Sh'mini

"Command"

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TORAH:

Leviticus 9

Kohanim Begin Their Ministry

- 1 Now it happened on the eighth day that Moses called Aaron, his sons, and the elders of Israel.
- 2 Then he said to Aaron, "Take a calf from the herd for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering, both without blemish, and offer them before *Adonai*.
- 3 You are to speak to *Bnei-Yisrael*, saying: Take a male goat for a sin offering, along with a calf and a lamb, both yearlings without blemish, for a burnt offering, 4 plus a bull and a ram for fellowship offerings, to sacrifice before *Adonai*, along with a grain offering mixed with oil. For today *Adonai* appears to you."
- 5 So they brought what Moses commanded before the Tent of Meeting, and the entire congregation drew near and stood before *Adonai*.
- 6 Moses said, "This is what *Adonai* commanded that you should do, so that the glory of *Adonai* may appear to you."

- 7 Moses said to Aaron, "Draw near to the altar, and bring your sin offering, and your burnt offering, and make atonement for yourself and for the people. Then present the offering for the people, and make atonement for them, as *Adonai* commanded."
- 8 So Aaron drew near to the altar, and slaughtered the calf of the sin offering, which was for himself.
- 9 The sons of Aaron presented the blood to him. Then he dipped his finger in the blood, dabbed it onto the horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the base of the altar.
- 10 But the fat, the kidneys and the cover from the liver of the sin offering he burned up as smoke on the altar, as *Adonai* had commanded Moses.
- 11 The flesh and the hide he burned in a fire outside the camp.
- 12 Aaron slaughtered the burnt offering, then his sons presented the blood to him and he splashed it around on the altar.
- 13 They handed the burnt offering to him piece by piece, along with the head, and he burned them up as smoke on the altar.
- 14 He washed the innards and the legs and he offered them in smoke upon the burnt offering on the altar.
- 15 Then he presented the people's gift, took the goat of the sin offering which was for the people, slaughtered it, and offered it for sin, just like the first one.
- 16 He presented the burnt offering and offered it according to the decree.
- 17 Then Aaron presented the grain offering, filling his hand with some of it and burning it up as smoke on the altar, alongside the burnt offering of the morning.
- 18 He also slaughtered the bull and the ram as the sacrifice of fellowship offerings for the people. Then his sons brought him the blood, which he splashed around on the altar,
- 19 as well as the fat from the bull and the ram, the fat tail, and the layer over the innards along with the kidneys and the covering of the liver.
- 20 They put the fat upon the breasts, and he burned it on the altar.
- 21 But the breasts and the right thigh Aaron waved for a wave offering before *Adonai*, as Moses had commanded.

- 22 Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them. Then he stepped down from presenting the sin offering, the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings.
- 23 Moses and Aaron then went into the Tent of Meeting. When they came back out and blessed the people, the glory of *Adonai* appeared to all the people.
- 24 Fire came out from the presence of *Adonai*, and devoured the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. When all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.

Leviticus 10

Holy Fire Consumes Unauthorized Fire

- 1 Now Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu each took his own censer, put fire in it, laid incense over it, and offered unauthorized fire before *Adonai*—which He had not commanded them.
- 2 So fire came out from the presence of *Adonai* and consumed them. So they died before *Adonai*.
- 3 Then Moses said to Aaron, "This is what *Adonai* spoke of, saying: To those who are near Me I will show myself holy. Upon the faces of all the people I will be glorified." Then Aaron kept silent.
- 4 Then Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Aaron's uncle Uzziel, and said to them, "Come near, carry your relatives away from the front of the Sanctuary to outside of the camp."
- 5 So they drew near and carried them, still in their tunics, outside of the camp, as Moses had said.
- 6 Then Moses said to Aaron, and to Eleazar and Ithamar his sons: "Do not uncover your heads or tear your clothes, so you may not die and He will not be angry with the entire congregation. But let your kinsmen—the whole house of Israel—mourn over the burning that *Adonai* has kindled.
- 7 You must not go out from the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, or you will die, for the anointing oil of *Adonai* is on you." So they acted according to the word of Moses.
- 8 Adonai spoke to Aaron saying:

