

Lesson No. 140 – The Abominations In the WORD of ELOHIM

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This lesson is provided as the Household of Faith winds down the observance of the “days of Unleavened Bread”, during which we are once again training ourselves to remain unleavened once we reenter our wildernesses of life next week. Our charge now is to walk in a manner reflective of the spiritual growth for which we are training during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. As such, we need to continue to identify the various elements of this world that represent the pitfalls we must be mindful of during our journeys. Thankfully, ELOHIM’s WORD has provided us with ample guidance to use along the way.

Throughout our walks in ELOHIM’s WORD, there have been many words spoken about in the Bible that at times come across like code words. They appear to have meanings that say to the hearer, “stay away from this”, or “warning”, etc., etc. Well, one such word is abomination. We all have probably heard pastors or other church folk use this word in a variety of ways, generally all with negative connotations. For me, perhaps the most noteworthy uses of the word have been 1) “the prayer of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord”, or 2) “the abomination of desolation”. This second phrase may be a lesson unto itself, which unfortunately, ELOHIM’s WORD does not directly provide the clarity required for an accurate understanding.

Tonight, let’s walk through the scriptures as they relate to this subject that may help each of us along the way. Obviously, whatever the context of the various uses of this word, it is something “called-out ones” should be familiar with during their walk with CHRIST. So, tonight we are simply discussing Lesson No. 140 – The Abominations In the WORD of ELOHIM.

To begin, the first two uses of this word present a concept that we might find oxymoronic.

It comes during the time when Yoseph had been sold into Egypt and rose to be a man of great statute there. Eventually his brothers came to Egypt during a time of great drought and famine. Yoseph had been put in charge of Egypt's goods to sustain it during this great drought. Eventually, his brothers came to Egypt seeking relief. It is then that Yoseph secretly inquired of them about their father and their youngest brother, who was born of the same mother as Yoseph. And now they were sitting down to eat.

- Gen 43:27 And he asked them of *their* welfare, and said, *Is* your father well, the old man of whom ye spake? *Is* he yet alive? Gen 43:28 And they answered, Thy servant our father *is* in good health, he *is* yet alive. And they bowed down their heads, and made obeisance.

At this point Yoseph's brothers had not yet recognized him. To them he simply looked like another Egyptian that for whatever reason was inquiring about their father.

- Gen 43:29 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, *Is* this your younger brother, of whom ye spake unto me? And he said, God be gracious unto thee, my son. Gen 43:30 And Joseph made haste; for his bowels did yearn upon his brother: and he sought *where* to weep; and he entered into *his* chamber, and wept there.

So, we see Yoseph was overcome with much joy when he saw Benjamin. However, his reunion with his brothers is a subject for another lesson. Notice what we are told next about this reunion.

- Gen 43:31 And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on bread. Gen 43:32 And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, which did eat with him, by themselves: because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that *is* an abomination unto the Egyptians.

- Gen 43:33 And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth: and the men marvelled one at another. Gen 43:34 And he took *and sent* messes unto them from before him: but Benjamin's mess was five times so much as any of theirs. And they drank, and were merry with him.

Here in verse 32, the stage for understanding this word abomination is set by the context of its use. Interestingly, it is the Egyptians who first considered the Yisraelites to be an abomination. The NASB reads that the Yiraelites were loathsome to the Egyptians. And, however the context, this is the general use of the word throughout ELOHIM's WORD. This word abomination is translated from the Hebrew word "towebah", which means disgusting morally, or an abhorrence.

- Gen 46:30 And Israel said unto Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou *art* yet alive. Gen 46:31 And Joseph said unto his brethren, and unto his father's house, I will go up, and shew Pharaoh, and say unto him, My brethren, and my father's house, which *were* in the land of Canaan, are come unto me; Gen 46:32 And the men *are* shepherds, for their trade hath been to feed cattle; and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have. Gen 46:33 And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What *is* your occupation? Gen 46:34 That ye shall say, Thy servants' trade hath been about cattle from our youth even until now, both we, *and* also our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen; **for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians.**

The second use of the word provides this same context about how the Egyptians felt about the Yisraelites as shepherds. To me this is where the oxymoron enters into the equation. Have you ever had a spiritual conversation with traditional Christians, those who follow the European model of worship, whose responses to your words and/or actions implied that your beliefs were abominable and misleading? I have.

