

Tzav
“Command”

Torah: **Leviticus 6:1-8:36**
Haftarah: **Jeremiah 7:21-8:3, 9:22-23**
Brit Chadasha: **Mark 12:28-34; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 10:14-23**

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TORAH:

Leviticus 6

Torah of Burnt Offering

1 *Adonai* spoke to Moses, saying:

2 “Command Aaron and his sons, saying: This is the *Torah* of the burnt offering. The burnt offering shall remain on the hearth atop the altar all night until the morning, while the fire of the altar is kept burning on it.

3 The *kohen* is to put on his linen garment, with his linen undergarments on his body. He is to remove the fat ashes from where the fire has consumed the burnt offering on the altar and put them beside the altar.

4 Then he is to take off his garments, put on other ones, and carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place.

5 The fire on the altar is to be kept burning on it—it must not go out. Each morning the *kohen* is to burn wood on it, laying the burnt offering in order upon it, and burning up as smoke the fat of the fellowship offerings.

6 Fire is to be kept burning on the altar continually—it must not go out.

Torah of Grain Offering

7 “Now this is the *Torah* of the grain offering. Aaron’s sons are to offer it to *Adonai* in front of the altar.

8 So he is to lift up from it his handful of the fine flour of the grain offering, with some of its oil and all the frankincense which is on the grain offering, and burn it up as smoke on the altar for a soothing aroma, as its memorial portion to *Adonai*.

9 Then what is left from it Aaron and his sons are to eat. It is to be eaten as *matzah* in a holy place, in the courtyard of the Tent of Meeting.

10 It must not be baked with *hametz*. I have given it as their portion of My offerings made by fire. It is most holy, like the sin offering and like the trespass offering.

11 Every male among the children of Aaron may eat it, as their portion forever throughout your generations from the offerings of *Adonai* made by fire. Whoever touches them will become holy.”

12 *Adonai* spoke to Moses, saying:

13 “This is the offering of Aaron and his sons, which they are to offer to *Adonai* on the day when he is anointed: the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a continual grain offering, half of it in the morning, and half of it in the evening.

14 It is to be made with oil on a pan. When it is soaked, you shall bring it in. You are to present the grain offering in baked pieces as a soothing aroma to *Adonai*.

15 The anointed *kohen* who will be in his place from among his sons is to offer it. As an eternal statute, it must be entirely burnt up as smoke to *Adonai*.

16 Thus every grain offering of a *kohen* is to be a whole-offering—it shall not be eaten.”

Sin and Guilt Offerings

17 *Adonai* spoke to Moses, saying:

18 “Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying: ‘This is the *Torah* of the sin offering. In the place where the burnt offering is slaughtered, the sin offering is to be slaughtered before *Adonai*. It is most holy.

19 The *kohen* who offers it for sin should eat it. It must be eaten in a holy place, in the court of the Tent of Meeting.

20 Whatever touches its flesh will be holy. When any of its blood is splattered on a garment, you are to wash it in a holy place.

21 But the earthen vessel in which it is boiled is to be broken, and if it is boiled in a bronze vessel, it is to be scoured, then rinsed in water.

22 Every male among the *kohanim* is to eat of it—it is most holy.

23 But no sin offering from which any of the blood is brought into the Tent of Meeting to make atonement in the Holy Place is to be eaten—it must be burned up with fire.

Leviticus 7

1 “This is the *Torah* of the trespass offering. It is most holy.

2 In the place where they slaughter the burnt offering, he is to slaughter the trespass offering. And he is to splash its blood around on the altar.

3 He should offer all of its fat, the fat tail and the fat that covers the innards,
4 along with the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, plus the cover on the liver that he is to remove with the kidneys.

5 Then the *kohen* should burn them up as smoke on the altar for an offering made by fire to *Adonai*. It is a trespass offering.

6 Every male among the *kohanim* may eat it. It is to be eaten in a holy place—it is most holy.

Fellowship Offerings for Kohanim

7 “As is the sin offering, so is the trespass offering, there is one *Torah* for them: they are for the *kohen* who makes atonement with them.

8 The *kohen* who offers anyone’s burnt offering, that *kohen* is to have for himself the hide of the burnt offering which he has offered.