- 9 "Do not drink wine or fermented drink, neither you nor your sons with you, when you go into the Tent of Meeting, so that you do not die. This is to be a statute forever throughout your generations.
- 10 You are to make a distinction between the holy and the common and between the unclean and the clean.
- 11 And you are to teach *Bnei-Yisrael* all the statutes which *Adonai* has spoken to them through Moses."
- 12 Moses spoke to Aaron and to Eleazar and Itamar his surviving sons: "Take the grain offering left over from *Adonai*'s offerings by fire, and eat it without *hametz* beside the altar, for it is most holy.
- 13 You are to eat it in a holy place, because it is your portion and your sons' portion of the offerings of *Adonai* made by fire. For so I have been commanded.

 14 You are to eat the breast that was waved and the thigh that was presented in a clean place—you, your sons and your daughters with you—for they are given as
- your portion, and your children's portion, out of the sacrifices of the fellowship offerings of *Bnei-Yisrael*.
- 15 They are to bring the thigh that is presented and the breast that is waved with fat portions scorched by fire, to wave it as a wave offering before *Adonai*. So it will be yours and your sons' with you, a share forever, as *Adonai* has commanded."
- 16 Then Moses searched carefully for the goat of the sin offering and noticed it had been burned up. So he snapped at Eleazar and Itamar, the surviving sons of Aaron, saying:
- 17 "Why have you not eaten the sin offering in the place of the Sanctuary, since it is most holy, and He gave it to you in order to bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before *Adonai*?
- 18 Look, its blood was not brought into the inner part of the sanctuary. You certainly shall have eaten it in the Sanctuary, as I commanded."
- 19 But Aaron said to Moses, "Behold, today they presented their sin offering and their burnt offering before *Adonai*. When things like these have happened to me, would it have been good in the eyes of *Adonai* if I had eaten the sin offering today?"
- 20 When Moses heard this, it was good in his eyes.

Leviticus 11

Kashrut for Holiness

- 1 Adonai spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying to them,
- 2 "Speak to *Bnei-Yisrael*, saying: These are the living things which you may eat among all the animals that are on the earth.
- 3 Whatever has a split, divided hoof and chews cud among the animals—that you may eat.
- 4 "Nevertheless, you should not eat of those that only chew cud, or have a split hoof. The camel, though it chews the cud, does not have a divided hoof, is unclean to you.
- 5 The coney, though it chews the cud yet does not have a divided hoof, so it is unclean to you.
- 6 The hare, though it chews the cud, does not split the hoof, so it is unclean to you.
- 7 The pig, though it has a split, divided hoof, does not chew cud, so it is unclean to you.
- 8 You are not to eat meat from them, nor are you to touch their carcasses. They are unclean to you.
- 9 "From all that are in the waters, you may eat whatever has fins and scales, within the waters, in the seas and in the rivers. Those you may eat.
- 10 But any that do not have fins and scales in the seas or the rivers, among those that swarm on the waters, or among any of the living creatures that are in the waters, they are loathsome to you.
- 11 They are to be detestable to you. You should not eat meat from them and you should detest their carcasses.
- 12 Whatever has neither fins nor scales in the waters, that is a detestable thing to you.
- 13 "Among the birds you should detest the following—they are not to be eaten—they are loathsome: the eagle, the vulture, the black vulture,
- 14 the red kite, any kind of black kite,
- 15 any kind of raven,
- 16 the horned owl, the screech owl, the gull, any kind of hawk,
- 17 the little owl, the cormorant, the great owl,