Those that believe in unbiblical teachings consider those who teach actual Biblical teachings to be the abominable ones. Until this study, I never knew how much they were in good company with such as the Egyptians. However, as we proceed through the scriptures we will notice a change in context of the use of the word abominations. Now we begin to see where YAHWEH begins to set things straight in the 11th chapter of Leviticus.

- Lev 11:9 **These shall ye eat of all that *are* in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters**, in the seas, and in the rivers, them shall ye eat. Lev 11:10 And **all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which is in the waters, they shall be an abomination unto you**: Lev 11:11 **They shall be even an abomination unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, but ye shall have their carcasses in abomination**. Lev 11:12 **Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that shall be an abomination unto you**.

The true Biblical concept of abominations began with ELOHIM's dietary laws to the Children of Yisrael (COY), which those typically honoring the European model of Christianity reject. YAHWEH starts with the commandment to eat of the waters of the earth only that which has both fins and scales. Anything else is an abomination, which is the same Hebrew word "towebah". These things were to be an abhorrence, something disgusting to the COY and to the Household of Faith. And in essence, these are the things that as followers of ELOHIM, we too should see as being an abhorrence and should be disgusting to us.

- Lev 11:13 And **these are they which ye shall have in abomination among the fowls; they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray,**
- Lev 11:20 **All fowls that creep, going upon all four, shall be an abomination unto you**.

- Lev 11:21 Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon *all* four, which have legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth; Lev 11:22 *Even* these of them ye may eat; the locust after his kind, and the bald locust after his kind, and the beetle after his kind, and the grasshopper after his kind. Lev 11:23 **But all other flying creeping things, which have four feet, shall be an abomination unto you.** Lev 11:24 And **for these ye shall be unclean: whosoever toucheth the carcase of them shall be unclean until the even.**

In these verses we begin to note where YAHWEH introduces another concept that accompanies the concept of abominable things. These abominable animals are also considered to be unclean. If we touch their carcasses, we too shall be unclean.

- Lev 11:41 And **every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth shall be an abomination; it shall not be eaten.** Lev 11:42 **Whatsoever goeth upon the belly, and whatsoever goeth upon *all* four, or whatsoever hath more feet among all creeping things that creep upon the earth, them ye shall not eat; for they *are* an abomination.** Lev 11:43 **Ye shall not make yourselves abominable with any creeping thing that creepeth, neither shall ye make yourselves unclean with them, that ye should be defiled thereby.**

Now, a reasonable question might be why are these things both abominable as well as unclean? What makes these items an abomination to us? In this world of modernity Christians constantly seek out ways to believe these commandments don't apply to them because they believe themselves to be under the New Covenant. As such, they are being misled as to the all so important spiritual mentality required by ELOHIM throughout HIS WORD.

Well, the answer is quite simple. They are abominations as well as unclean because YAHWEH said so. It is a simple matter of obedience.

As we continue to celebrate our deliverance from spiritual Egypt during this week of unleavening, we should concentrate on why YAHWEH's instruction about abominable things should be important to us. HE makes HIS thoughts plain to all who would truly have faith in HIM and believe in HIM.

- Lev 11:44 **For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.** Lev 11:45 **For I am the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.**

This is probably the most important and yet also, the most misunderstood concept found in ELOHIM's WORD. Beginning with the days of Unleavened Bread, the use of the physical things on the earth as metaphors of more important spiritual concepts required for salvation is firmly established. Consider why are they called holy days in the first place.

While the metaphor of the leaven and bread is so much more spiritually profound, the metaphors about unclean and abominable things are just as revealing. Our obedience to these commands sanctifies us and by so doing, are a part of what makes believers holy.

Now these words sanctify and holy present an interesting concept I'd like to briefly explore. The Hebrew word for sanctify is "qadash", meaning to be clean, to purify (ceremonially and morally). The Hebrew word for holy is "qadosh", which means to be set apart by ELOHIM.