9 Every meal offering that is baked in the oven, and all that is prepared on the flat plate and on the pan, is to belong to the *kohen* who offers it.

10 Every grain offering, whether mixed with oil or dry, belongs to all the sons of Aaron equally.

11 “Now this is the *Torah* of the sacrifice of fellowship offerings which may be offered to *Adonai*.

12 If he brings it for a thanksgiving, then he is to present with the sacrifice of thanksgiving *matzah* cakes mixed with oil, *matzah* wafers anointed with oil, and fine flour cakes mixed with oil.

13 He is to present his offering with the sacrifice of his fellowship offerings for thanksgiving along with cakes of bread with *hametz*.

14 From each he is to offer one out of every offering as a gift to *Adonai*. It will belong to the *kohen* who sprinkles the blood of the fellowship offerings.

15 The meat of the sacrifice of his fellowship offerings for thanksgiving is to be eaten on the day of his offering. He is not to leave any of it until the morning.

16 “But if the sacrifice of his offering is a vow or a freewill offering, it is to be eaten on the day that he offers his sacrifice. On the next day what remains of it may be eaten.

17 But what remains of the meat of the sacrifice on the third day is to be burned up with fire.

18 If any of the meat of the sacrifice of his fellowship offerings is eaten on the third day, it will not be accepted, nor will it be credited to him who offers it. It will be a foul thing—and the soul who eats any from it will bear his own iniquity.

19 “The meat that touches any unclean thing is not to be eaten. It is to be burned up with fire. As for the meat, everyone who is clean may eat it,

20 but the soul who eats of the meat of the sacrifice of fellowship offerings belonging to *Adonai*, having his uncleanness on him, that soul is to be cut off from his people.

21 If anyone touches any unclean thing, whether the uncleanness of man, or an unclean animal or any unclean detestable thing, and eats some of the meat of the sacrifice of fellowship offerings belonging to *Adonai*, that soul is to be cut off from his people.”

22 *Adonai* spoke to Moses, saying:

23 “Speak to *Bnei-Yisrael*, saying: You are to eat no fat of a bull or sheep or goat.

24 The fat of a dead animal and the fat of a torn animal may be used for any other service, but you must not eat it.

25 For if anyone eats the fat of the animal from which an offering is made by fire to *Adonai*, then the soul who eats it is to be cut off from his people.

26 “You are not to eat any blood, whether it is from a bird or an animal, in any of your dwellings.

27 Whoever it is who consumes any blood, that soul is to be cut off from his people.”

28 Then *Adonai* spoke to Moses, saying:

29 “Speak to *Bnei-Yisrael*, saying: Whoever brings the sacrifice of his fellowship offerings to *Adonai* is to present his offering to *Adonai* out of the sacrifice of his fellowship offerings.

30 With his own hands he is to bring *Adonai*’s offerings by fire. He is to present the fat with the breast, so that the breast may be waved for a wave offering before *Adonai*.

31 The *kohen* is to burn up the fat as smoke on the altar, but the breast will belong to Aaron and his sons.

32 The right thigh you are to give to the *kohen* for a contribution out of the sacrifices of your fellowship offerings.

33 The one among Aaron’s sons who offers the blood of the fellowship offerings and the fat is to have the right thigh for a portion.

34 For the breast of the wave offering and the thigh contribution I have taken from *Bnei-Yisrael* out of the sacrifices of their fellowship offerings and have given them to Aaron the *kohen* and to his sons as their portion forever from *Bnei-Yisrael*.”

35 This is the anointed portion of Aaron and the anointed portion of his sons out of the offerings of *Adonai* made by fire, on the day when he presented them to serve *Adonai* in the office of *kohen*.

36 *Adonai* commanded these to be given to them from *Bnei-Yisrael* on the day that he anointed them. It is their portion forever throughout their generations.

37 This is the *Torah* of the burnt offering, the grain offering, the sin offering, the trespass offering, the ordination offering, and the sacrifice of fellowship offerings,

38 which *Adonai* commanded Moses at Mount Sinai, on the day He commanded *Bnei-Yisrael* to present their offerings to *Adonai*, in the wilderness of Sinai.