- 18 the white owl, the desert owl, the osprey,
- 19 the stork, any kind of heron, the hoopoe, and the bat.
- 20 "All flying insects that walk on all fours are detestable to you.
- 21 Yet you may eat from all winged creeping things that go on all fours, which have legs above their feet, with which to hop on the earth.
- 22 You may eat from any kind of locust, any kind of katydid, any kind of cricket and any kind of grasshopper.
- 23 But all winged creeping things that have four feet are loathsome to you.
- 24 "Moreover, by these also you will become unclean: whoever touches their carcasses should be unclean until the evening.
- 25 Whoever carries any part of their carcass is to wash his clothes, and will be unclean until the evening.
- 26 "Every animal with a separating hoof but not split, or does not chew cud, is unclean to you. Everyone who touches them will become unclean.
- 27 So whatever moves on its paws, among all animals that go on all fours, is unclean to you. Whoever touches their carcasses will be unclean until the evening.
- 28 Whoever carries their carcasses, is to wash his clothes and will be unclean until the evening. They are unclean to you.
- 29 "Among the creeping things that creep on the earth, the following are unclean to you: the weasel, the rat, any kind of great lizard,
- 30 the gecko, the monitor lizard, the wall lizard, the skink and the chameleon.
- 31 Among all that creep these are the ones that are unclean to you. Whoever touches them when they are dead, will be unclean until the evening.
- 32 Whatever falls on them when they are dead will become unclean, whether it is any vessel of wood, or clothing, or skin, or sackcloth. Whatever vessel it is, with which any work is done, it must be put into water, and it will be unclean until the evening, then it will be clean.
- 33 "Now if any of them falls into a clay pot, everything that is in it will become unclean, and you are to break it.
- 34 Any food that may be eaten but has water on it from such a pot will become unclean. Also any drink that may be drunk in any such pot will become unclean.

- 35 Everything on which part of their carcass falls will become unclean. An oven or stove for pots is to be broken in pieces. They are unclean and will be unclean to you.
- 36 Nevertheless, a spring or a cistern for collecting water will be clean, though anyone who touches their carcass will become unclean.
- 37 If part of a carcass falls on any seed for sowing that has yet to be sown, it is clean.
- 38 But if water is put on the seed, and part of a carcass falls on it, it is unclean to you.
- 39 "If any animal that you may eat dies, the one who touches its carcass will become unclean until the evening.
- 40 He who eats of its carcass is to wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening. Also, the one who carries its carcass is to wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening.
- 41 "Every creeping thing that crawls on the earth is detestable—it shall not be eaten.
- 42 Whatever moves on its belly or crawls on all fours or has many feet among all the creeping things that crawl on the earth, these you are not to eat, for they are detestable.
- 43 You are not to contaminate yourselves with any creeping thing that crawls nor make yourselves unclean with them or defiled by them.
- 44 "For I am *Adonai* your God. Therefore, sanctify yourselves, and be holy, for I am holy. You are not to defile yourselves with any kind of creeping thing that moves on the earth.
- 45 For I am *Adonai* who brought you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. Therefore, you should be holy, for I am holy.
- 46 "This is the *Torah* of the animal, the bird, every living creature that moves in the waters, and every creature that creeps on the earth,
- 47 to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean, and between the living thing that may be eaten and the living thing that may not be eaten."

HAFTARAH

2 Samuel 6:1-23

Ark Comes Into Jerusalem

- 1 Now David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, 30,000.
- 2 Then David and all the people who were with him arose and set out from Baale-judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the very Name of *Adonai-Tzva'ot* who is enthroned between the *cheruvim*.
- 3 So they loaded the ark of God on a new cart and carried it out of the house of Abinadab that was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, Abinadab's sons, drove the new cart
- 4 as they brought it from the house of Abinadab (which was on the hill) with the ark of God, and Ahio was walking in front of the ark.
- 5 Meanwhile David and the whole house of Israel were celebrating before *Adonai* with all kinds of instruments made of cypress wood, with harps, lyres, tambourines, three-stringed instruments and cymbals.
- 6 But when they reached the threshing floor of Nahon, Uzzah reached out to the ark of God and grasped it, for the oxen had stumbled.
- 7 Then the anger of *Adonai* was kindled against Uzzah. God struck him down there for his irreverence, so that he died there beside the ark of God.
- 8 David was upset because of *Adonai's* outburst against Uzzah. That place is called Perez-uzzah to this day.
- 9 So David was frightened of *Adonai* that day. Then he said, "How can the ark of *Adonai* come to me?"
- 10 David was unwilling to move the ark of *Adonai* to him, to the City of David; instead, David diverted it to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.
- 11 So the ark of *Adonai* remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months; meanwhile *Adonai* blessed Obed-edom and his entire household.

