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## Hanukkah The Feast of Dedication Q&A

Every year just after the feast of Sukkot, it seems that we always have a lot of questions concerning the Feast of Dedication, originally known as the “Festival of Lights”, and better known today as the “Feast of Hanukkah”. The word Hanukkah, comes from the Hebrew word for “dedication,” “consecration” or “inauguration.”, and for those of you who don’t already know... It refers to the Jewish rededication of the second Temple in the second century BC.

The reason that the temple had to be rededicated was because of a man by the name of Antiochus Epiphanies. To make a long story short, Antiochus Epiphanies came along about 150 years after Alexander the Great. Alexander the Great allowed the nations that he conquered to have religious freedom. However, Antiochus Epiphanies did not. Antiochus Epiphanies was a tyrannical ruler, who was a shadow picture of the antichrist that is soon to come in the very near future. Antiochus Epiphanies murdered the high priests at the temple, and then entered into the temple and turned the altar of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob into an altar to the Greek God Zeus. He also took it upon himself to slaughter pigs on the altar of God which is an abomination to the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob.

And so, we won’t get into the historical documentation of all of the atrocities that Antiochus Epiphanies committed against the Jewish people here today, because we have several teachings on this particular topic at our website at [HolyImpactMinistries.com](http://HolyImpactMinistries.com). And those teachings are very easy to find, all you have to do is navigate to [holyimpactministries.com](http://holyimpactministries.com) and then click on the “Hanukkah” button and you’ll find several teachings on the Feast of Dedication Also Known as “Hanukkah”, and you’ll find a much more detailed description about who Antiochus Epiphanies really was and the atrocities that he committed against God’s people.

Today’s study is for the more educated Christian, who already understands the history of Hanukkah, but may have questions about whether or not to celebrate Hanukkah. There are all kinds of questions floating around about whether or not a Christian should celebrate Hanukkah, and what the true differences between Christmas, and Hanukkah really are. And some of our brothers and sisters are still wondering how we should celebrate Hanukkah if we do choose to celebrate it, and, exactly what is adding too God’s word, and taking away from God’s word, and what is allowed, and what is not allowed, according to our father in heaven’s God breathed Scriptures.

And so, today's study is going to be geared more towards these kinds of questions rather than the historical implications of Hanukkah and how it came to be. So, if you're looking for historical documentation concerning Hanukkah in more detail, you might want to navigate over to our website at [HolyImpactMinistreis.com](http://HolyImpactMinistreis.com) and click on the "Hanukkah" button, and again, you'll find several hours of video teachings on Hanukkah and what it is and what it is not, and how it came to be.

In a nutshell, what we will attempt to explain here today, is why a Christian should observe Hanukkah instead of today's modern-day version of what Christianity proclaims to be one of the most holy days of the year called "Christmas". Today we're going to try to explain why it is that we hold fast to the "Feast of Dedication" also known as "Hanukkah", and why we abhor, and detest the Roman Catholic created pagan lie of "Christmas".

You know it always amazes me how many well educated Christian historians that we have floating around out there in the world today, who have made boatloads of money, and have become world renowned authors... Many of whom have several bestsellers out on the market today... And yet refuse to document the truth about today's Roman Catholic created pagan lie of "Christmas".

It amazes me how these well-educated Christian historians...who have amassed all kinds of notoriety, and have literally become famous because of the research that they have done concerning the history of Christianity... Will willfully and blatantly cover up, and kick dirt over the truth of the Roman Catholic created pagan lie of "Christmas".

Today we have modern-day Pharisees and scribes who parade around as pastors, priests, bishops, and the popish leaders, who are no better than the Pharisees and the scribes of our Messiah's time. And just for the benefit of anyone who may be viewing this video for the first time, who does not know and understand who our Messiah said the Pharisees and the scribes were... I want us to turn to John 8:44-47:

*Joh 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*

*Joh 8:45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me.*

*Joh 8:46 Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me?*

*Joh 8:47 Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."*

You see because the scribes and Pharisees had bought into their own wisdom instead of the wisdom that they had been given through our father's God breathed Scriptures... They had

made themselves the seed of Satan. They had no interest in the truth that our Messiah was trying to give them because they had already bought into their own man-made wisdom which was given to them by the little “g” god of this world. You see they wanted to keep all of their man-made traditions, and rituals, and myths, so that they could seem important, and more intelligent than everyone else. Their stature, and their notoriety meant more to them than the truth, and keeping their status in the synagogues took precedence over the truth, as far as they were concerned. They had completely and utterly forgotten what was written in the Scriptures that they so proudly proclaimed to preach and teach. In Deuteronomy chapter 12 verse 32 it is written very clearly not to add to, or take away from, God’s word. And yet they had written their own laws on top of God’s laws, and then proclaimed their own laws to be God’s laws. Even though they’re our Messiah had told them very clearly, that they had made void the word of God in order to hold onto their own tradition. He said “this generation honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me”. And because they had done this... and were teaching others to do these things as well... our Messiah told them in Matthew chapter 23 verse 15 that they traveled over land and sea to make one follower, and when they had made that one follower... he was a twofold child of hell more so than themselves. And that’s exactly what we have in the world today my friends. These modern-day scribes and Pharisees do not hold fast to God’s word. They ignore the Scriptures that they don’t like, and they add to the Scriptures, things that they do like in order to whore after their own hearts. And this is exactly why they so proudly proclaimed that all denominations and all understandings, and all religions, should all gather together and hold hands and sing “Kumbaya”. It’s all about you do your thing, and I’ll do my thing, and what all make up to heaven our own way. Because that’s what Oprah Winfrey says on TV.