Why wouldn't anyone claiming to be Christian desire to be "set apart by ELOHIM"? Well, that's a question for another lesson. However, consider the days of Unleavened Bread in which we are partaking. What happened first through our observance of YAHSHUA's Passover?

This observance resulted in the believer's spiritual cleansing and purification, did it not? As such, the believer was sanctified by the blood of YAHSHUA.

ELOHIM's WORD verifies this to true believers.

- Heb 10:4 For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Heb 10:5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, **Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:** Heb 10:6 In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Heb 10:7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. Heb 10:8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and *offering* for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure *therein*; which are offered by the law; Heb 10:9 Then said he, **Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.** Heb 10:10 **By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.**

Verse 10 is the sacrifice of the Passover LAMB of ELOHIM. Through our obedience to appear before ELOHIM at the appointed time and in the manner in which we were commanded to appear before HIM, we are sanctified “through the offering of the body of YAHSHUA once”. And then we see the following transition that takes place.

- Col 1:15 **Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:** Col 1:16 For **by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:** Col 1:17 And **he is before all things, and by him all things consist.** Col 1:18 And **he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.**

- Col 1:19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; Col 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven. Col 1:21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled Col 1:22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

Verses 20 to 22 also describe the sacrifice of the Passover LAMB of ELOHIM and its results for true believers in HIM. Through YAHSHUA's sacrifice and our obedience, the result is that we are now holy, unblameable, and unproveable in HIS sight. After the days of Unleavened Bread, we will be fully set apart in YAHSHUA.

Isn't it beautiful how we see the unity of the spirit of truth throughout ELOHIM's WORD, if we are willing to step backwards for the purpose of emptying and growing for ELOHIM's purpose and not our own? In Leviticus, the COY were told to sanctify themselves for the purpose of being holy. This process began with the days of Unleavened Bread (which technically includes the Passover). However, it is just the start of the process. We must continue to allow ELOHIM's WORD to show us our paths that will allow us to endure along our journeys. Let's look at the next abominations, that in these days modernity has deceived many.

- Lev 18:6 None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover *their* nakedness: I *am* the LORD. Lev 18:7 The nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she *is* thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. Lev 18:8 The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: it *is* thy father's nakedness. Lev 18:9 The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, *whether she be* born at home, or born abroad, *even* their nakedness thou shalt not uncover.

This context continues through verse 20 to expressly teach that these actions defile the doer of such actions. And then YAHWEH adds more to the context.

- Lev 18:20 Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbour's wife, to defile thyself with her. Lev 18:21 And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through *the fire* to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I *am* the LORD. Lev 18:22 **Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.** Lev 18:23 Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion. Lev 18:24 Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you: Lev 18:25 And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants. Lev 18:26 **Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations; neither any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you:** Lev 18:27 (**For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled;**)

The flow of all these commands are noteworthy. While as verses 26 thru 29 suggest, all of these should be considered abominations, note particularly verse 22. It specifically classifies mankind lying with mankind, as he does with a womankind, as an abomination. It is as though YAHWEH wanted to highlight this particular abomination. Why? We know that YAHWEH calls the end from the beginning. HE knew that this would be an act that modernity, even so-called Christians, would subtly one day accept as normal behavior and even teach this to their children. We are all witnesses to this surge of human behavior that today is taught as being normal to our children in their schools.

Also captured in the midst of these abominations is verse 21.

The COY were to “not let any of” their “seed pass through *the fire* to Molech”, which obviously was seen as being “profane” to “the name of thy ELOHIM”. This verse is probably included here because this entire discourse is regarding family relationships.

Let’s remind ourselves of how grave this particular abomination was before YAHWEH in the days of Zedekiah, the last king of the southern Kingdom of Judah (Yehudah).

- Jer 32:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which *was* the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. Jer 32:30 For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have only done evil before me from their youth: for the children of Israel have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, saith the LORD. Jer 32:31 For this city hath been to me *as* a provocation of mine anger and of my fury from the day that they built it even unto this day; that I should remove it from before my face, Jer 32:32 Because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Jer 32:33 And they have turned unto me the back, and not the face: though I taught them, rising up early and teaching *them*, yet they have not hearkened to receive instruction. Jer 32:34 But they set their abominations in the house, which is called by my name, to defile it. Jer 32:35 And **they built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire unto Molech**; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin. Jer 32:36 And now therefore thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning this city, whereof ye say, It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence;

Passing their sons and daughters through the fires of Molech was the last straw for YAHWEH. HE next delivered them into slavery by the hands of Babylon. Incidentally, this “valley of the son of Hinnom” is also mentioned later in ELOHIM’s WORD.