- 12 Then it was reported to King David saying, "Adonai has blessed the house of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought the ark of God up from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with joy.
- 13 Now when the bearers of the ark of *Adonai* had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling.
- 14 Meanwhile, David was dancing before *Adonai* with all his might while he was wearing a linen ephod.
- 15 So David and the entire house of Israel brought up the ark of *Adonai* with shouting and with the sound of the *shofar*.
- 16 But as the ark of *Adonai* entered the city of David, Saul's daughter Michal looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before *Adonai*, so she despised him in her heart.
- 17 They brought in the ark of *Adonai* and set it in its place in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it. Then David offered burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before *Adonai*.
- 18 When David had finished offering the burnt offering and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the Name of *Adonai-Tzva'ot*.
- 19 Then he distributed to all the people—to the whole multitude of Israel, men and women alike—to everyone a loaf of bread, a cake made in a pan and a raisin cake. Then all the people departed, each to his home.
- 20 David returned to bless his own household. But Saul's daughter Michal came out to meet David and said, "How the king of Israel distinguished himself today, when he uncovered himself today in the eyes of the slave girls of his subjects, as any vulgar fellow would shamelessly uncover himself!"
- 21 "It was before *Adonai*," David said to Michal, "who chose me instead of your father and all his household, appointing me ruler over the people of *Adonai*, over Israel! So I danced Before *Adonai*,
- 22 and will dishonor myself even more than this, and will be low in my own eyes. Yet in the eyes of the slave girls whom you mentioned, I will be honored."
- 23 So Saul's daughter Michal had no children to the day of her death.

2 Samuel 7:1-17

Adonai's Promise to David

- 1 Now it came about when the king lived in his palace and *Adonai* had granted him rest from all his enemies around him,
- 2 that the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, yet the ark of God remains within curtains."
- 3 "Go, do all that is in your heart," Nathan said to the king, "for *Adonai* is with you."
- 4 But it came to pass the same night that the word of *Adonai* came to Nathan saying:
- 5 "Go, tell My servant David: Thus says *Adonai*: Are you to build Me a house for Me to dwell in?
- 6 Since the day that I brought up the children of Israel from Egypt to this day I have not dwelt in a house, but have been moving about in a tent, even in a tabernacle.
- 7 In all My journeying among all the children of Israel, did I ever speak a word to any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?'
- 8 So now, thus you shall say to My servant David: Thus says *Adonai-Tzva'ot*: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel.
- 9 I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make your name as great as the greatest on earth.
- 10 I will also set up a place for My people Israel and will plant them, so they may dwell in their own place and not be disturbed again. Nor will the children of wickedness afflict them anymore as in the past,
- 11 since the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel. So I will give you rest from all your enemies. "Moreover, *Adonai* declares to you that *Adonai* will make a house for you.
- 12 When your days are done and you sleep with your fathers, I will raise up your seed, who will come forth from you after you, and I will establish his kingdom.
- 13 He will build a house for My Name, and I will establish his royal throne

forever.

- 14 I will be a father to him, and he will be a son to Me. If he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and with the strokes from sons of men.
- 15 Yet My lovingkindness will not be withdrawn from him as I withdrew it from Saul, whom I removed from before you.
- 16 So your house and your kingship will be secure forever before you; your throne will be established forever."
- 17 Just so Nathan spoke all these words and all this vision to David.