The Roman Catholic Church and her little “g” god Pope, are right now trying to sweep over 5000 different Christian denominational charters under their umbrella. And not only is she trying to sweep over 5000 different Christian denominational charters under her umbrella... she’s also trying to sweep all religions of the world under her umbrella. The Buddhist, the Jews, the shaman, the Hindu, the Muslim... she wants control over them all. The Roman Catholic Church and her little “g” god Pope want all the religions of the world under her power, and many of today’s modern-day scribes and Pharisees have run right back into the arms of their mother church and her little “g” god Pope. Men like Kenneth Copeland, Joel Olsteen, Rick Warren, James Robison, and even the great Billy Graham himself has honored, and graced the little “g” god Pope of Rome with his presence and honored the one who stands in direct opposition to the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, and his people.

And so, it should not surprise us, that these so-called biblical historians who have been birthed from the gates of today’s modern-day colleges, and seminary schools, would hold fast to the programming that has been embedded in their hearts and minds through the wisdom of men.

But we as true God fearing, Messiah following, Christians are commanded to study to show ourselves approved. We are not commanded to sit and listen my friends. We are commanded to study to show ourselves approved. We are not commanded to enter a brick-and-mortar building,

on the wrong day of the week, and call it God's seventh day Sabbath, and sit in a church pew for 45 minutes, and listen to some man that we hardly know preach out of the back of the book, while programming us not to read the first half of the book, and then throw a few dollars in the golden plate as it passes by, and turn right around and live like the devil the rest of the week because we think that were once saved always saved, because that's what the guy preaching out of the back half of the book told us. This my friends is not Christianity. And as Christians we ought to know better than this kind of behavior. And so today my goal is to attempt to explain some of the differences between the true Christian holiday of Hanukkah, and the false Christian holiday of Christmas, and why we should keep Hanukkah, and why we should shun the Roman Catholic created pagan lie of Christmas.

The first question that we always seem to be confronted with is "***what's the difference between Hanukkah and Christmas?***" After all we know that neither Hanukkah or Christmas are commanded celebrations for us to keep. Neither Hanukkah or Christmas are commanded in Leviticus chapter 23 like all of the other feast days are. So why should we keep either one of them? And this is a good question. And it's a question that every single solitary Christian should be asking themselves. Because these are the kinds of questions that lead to the truth. These are the kinds of questions that keep us out of the darkness, and keep us on the narrow path that leads back to the tree of life that are Messiah has shown us.

The answer to that question is that there are several stark differences between Hanukkah and Christmas. One of the most important differences is that Hanukkah is a well-documented historical, factual event. The birth of our Messiah being on December 25th is not. One event is true, and well documented... and the other is a truly documented lie. One event is based on truthful, historical documentation, while the other event is based on a lie that has been perpetrated for generations. Now I don't know about you my friends but I do know that the ninth commandment tells us that we shall not lie. And I can't think of anything worse, than an adult Christian, lying to a child, and causing that child to sin in the eyes of God. Let's turn to Luke 17:1-2:

***Luk 17:1 And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come!"***

***Luk 17:2 It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin.***

"Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come!" That my friends is a tectonically important red-letter warning that comes directly from the mouth, from the breath, and from the tongue of our Messiah. "Whoa to the one through whom they come!" And I don't know about you my friends, but that seems pretty straightforward to me. You don't need a secret decoder ring out of your crackerjack box, nor do you need four years of seminary school, or two years of philosophy training to understand these two sentences. So, in other words if you're going to willfully, and blatantly lie to someone, and you're going to willfully, and blatantly cause them to sin, you'd better make doggone sure it's not one of these little

ones... Says... Our Messiah who will be the one doing the judging by the way.

Hanukkah, also known as the “Feast of Dedication” has many truths to teach us and our children. Hanukkah teaches us the power of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, who caused a small band of Jewish farmers to defeat a professionally-trained and innumerable army of men against all odds. Hanukkah teaches us who our Messiah is, and what things will be like in the end of days. Hanukkah teaches us the benefits and the privileges of loving our father in heaven by keeping his commandments, and his precepts, and his laws, and appointments because we love him. Hanukkah teaches us that everything that we receive, and everything that we have, has been given to us by the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Hanukkah teaches us how important “endurance” really is, and why it’s important for us not to shrink back, or cower in the face of persecution. Hebrews 10:37-39:

*Heb 10:37 For, “Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay;*

*Heb 10:38 but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.”*

*Heb 10:39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.*

The Jewish people who lived through the persecution of Antiochus Epiphanies certainly did not shrink back. Even though their children were scalped, and their hands and feet were cut off, and their circumcised children were murdered, and then hung around the necks of their mothers. Even though they were boiled alive, they did not shrink back. The biblical and scriptural lessons that Hanukkah teach us are many, and so too are its biblical connections to what is soon to come upon us all. Faith, love, and endurance are the spiritual weapons that will ultimately save us from the second death, and will lead us down that narrow path that our Messiah said that few would find.

