); by implication to *meet* (at a stated time), to *summon* (to trial), to *direct* (in a certain quarter or position), to *engage* (for marriage): – agree, (make an) appoint (-ment, a time), assemble (selves), betroth, gather (selves, together), meet (together), set (a time).

Then we have the word Convocations and it comes from the word Mikraw;

H4744

miqra[^]? mik-raw'

From H7121; something *called* out, that is, a public *meeting* (the act, the persons, or the place); also a *rehearsal*: – assembly, calling, convocation, reading.

Each of these Holy Appointed times that we have to meet with Yehovah are rehearsals for something that Yehovah is going to perform on each one of these days.

The very next verse in Lev 23 is verse 3 which talks about the first appointed time which is the weekly Sabbath and then it goes on to explain each of the 7 Annual Holy Days that we are to come and meet with Yehovah.

The Weekly Sabbath, the First and the Seventh Day of Unleavened Bread, Shavuot or Pentecost, The Feast of Trumpets, The Day of Atonement, The Feast of Tabernacles and the Eighth Day Feast.

If we are taking part in sexual relations before or during any of these Holy Appointed Times then we are unclean and should not be in attendance.

Read again what the punishment is for those who do become unclean by their sexual relationships.

Lev 15:31 'Thus you shall separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness, lest they die in their uncleanness when they defile My tabernacle that is among them.

You are to be Holy as Yehovah is Holy, and you are coming to meet Him on these Moedim, these appointed days.