BRIT CHADASHA

Mark 7:1-23

Hearts Harden

- 1 Now the Pharisees and some of the *Torah* scholars who had come from Jerusalem gathered around *Yeshua*.
- 2 And they saw that some of His disciples were eating bread with unclean hands, that is, not washed.
- 3 (For the Pharisees and all Jewish people do not eat unless they wash their hands up to the elbow, keeping the tradition of the elders.
- 4 And when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they perform a ritual washing. There are many other traditions they have received and hold, such as the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels.)
- 5 The Pharisees and *Torah* scholars questioned *Yeshua*, "Why don't Your disciples walk according to the tradition of the elders? Why do they eat bread with unwashed hands?"
- 6 And He said to them, "Rightly did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors Me with their lips but their heart is far from Me.
- 7 And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'
- 8 Having left behind the commandment of God, you hold on to the tradition of men."
- 9 He was also telling them, "You set aside the commands of God, in order that you may validate your own tradition.
- 10 For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'He who speaks evil of father or mother must be put to death.'
- 11 But you say if anyone tells his father or mother, 'Whatever you might have gained from me is *korban* (that is, an offering to God),'
- 12 then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother,
- 13 making void the word of God with your tradition that you've handed down. And you do many such things."

- 14 Then *Yeshua* called the crowd again and began saying to them, "Hear Me, everyone, and understand.
- 15 There is nothing outside the man that can make him unholy by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of the man that makes the man unholy."
- 16 [footnote: Some mss. Add: *If any man has ears to hear, let him hear.*]
- 17 When He had left the crowd and entered the house, His disciples questioned Him about the parable.
- 18 And He said to them, "Are you then also lacking understanding? Don't you grasp that whatever goes into the man cannot make him unholy?
- 19 For it does not enter into the heart but into the stomach, and then goes out into the sewer, cleansing all foods."
- 20 And He continued, "It is what comes out of the man that makes the man unholy.
- 21 For from within, out of the heart of men, come evil intentions, sexual immorality, theft, murder,
- 22 adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustfulness, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness.
- 23 All these evil things come from within and make the man unholy."

Acts 5:1-11

- 1 On the other hand, a man named Ananias together with his wife, Sapphira, sold a property.
- 2 He kept back some of the proceeds, with his wife's full knowledge, and brought part of it and set it at the feet of the emissaries.
- 3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has satan filled your heart to lie to the *Ruach ha-Kodesh* and keep back part of the proceeds of the land?
- 4 While it remained unsold, it was your own, wasn't it? And after it was sold, wasn't it at your disposal? How did this deed get into your heart? You haven't lied to men but to God."
- 5 As soon as he heard these words, Ananias fell down and died. Great fear came upon all who heard about it.
- 6 The young men got up and wrapped him in a shroud, then carried him out and

buried him.

- 7 After an interval of about three hours, his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.
- 8 Peter responded to her, "Tell me if you sold the land for this much." She said, "Yes, for that much."
- 9 Then Peter said to her, "How did you agree to test the *Ruach Adonai*? Look, the feet of those who buried your husband are at the door—they will carry you out, too!"
- 10 Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came back in, they found her dead and carried her out and buried her beside her husband.
- 11 And great fear came over the whole community and all who heard these things.

Acts 10:1-35

The Centurion's Vision

- 1 Now in Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Cohort.
- 2 He was a devout man, revering God with all his household. He gave *tzedakah* generously to the people and prayed to God continually.
- 3 About the ninth hour of the day, he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming and saying to him, "Cornelius!"
- 4 He stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" The angel said to him, "Your prayers and *tzadakah* have gone up as a memorial offering before God.
- 5 Now send men to Joppa and call for Simon, also named Peter.
- 6 He is being entertained as a guest by Simon the tanner, whose house is beside the sea."
- 7 When the angel speaking to him had left, he called two of his servants and a soldier from among those attached to his command.
- 8 After he explained everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