- Mat 10:26 Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. Mat 10:27 What I tell you in darkness, *that* speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, *that* preach ye upon the housetops. Mat 10:28 And **fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.**

This word “hell” is the Greek word “geena”, or “Geheena”, which is the Valley of Hinnom; the same valley we just read where the fires of Molech were burned by the COY. Interestingly enough, ironically it is the same place where ELOHIM has chosen for the Lake of Fire, which will destroy Satan, the beast, the false prophet, and all whose names are not written in the LAMB’s Book of Life.

Another thing to keep in mind is something we learn during the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

- Lev 18:29 For **whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit *them* shall be cut off from among their people.**

These souls were to be cut off from among the COY. Now remember the following that we read during the Feast of Unleavened Bread each year.

- Exo 12:19 **Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land.**

All of the abominations we read in Leviticus chapter 18 had the result of anyone doing them being “cut off from among their people”. Likewise, anyone who ate anything with leaven during the seven days of the Feast was “to be cut off from the congregation of Israel”. We read at the beginning of the Feast how that the Levites of Hezekiah’s Kingdom “taught the good knowledge of the LORD” (2 Chronicles 30:21-22) to the COY during the seven days of the Feast. Perhaps these were the types of things that were being taught.

These are the types of actions that we need to be reminded that are the subtle forms of leaven we will encounter during our journeys. The more cable TV one watches, the greater the potential for these abominations to be in your faces. As such, we need to be very selective for ourselves and particularly for the children who are at home from school because of the so-called crisis of this day. And remember, our children are also under siege with modernity’s abominations whenever they are away from us.

Now, as we proceed through ELOHIM’s WORD we see a slight change in emphasis on abominations.

- Deu 7:1 When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou; Deu 7:2 And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, *and* utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them: Deu 7:3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. Deu 7:4 For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

- Deu 7:5 But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire. Deu 7:6 **For thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that *are* upon the face of the earth.**

Now recall, this is after the COY had been brought through the Red Sea. What happened there? They had been sanctified and baptized unto Moses. Moses had become the intercessor between them and YAHWEH. They were now ceremoniously clean. YAHWEH was now trying to guide them in how to maintain that cleanliness morally and spiritually through further commandments given them through their intercessor, Moses.

Verse 6 could perhaps be seen as the moral of the entire WORD of ELOHIM. The COY were chosen to be holy, set apart from the other nations unto YAHWEH. They were to be a special people unto HIM, above all people on the earth! What a blessed calling. Under the New Covenant, “called-out ones” must realize that they have this same blessed calling. We are chosen to be holy and set apart from the world unto YAHSHUA.

- Deu 7:25 **The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold *that is* on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the LORD thy God.** Deu 7:26 **Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: *but* thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it *is* a cursed thing.**

Note how the language concerning abominations slightly changed. Now, YAHWEH specifically shows the COY that these types of abominations, which are idolatry, are directly against HIM. As such, these are amongst those abominations that result in the greater punishment. For example, eating unclean foods only made one temporarily unclean.

- Lev 22:5 Or whosoever toucheth any creeping thing, whereby he may be made unclean, or a man of whom he may take uncleanness, whatsoever uncleanness he hath; Lev 22:6 **The soul which hath touched any such shall be unclean until even, and shall not eat of the holy things, unless he wash his flesh with water.** Lev 22:7 **And when the sun is down, he shall be clean, and shall afterward eat of the holy things; because it is his food.**

One had the ability to become clean once again by washing and waiting until the next sunset. For us today, this also entails our repentance of these acts that may have slipped through the cracks.

However, as we saw earlier in Leviticus chapter 11 regarding abominations within family relations, which included letting the seed pass through the fires of Molech, we now see how later YAHWEH sees these as the type of abominations directed towards HIM. These abominations along with those we saw how in Deuteronomy resulted in the COY being cut off from the land for this. So, it appears there is truly the greater punishment for some abominations, particularly if done in a willful manner.