Leviticus 8

Consecration of the Kohanim

1 Then *Adonai* spoke to Moses, saying:

2 “Take Aaron and his sons with him, the garments, the anointing oil, the bull of the sin offering, the two rams and the basket of *matzot* .

3 Then assemble all the congregation at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.”

4 So Moses did as *Adonai* commanded him. When the congregation was assembled at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting,

5 Moses said to the congregation, “This is what *Adonai* has commanded to be done.”

6 Moses brought Aaron and his sons and washed them with water.

7 He put the tunic on Aaron, tied the sash on him, clothed him with the robe, put the ephod on him, and tied the skillfully decorated sash of the ephod around him and fastened it on him.

8 He then placed the breastplate on Aaron, and inside the breastplate he put the Urim and the Thummim.

9 He set the turban on his head, and on front of the turban he set the golden plate, the holy crown, just as *Adonai* commanded Moses.

10 Moses took the anointing oil and anointed the Tabernacle and all that was in it, and so consecrated them.

11 He sprinkled the oil on the altar seven times and anointed the altar and all its utensils, the basin with its stand, to consecrate them.

12 He poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron’s head and anointed him to consecrate him.

13 Then Moses brought Aaron’s sons, and clothed them with tunics, tied sashes on them, and fastened headbands on them, as *Adonai* had commanded Moses.

14 Then he brought the bull of the sin offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the bull of the sin offering.

15 Moses then slaughtered it, took the blood and dabbed it onto the horns of the altar with his finger, and so purified the altar. Then he poured out the blood at the base of the altar and consecrated it, to make atonement for it.

16 He then took all the fat that was on the innards, the cover of the liver, and the two kidneys and their fat, and burned it up as smoke on the altar.

17 But the bull and its hide, its flesh and its dung, he burned with fire outside the camp, as *Adonai* had commanded.

18 He then presented the ram of the burnt offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram.

19 Then Moses slaughtered it and splashed the blood around on the altar.

20 After he cut the ram into its pieces, Moses burned the head, the pieces, and the fat.

21 He washed the innards and the legs with water. Then Moses burned the whole ram up in smoke on the altar. It was a burnt offering for a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to *Adonai*, as *Adonai* had commanded Moses.

22 Then he presented the second ram, the ram of ordination, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram.

23 Moses slaughtered it, took some of its blood and put it on the tip of Aaron's right ear, on the thumb of his right hand and on the great toe of his right foot.

24 Then Moses brought Aaron's sons and put some of the blood on the tips of their right ears, on the thumbs of their right hands and on the great toes of their right feet. Then Moses splashed the blood around on the altar.

25 He took the fat, the fat tail, and all the fat that was on the innards, as well as the cover of the liver, the two kidneys with their fat and the right thigh.

26 Then out of the basket of *matzah* that was before *Adonai*, he took one *matzah* cake, one cake of oiled bread and one wafer, and placed them on the fat and on the right thigh.

27 He put all these in Aaron's hands and in the hands of his sons, and waved them for a wave offering before *Adonai*.

28 Then Moses took them from their hands and burned them up in smoke on the altar with the burnt offering. They were a consecration for a soothing aroma. It was an offering by fire to *Adonai*.

29 Moses took the breast and waved it for a wave offering before *Adonai*. It was Moses' portion of the ram of ordination, just as *Adonai* commanded Moses.

30 Then Moses took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood which was on the altar, and sprinkled it on Aaron, on his garments, and on his sons, and on his sons' garments with him. So he consecrated Aaron, his garments, his sons and his sons' garments with him.

31 Moses then said to Aaron and to his sons, “Boil the meat at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting and eat it there, along with the bread that is in the basket of ordination, as I commanded, saying: ‘Aaron and his sons are to eat it.’

32 What remains of the meat and of the bread you should burn with fire.

33 You are not to go out from the entrance of the Tent of Meeting for seven days, until the days of your ordination are fulfilled, for he will be filling your hands for seven days.

34 What has been done this day, *Adonai* has commanded to be done, in order to make atonement for you.

35 You are to stay at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting day and night for seven days, and keep *Adonai*’s command, so that you do not die, for so I have been commanded.”

36 Thus Aaron and his sons did all the things that *Adonai* commanded through Moses.

HAFTARAH

Jeremiah 7:21-34

21 Thus says *Adonai-Tzva'ot*, the God of Israel: "Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices and eat the meat!

