

ENTER INTO A MELCHIZEDEK CHANUKAH

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THEMES OF CHANUKAH

The themes of Chanukah revolve around Light, Freedom (Deliverance from Pagan Sun-god worship), being a courageous Warrior, Dedication and unique Shadow Pictures that are embedded in the festival, but I was shown something about this Feast this morning that directly pertains to Melchizedek priests (disciples of Yahshua)... so here it goes:

HOW PRIESTS WERE ORDAINED, TORAH PROTOCOL

Do you want to work for Yahshua as his Melchizedek priest (do you want to be a disciple of the Messiah)? Great!

There is a protocol laid out in the Torah by which to start your ministry (only now we get to do it in the better New Covenant fashion). You see, in the Torah, before a priest was allowed to enter his ministry unto YHVH they had to go through a pretty gruesome series of sacrifices and protocols (Lev. 8:33-9:1). They stood there and watched Moses perform all these sacrifices for them until atonement had been made for them. It says that these sacrifices had to be done first or they would not have lived to start their ministry. But once that was done, becoming a priest boiled down to a 2-step Dedication (Chanukkah) process:

1. For 7 days they would sit in the doorway of the tent of meeting (24/7) to continue their purification (so they wouldn't be killed) and then...
2. On the 8th day they were ordained and were allowed to start their ministry (which they started off by copying what Moses did 8 days before).

SAME PROTOCOL FOR NEW PRIESTHOOD PRIESTS

We believe this is still the protocol on how you enter Yahshua's Royal (Melchizedek) Priesthood, but since there is no Aaronic order to enter (because Yahshua's work brought a new priesthood order) becoming part of the Melchizedek priesthood is done with the same we see in Lev. 8:33-9:1 only performed in the New Covenant Way.

Instead of bulls and rams, Yahshua was the sacrifice that did 'atonement' for us. This allows us to live and start ministry (calling). Now that a way has been made, the 2-step process of Dedication (Chanukah) is very much the same as the old priesthood:

1. During Chanukah we “sit in the doorway” (we ‘sit’ in the ‘doorway of our hearts’ for 7 days waiting to be cleansed and purified)
2. Then we participate in being re-dedicated on the 8th day to our original purpose and to start our ministry to Yahshua and his Kingdom (which we start off by copying what Yahshua did and taught).

Atonement has been done through Yahshua’s sacrifice, but to enter this Royal priesthood our hearts need to be cleansed for 7 days and then re-dedicated on the 8th day as priests unto him. Our job is to be light bearers for the Light of the World. But our wax must be cleaned and our wicks trimmed. Only after this 2-step process can you be officially ordained to start your ministry as a Melchizedek priest. That doesn’t mean that you are ready to start flinging incense around. It means you are ready for the Ruach to live in your heart to do her work there, whatever that is - to whatever calling you have.

SIT STILL THIS WEEK

This week during Chanukah you can “sit in the doorway” and get cleansed and trimmed so that your candle can be lit from Yahshua and burn bright! He calls you to be a priest for him. He wants to train you to help him spread light into the darkness of our world! What a cool job! What an amazing Festival to have this accomplished in our lives!

Among many reasons for celebrating Chankkah, do you see how important Dedication (Chanukah) is to his Royal priests? If you notice the Aaronic priesthood started off their ministry on the 8th day by copying exactly what Moses had done prior to their 7 days in the doorway. Then should not we, as Yahshua’s Melchizedek priests be about the King’s businesses on the 8th day of our Dedication (Chanukah) — beginning by doing exactly what Yahshua said to do and what he showed us how to do when he was here? On the 8th day we would start with copying our High Priest as he lived out the Greatest Commandment (Matt. 22:34-40). Then we would eat of him as he told us to do (John 6:51). Then we would obey his command to seek his Kingdom (Matt. 6:33), the Scattered and teach them (Matt. 5:18-19).

FEVER IS A GOOD THING

So this week, offer your heart to the Ruach to awaken it, bring a fever to it and clean it for these 7 days. Be good to your heart and love on it this week, because when you invite the Ruach to straighten it up, to sweep it out, to scrub it down—it can be painful. But it’s so important because only then can you invite Yahshua into it to light you up!

From experience I tell you that as you enter a state of cleansing you will have feelings of

“heart sickness” like anger, depression, frustration, anxiety, stress or some kind of uncomfortable-ness. I guarantee that during this time of year it is most likely the Ruach beginning the offer of purging and cleaning of your heart. Your job is to sit with it. Let it take you where it needs to. Don’t try to calm your reactions. Don’t try to fix things and bring your heart back in line with your morality. Don’t try to just get rid of the uncomfortable-ness. Allow it to fester. Let the fever come to a head so that the fever will break. That’s the point of the uncomfortable-ness!

Right at the point when the fever is the hottest and it breaks is when you start to heal. Just like when we get sick physically — it is our bodies trying to cleanse itself so that it can expel the bad and get better. It works nearly the same way during a heart cleansing. When your heart feels “sick” it’s trying to purge something. If you numb it, subdue it, ignore it, vaccinate it, rationalize it, distract it, downplay it or pacify it then it will never purge and never heal and never be immune to that thing in the future—it will just come and torment you again. So, I encourage you to not cover up the “sickness” but embrace it and ride that roller coaster this week.

THE HOPE OF CHANUKAH

The hope of Chanukah is that you can get well. You can get clean and become immune to certain heart diseases! You can be restored! You can be healed! You can be light! You can be a royal priest! You just need these 8 days each year to go through a good cleansing! I want to stress that effective Melchizedek priests don’t just cover things up and pretend everything is okay.

Melchizedek priests are real. They are authentic. They show their true-ness mostly by allowing their heart to breathe — so that their Temple can be cleansed — not just during Chanukah, but all year long. The point is not to stay “sick,” but to get healed and then help others get the healing they need!

Oh, I just love this Festival! I hope you do to! The health of your heart is one thing that he wants to talk with you about at this time of year! I can’t wait to hear your stories of heart cleansing as you prepare to re-dedicate your heart on the 8th day of Chanukah.

I look forward to hearing what new or old traditions you have implemented this year for this incredible Festival of Lights and Dedication, Chanukah!