Look at the very next instance of the word.

- Deu 12:29 When the LORD thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to possess them, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their land; Deu 12:30 Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise. Deu 12:31 **Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the LORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.** Deu 12:32 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

These abominations YAHWEH hates. HE makes it plain. Is it any wonder why as a people we suffer so, without any understanding of why? We now hear the news reports how that people of color are suffering 40% or more greater than other cultures in the current crisis of modernity.

There were other consistent abominations written, and yet, there are a few unique ones that deserve some attention.

- Deu 22:5 **The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so *are* abomination unto the LORD thy God.**

In these days of modernity, isn't it obvious the work of Satan in this world. So much is now labeled unisex that it has become so much more difficult to distinguish this. Yet, the "called-out" man and woman should have the ability to discern between the clean and the unclean, while at the same time seeing their naturalness in the mirror.

- Deu 23:17 **There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel.** Deu 23:18 **Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these *are* abomination unto the LORD thy God.**

When we come into YAHWEH's house, we are supposed to be clean. For HIS presence is there. Remember how Moses was told to remove his sandals before the burning bush. We must have respect for YAHWEH's presence in our lives.

- Deu 24:1 When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give *it* in her hand, and send her out of his house.

- Deu 24:2 And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's *wife*. Deu 24:3 And *if* the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth *it* in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her *to be* his wife; Deu 24:4 Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for **that is abomination before the LORD: and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.**

We all know that the marriage institution was established as a type of YAHSHUA and HIS bride by ELOHIM. From the beginning even until this day the COY have defiled this institution with its fleshly priorities, which are an abomination before YAHWEH.

When we get into the Book of Proverbs, we see where Solomon provided much wisdom to this subject prior to his fall.

- Pro 3:29 **Devise not evil against thy neighbour**, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee. Pro 3:30 **Strive not with a man without cause**, if he have done thee no harm. Pro 3:31 Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways. Pro 3:32 **For the froward is abomination to the LORD:** but his secret *is* with the righteous. Pro 3:33 **The curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked:** but **he blesseth the habitation of the just.**

In verse 32 we see the word froward, the Hebrew word “luz” meaning to be perverse. In essence, those that oppress us are perverse and are an abomination to YAHWEH. Otherwise, why do they choose to oppress us? If our homes are established on justness, HE blesses it.

- Pro 6:16 These **six things doth the LORD hate:** yea, **seven are an abomination unto him:** Pro 6:17 **A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,** Pro 6:18 **An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,**

- Pro 6:19 **A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.**

If we see it, here Solomon is providing us with further details on the attributes of the froward person that are abominations. These persons present a proud look with lying tongues, shedding innocent blood, devising wicked imaginations, speedily running towards mischief, falsely accusing others and always sowing discord amongst the people. Sounds very much like the leader of one of the leading nations of this time of modernity, doesn't it? These are perverse and are an abomination unto YAHWEH.

The “called out ones” of YAHSHUA must be humble, always speaking truth, never shedding innocent blood, always praying for and striving for clean hearts, turning away from mischief, never falsely accusing others, and must constantly seek out ways to become one with each other.

- Pro 15:8 **The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD:** but **the prayer of the upright is his delight.** Pro 15:9 **The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the LORD:** but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.
- Pro 15:26 **The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD:** but *the words of the pure are pleasant words.*

These 3 verses tell us how the mind of YAHWEH thinks. In verse 8 HE contrasts the sacrifice of the wicked to the prayer of the upright, while in verse 9 HE condemns the way of the wicked while uplifting those that follow righteousness. And then in verse 26, even the thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to YAHWEH.

Now, this concept of wickedness is very tricky and must be spiritually discerned. Let's look at the very first uses of this in ELOHIM's WORD so that we see the evolution of YAHWEH's thoughts on the matter.

- Gen 13:12 Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched *his* tent toward Sodom. Gen 13:13 But **the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.**

So, the first use of the word wicked was a description of the men of Sodom, whom YAHWEH later decided to destroy as an example to all who would willfully commit wickedness.