22 For on the day that I brought your fathers out of the land of Egypt I did not speak to them nor did I command them concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices, 23 but I explicitly commanded them: 'Obey My voice and I will be your God to you and you will be My people. Walk in all the ways that I command you that it may go well with you.'

24 But they did not listen or pay attention. Instead they followed their own counsel, in the stubbornness of their evil heart. They have gone backward and not forward,

25 from the day your fathers left the land of Egypt until today. Although I sent to you all My servants the prophets, daily and persistently,

26 they did not listen to Me or pay attention. Rather, they stiffened their neck, doing more evil than their fathers.

27 "When you tell them all these things, they will not listen to you. When you call to them, they will not answer you.

28 So you will say to them, 'This nation has not obeyed the voice of *Adonai* their God or received correction. Truth has perished and is cut off from their mouth.

29 Cut off your hair and throw it away and take up a lamentation on the barren hills. For *Adonai* has spurned and cast off the generation of His wrath."

Valley of Slaughter

30 "The children of Judah have done what is evil in My sight"—it is a declaration of *Adonai*—"They have set their detestable things in the House that bears My Name to defile it.

31 They have built the high places of Topheth in the Valley of Ben-Hinnom to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire—which I did not command, nor did it even enter My mind.

32 Therefore, the days are soon coming,” declares *Adonai*, “when it will no longer be called Topheth, nor the Valley of Ben-Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter. For they will bury in Topheth until there is no room.

33 The carcasses of this people will be food for the birds of the sky and for the beasts of the earth, and no one will frighten them away.

34 Then I will bring an end, from the cities of Judah and from the streets of Jerusalem, to the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride. For the land will be desolate.”

Jeremiah 8:1-3

1 “At that time”—it is a declaration of *Adonai*—“the bones of the kings of Judah and the bones of his princes, the bones of the *kohanim* and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem will be brought out of their graves.

2 They will spread them out to the sun, the moon and all the host of heaven, which they have loved and served, and after which they have walked and sought, and which they have worshipped. They will not be gathered or buried, but will be like dung on the face of the ground.

3 So death will be chosen rather than life by all the remnant that remains of this evil family that remains in all the places to which I have driven them.” It is a declaration of *Adonai-Tzva’ot*.

Jeremiah 9:22-23

22 Thus says *Adonai*: “Let not the wise boast in his wisdom nor the mighty boast in his might nor the rich glory in his riches.

23 But let one who boasts boast in this: that he understands and knows Me. For I am *Adonai* who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth. For in these things I delight.” It is a declaration of *Adonai*.

BRIT CHADASHA

Mark 12:28-34

Love Ends the Argument

28 One of the *Torah* scholars came and heard them debating. Seeing that *Yeshua* had answered them well, he asked Him, “Which commandment is first of all?”

29 *Yeshua* answered, “The first is, ‘*Shema Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonaiechad*. Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One.

30 And you shall love *Adonai* your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’

31 The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

32 “Well said, Teacher,” the *Torah* scholar said to Him. “You have spoken the truth, that He is *echad*, and besides Him there is no other!

33 And ‘to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love the neighbor as oneself,’ is much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

34 When *Yeshua* saw that he had answered wisely, He said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And no one dared any longer to question Him.

Romans 12:1-2

1 I urge you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy, acceptable to God—which is your spiritual service.

2 Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

1 Corinthians 10:14-23

Feast with the Lord—Not with Idols

14 Therefore, my dearly loved ones, flee from idolatry.

15 I speak as to sensible people—judge for yourselves what I say.

16 The cup of blessing that we bless— isn't it a sharing of Messiah's blood? The bread which we break— isn't it a sharing of Messiah's body?

17 Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body—for we all partake of the one bread.

18 Consider physical Israel. Those who eat the sacrifices— aren't they partners in the altar?

19 What am I saying then—that an idol sacrifice is anything, or that an idol is anything?

20 No, I'm saying that what the pagans sacrifice is to demons and not to God, and I don't want you to become partners with demons.

21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

22 Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? We are not stronger than He, are we?

23 "Everything is permitted"—but not everything is helpful. "Everything is permitted"—but not everything builds up.