Peter's Vision

- 9 The next day, as the soldiers were traveling and approaching the city, Peter went up to the rooftop to pray, at about the sixth hour.
- 10 Now he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they were preparing something, he fell into a trance.
- 11 He saw the heavens opened, and something like a great sheet coming down, lowered by its four corners to the earth.
- 12 In it were all sorts of four-footed animals and reptiles and birds of the air.
- 13 A voice came to him, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat."
- 14 But Peter said, "Certainly not, Lord! For never have I eaten anything unholy or unclean."
- 15 Again a voice came to him, a second time: "What God has made clean, you must not consider unholy."
- 16 This happened three times, and the sheet was immediately taken up to heaven.
- 17 Now while Peter was puzzling about what the vision he had seen might mean, behold, the men sent by Cornelius found Simon's house and appeared before the gate.
- 18 They called out and began to ask whether Simon, also called Peter, was staying in this place as a guest.
- 19 Now while Peter was mulling over the vision, the *Ruach* said to him, "Look here, three men are looking for you.
- 20 But get up, go downstairs, and go with them without hesitating, because I Myself have sent them."
- 21 Going down to the men, Peter said, "Here, I'm the one you're looking for. What is the reason for your coming?"
- 22 And they said, "Cornelius, a centurion, a righteous and God-fearing man well-spoken of by all the Jewish people, was directed by a holy angel to summon you to his house and to hear a message from you."
- 23 So Peter invited them in to be his guests. The next day he got up and went with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him.

Peter Goes to Cornelius

- 24 The following day he entered Caesarea. Cornelius was waiting for them and had called together his relatives and close friends.
- 25 As Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him.
- 26 But Peter pulled him up, saying, "Stand up! I too am just a man."
- 27 Talking with him, Peter went inside and found many people gathered.
- 28 He said to them, "You yourselves know that it is not permitted for a Jewish man to associate with a non-Jew or to visit him. Yet God has shown me that I should call no one unholy or unclean.
- 29 So I came without objection when I was sent for. I ask, then, what is the reason why you sent for me?"
- 30 Cornelius declared, "Four days ago at this hour, I was praying minchah in my house. Suddenly, a man stood in front of me in shining clothes.
- 31 He says, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your *tzedakah* remembered before God.
- 32 Therefore send to Joppa and ask for Simon, who is also called Peter. He is staying in the house of Simon the tanner, by the sea.'
- 33 So I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. Now then, we are all here before God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord."
- 34 Then Peter opened his mouth and said, "I truly understand that God is not one to show favoritism,
- 35 but in every nation the one who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him.

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

Preserving Sanctity in God's Living Temple

- 14 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership is there between righteousness and lawlessness? Or what fellowship does light have with darkness?
- 15 What harmony does Messiah have with Belial? Or what part does a believer

have in common with an unbeliever?

16 What agreement does God's Temple have with idols? For we are the temple of the living God—just as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

17 Therefore, come out from among them, and be separate, says *Adonai*. Touch no unclean thing. Then I will take you in.

18 I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says *Adonai-Tzva'ot*."

2 Corinthians 7:1

1 Therefore, since we have these promises, loved ones, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of body and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Galatians 2:11-16

Confronting Hypocrisy

11 But when Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong—

12f or before certain people came from Jacob, he regularly ate with the Gentiles; but when they came, he began to withdraw and separate himself, fearing those from the circumcision.

13 And the rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy.

14 But when I saw that they were not walking in line with the truth of the Good News, I said to Peter in front of everyone, "If you—being a Jew—live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?" 15 We are Jews by birth and not sinners from among the Gentiles.

16 Yet we know that a person is set right not by deeds based on *Torah*, but rather through putting trust in Messiah *Yeshua*. So even we have put our trust in Messiah *Yeshua*, in order that we might be set right based on trust in Messiah and not by deeds based on *Torah*—because no human will be justified by deeds based on *Torah*.