- Gen 18:22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: **but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.** Gen 18:23 And **Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?** Gen 18:24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that *are* therein? Gen 18:25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: **Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?**

These verses present the next occurrences of the word wicked. While I was reading these verses, I noticed something. Some teach that Moses was the first intercessor, and for sure he was an intercessor for the COY. However, was he the first? In these verses, Abraham has been informed that YAHWEH is going to destroy Sodom for its wickedness. What does Abraham do next? He intercedes on the behalf of the righteous in Sodom in a very bold manner. So, doesn't this make Abraham man's first intercessor?

And this presents the contrast that wickedness and righteousness are the direct opposite of one another. We know what ELOHIM's WORD by the mouth of the Prophet, King David, informs us what is righteousness.

- Psa 119:169 TAU. Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD: give me understanding according to thy word. Psa

- 119:170 Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word. Psa 119:171 My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes. Psa 119:172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: **for all thy commandments are righteousness.** Psa 119:173 Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts. Psa 119:174 I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD; and thy law *is* my delight. Psa 119:175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me. Psa 119:176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

All that YAHWEH commands are righteousness. Let's understand the evolution. When the COY were commanded to sacrifice, these sacrifices were as righteousness. Yet, the COY never as a whole grew unto the spiritual understanding of the ultimate purpose. The fact that the men of Sodom were deemed as wicked and evil as contrasted with righteousness tells us that the commandments of YAHWEH, later given to the COY, were not all new. They had been around for a very long time; which is why Enoch and Noah were holy before YAHWEH, and had to be physically separated from the world around them.

Now we read tonight where the sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to YAHWEH in Proverbs 15:8, contrasting this with the prayer of the upright, who are those who in ignorance fail to follow after righteousness (the commandments of ELOHIM). Well, YAHSHUA had this to say.

- Mat 7:21 **Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.** Mat 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? Mat 7:23 And **then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**

We have read about how YAHWEH feels about idolatry.

So many do not know that most of their acts of worship, particularly in modernity, is idolatry, supposedly in the name of YAHSHUA, who we know is YAHWEH. They claim to prophesy in HIS name. They claim to cast out demons in HIS name. They claim to have done many wonderful works in HIS name. And in that day, the day HE will return and deliver HIS saints spiritually and the COY physically, HE will say HE never knew them. Here is the point. **They don't know that all of their spiritual sacrifices are an abomination unto ELOHIM!** And, if they are not prepared to repent when the books shall be opened to them at the end of "that day", just like the example of the wicked Sodom, they shall be destroyed.

Now, I want to skip to another instance of this concept that has become confusing to some.

- Pro 28:9 **He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.**

This is the scripture from whence I spoke in the beginning as being quoted as "the prayer of the sinner is an abomination to the Lord". While the inherent meanings may reach the same conclusion, we need to be careful with how we present ELOHIM's WORD. We now know that wickedness is unrighteousness. This scripture clearly presents these as those who turn their ears from hearing YAHWEH's commandments, HIS laws. Their prayers are an abomination. Why? It is because these prayers are not based on the humility of thought that YAHWEH commands.

- Pro 16:5 Every one *that is* proud in heart *is* an abomination to the LORD: *though* hand *join* in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

These prayers are presented with an element of pride based on actions that are wicked and not righteous. However, we must not mislead others as to how we must walk. I heard a pastor teaching this conclude that he would not pray for the wicked, or someone who ask for prayer that he did not know.

The scripture does not say that. And this is one of the reasons YAHWEH had to come in the flesh, to eliminate the confusion.

- Mat 5:43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. Mat 5:44 But **I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;** Mat 5:45 **That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven:** for **he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.** Mat 5:46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? Mat 5:47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more *than others?* do not even the publicans so? Mat 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

As “called-out ones” we are commanded to pray for the wicked. The scripture said that their prayer, meaning the wicked’s prayer, is an abomination. It did not say that our prayer for the wicked is an abomination. The Apostle Paul offered a very relevant exhortation for modernity.

- 1Ti 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of **all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;** 1Ti 2:2 **For kings, and for all that are in authority;** that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. 1Ti 2:3 For **this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;** 1Ti 2:4 **Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.**

The Household of Faith is exhorted to supplicate for, pray for, intercede for, and give thanks for all, because it is good and acceptable in the sight of ELOHIM. And yet in fact, there is but one circumstance that we are admonished to not pray for wickedness. And remember this, wickedness and sin are one and the same, unrighteousness.

- 1Jn 5:16 If any man see his brother sin a sin *which is* not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. **There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.** 1Jn 5:17 **All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.**

Here the Apostle Yochanon provides some clarity to our prayers for others. Not all sins lead to death, and by death here he is talking about the second death.

- Heb 10:26 **For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,** Heb 10:27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. Heb 10:28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Heb 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

Most people we know that are walking in Biblical wickedness and abominations before YAHWEH are ignorant of the wickedness in their lives. They have not yet received the “knowledge of the truth”. Yet, there are those who have received “the knowledge of the truth” and have rejected it. Perhaps the Apostle made it somewhat clearer earlier in Hebrews.

- Heb 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Heb 6:2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. Heb 6:3 And this will we do, if God permit. Heb 6:4 For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

- Heb 6:5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, Heb 6:6 **If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put *him* to an open shame.**

So, Brothers and Sisters, it is only when we see someone that it is obvious that they had “the knowledge of the truth” and chose to walk away from it that we cease in our prayers for them. For those whom it also obvious that they simply don’t get it and are ignorant of YAHWEH’s righteousness, we do pray for them just as YAHSUA commanded us.

However, when we see a fellow “called-out one”, falling, we have been given directions for them, before they completely fall in the spirit of willful sin, which is the unpardonable sin, which is the sin that leads to death.

- Jas 5:19 Brethren, **if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him;** Jas 5:20 **Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death,** and shall hide a multitude of sins.

We need to make sure we get this. In verse 19, the word err is the Greek word “planao” which means go astray or wander. So, if we see a brother begin go astray or wander from the truth, we should try and turn that person from the error of their ways. If we study this subject in relation to what the prophet Ezekiel teaches us the following.

- Eze 18:26 When a righteous *man* turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die.

This scripture presents the first and the second death. The righteous that turns from righteousness and dies in their iniquity shall die the second death.

And so, coupling this with what the Apostle Peter and Paul have taught us, as long as one lives and we have opportunity, we should make the attempt to convert them. If they resist, fall away, and die, sadly it is out of our hands.

Now, I want to also touch upon one other scripture that might be used to support the teaching of not praying for sinners.

- Joh 17:9 **I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.** Joh 17:10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. Joh 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we *are*. Joh 17:12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

These are the words of YAHSHUA's last prayer to the FATHER directly after HIS last Passover with HIS disciples, prior to HIS death. This prayer was specific to those who had walked with HIM throughout HIS ministry whom HE was about to leave. This might in fact be called "YAHSHUA's prayer for HIS disciples". It was for those chosen to implement the New Covenant to the world. It has absolutely nothing to do with the sinners of the world. It was all about the plan of salvation.

Now most of the remaining instances of abominations are repetitive to what we have read. The Books of Jeremiah and Ezekiel are both full of the mentions of the COY's abominations before YAHWEH. And for time's sake we won't go through them tonight. Yet, I wanted to touch base one other in Proverbs just for clarity's sake.

- Pro 20:10 Divers weights, *and* divers measures, both of them *are* alike abomination to the LORD.

This is repeated below.

- Pro 20:22 Say not thou, I will recompense evil; *but* wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee. Pro 20:23 Divers weights *are* an abomination unto the LORD; and a false balance *is* not good.

So, what does this mean to us? Well divers means false or differing standards. It's like a double standard. Yet if we look at its evolution, it carries another meaning as well.

- Deu 25:11 When men strive together one with another, and the wife of the one draweth near for to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that smiteth him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh him by the secrets: Deu 25:12 Then thou shalt cut off her hand, thine eye shall not pity *her*. Deu 25:13 Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small. Deu 25:14 **Thou shalt not have in thine house divers measures, a great and a small.** Deu 25:15 *But* thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have: that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. Deu 25:16 For all that do such things, *and* all that do unrighteously, *are* an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

One of the mistakes traditional Christians make about YAHSHUA is that HE loves everyone the same. HE actually has set standards these that HIS followers must follow. The woman's insertion into the dispute in the manner in which she did was considered a false measure, a double standard. There will be no double standards in HIS Kingdom when HE returns, not as the LAMB of ELOHIM, but as the LION of YEHUDAH. The prophet Isaiah made this plain.

- Isa 66:1 Thus saith the LORD, The heaven *is* my throne, and the earth *is* my footstool: where *is* the house that ye build unto me? and where *is* the place of my rest?

- Isa 66:2 For all those *things* hath mine hand made, and all those *things* have been, saith the LORD: but to this *man* will I look, *even to him that is* poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. Isa 66:3 He that killeth an ox *is as if* he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, *as if* he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, *as if* he offered swine's blood; he that burneth incense, *as if* he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations. Isa 66:4 I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose *that* in which I delighted not. Isa 66:5 Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed. Isa 66:6 A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendereth recompence to his enemies.
- Isa 66:15 For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. Isa 66:16 For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many. Isa 66:17 They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one *tree* in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the LORD.

We know through study this is YAHWEH speaking. We also know through study that HE is YAHSHUA. Abominations and double standards, HE has laid out for us to understand. When HE returns, the picture will not be pretty for this world.

As we close, I find it interesting that the only mention of the word abomination in the New Covenant are the following:

- Mat 24:15 **When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place,** (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Mat 24:16 Then **let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:**

This was repeated in Mark 13:14. The Prophet Daniel had to say on this.

- Dan 11:29 At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter. Dan 11:30 For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; **he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.** Dan 11:31 And **arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice,** and **they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.** Dan 11:32 And **such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.**

You heard me say earlier that this is a lesson unto itself. I have heard and read many studies on this. I am studying it but will not teach it until I am totally clear on it. Moving on in the New Covenant.

- Luk 16:13 **No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.** Luk 16:14 And **the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him.** Luk 16:15 And **he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.**

This is the deception that is the world of modernity, vain pride.

- Luk 16:16 The law and the prophets *were* until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it. Luk 16:17 And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.

YAHSHUA further said the following on this.

- Mat 15:7 *Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, Mat 15:8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me. Mat 15:9 But **in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.** Mat 15:10 And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand: Mat 15:11 **Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.***

Remember, there can be no double standard. ELOHIM shall be obeyed. Many use verse 11 to destroy the dietary laws, not recognizing that YAHSHUA is talking spiritually of the doctrines we take in versus what we decide to follow and serve. We hear of many doctrines weekly, yet we are not to follow them nor worship the false gods they present. I.e., we hear but do not follow or falsely teach them. Very simply, is the doctrine to not eat swine YAHWEH's or man's? Pretty simple when you get down to it.

- Rev 17:1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: Rev 17:2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. Rev 17:3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

- Rev 17:4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: Rev 17:5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Most of us know who and what is the mother of harlots, Babylon the great, and the great whore that sits on many waters. We have studied these many times. We know that Satan is the force behind this whore which has deceived the whole world. And we also know that this great whore shall fall when YAHSHUA makes HIS triumphant return to claim HIS throne, the throne of David, to reign with HIS saints on this earth for one thousand years.

Finally, let's read the last instance of the word abomination in ELOHIM's WORD.

- Rev 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. Rev 21:24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. Rev 21:25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. Rev 21:26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. Rev 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

We have read about the things that are an abomination unto YAHWEH. When the New Yerushalem comes down to the earth from heaven, all that defile and work abominations shall not enter into it. In fact, only those whose names are in the LAMB's Book of Life shall enter into it. All others have been destroyed in the Lake of Fire by this time.

These failed to repent from their abominations and died the second death.

If we have partaken of YAHSHUA's Passover once again and are maintaining during this year's training camp, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, we should be walking in a state of repentance and continued cleansing for the journey ahead. Summer is coming. Temptations are coming. We have survived the new year thus far.

As we prepare to continue our journeys, after having been cleansed by the blood of the LAMB, let us continue to meditate on these Biblical lessons on the abominations YAHWEH/YAHSHUA has provided us, so that we will continue to unleaven our souls before ELOHIM of Yisrael throughout the summer. YAHSHUA is our hope. Meditate on HIM and we will endure until the end.

Shalom!