And on the other hand... as we look at Christmas, it’s understandable that people would proudly proclaimed that Christmas teaches us about the birth of our Messiah... but I would submit to you my friends that we are to worship the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and his only begotten Son in “Spirit”, and in “Truth. The idea that our Messiah was born on the same day that every major Sun god who was ever known throughout history... is simply a manmade lie, and it will always be a manmade lie. And this celebration itself sells our children many more lies than it does truths. Those who hold fast to the Roman Catholic created pagan lie of “Christmas” will try to tell us that their beloved “Christmas” teaches us to be cheerful givers! And although our father in heaven certainly does want us to be cheerful givers... We must ask ourselves, what motivates us to give. And we must also ask ourselves how biblically correct it is to heap upon our children, all the desires of their hearts. What does this produce? What does this create within our children? What does this teach our children? Does it teach them to be humble? Dose it teach them that it is better to give or to take? Does it teach them the benefits of a hard day’s work, or the fulfilment of reaping what they have sown? Does it teach them to be thankful? And if so... to be thankful to who? Santa Claus? The Pope? Mom and dad? Grandma

and grandpa? Uncle Joe Bob? Does it teach them to be thankful to the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob? Or does it leave them empty, and broken, and wanting more free stuff?

Does heaping upon our children, all the desires of their hearts, teach them to be humble? Does it teach them to be excited about giving... Or the blessings that we receive through giving? Or does it teach them to live with their hands out? Does it create a child who knows humility, and kindness, and servitude... or does it create an empty, unthankful spoiled brat of a child who only continues to demand more?

I would submit to you my friends that the Catholic created pagan lie of “Christmas” has done nothing more for our children than to separate them from their faith in the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob and his only begotten son. Those of us who celebrate Hanukkah, celebrate the power and the glory of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob and his only begotten son because we understand the power of our father in heaven, and why it was that he wanted that temple to be in place when his only begotten son arrived. Without a temple being in place, our Messiah could not have shown us the proper way to love our father in heaven. First John 5:3 tells us that the biblical definition of the love of God... Is that we keep his commandments, and his commandments are not a burden to us. Our Messiah was at that temple for every feast day that our father in heaven ever command. And our Messiah clearly told us that it is only those who pick up their crosses and follow him... and that do the will of his father in heaven, that will enter into his kingdom. And so, it should be clear to every Christian, that our Messiah ordained each and every commanded feast day by keeping it himself, and by being at the temple as the house of Israel was commanded to be, at the appointed time of his father.

Now knowing and understanding these things... It should also be understood that our Messiah was indeed at the temple for the “Feast of Dedication”, also known as “Hanukkah”. Let’s turn to John 10:22-23:

*Joh 10:22 At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter,  
Joh 10:23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon.*

So, let me ask you my friends... where in your Bible does it say that Yeshua Jesus, ever celebrated his own birthday? As a matter of fact, where in your Bible does it say that Yeshua ever celebrated any of the birthdays of his apostles? In fact, where in your Bible does it say that any of God’s priests, prophets, or apostles ever had their birthdays recorded anywhere in the Scriptures? And we all certainly know that the birthday of our Messiah is not recorded anywhere, in any Scripture ever found. The truth is my friends that there were only two birthdays ever recorded in your Bible anywhere. And they were both the birthdays of pagan kings who committed murder on those birthdays. You see there is no historical evidence of a Hebrew Israelite ever celebrating their birthday found in the Scriptures. And I know that some will point to the sons of Job... But they wrongly point to the sons of Job, because the Scripture in no way shape or form ever tells us that the sons of Job were celebrating their birthdays. There is not one Scripture in all of the Bible that we hold in our very hands that ever tells us that one

Hebrew Israelite ever celebrated their birthdays. So, let me ask you my friends, did God ordained the celebration of birthdays in the Scripture? Because if he did, biblical scholars have missed that for thousands of years, and I must say so have I, so I'd love to see it. But I know that I won't see it, because it does not exist.

There are plenty of differences between the God ordained Festival of Hanukkah, that our very own Messiah attended in John chapter 10 first 23, and the Roman Catholic ordained pagan festival of "Christmas" whose foundations are built upon a flat-out lie. The truth is my friends that our adversary always mixes truth with lies. He always mixes a little bit of truth, with just enough lie to kill both you and your children, and your children's children.

Is Hanukkah commanded in our father's Torah? The truthful answer to that question is both yes, and no. Hanukkah is not commanded in our father's Torah concerning the letter of the Torah. But everything that Hanukkah is, and stands for, can be found in our father's Torah. The power of God over an insurmountable army of men can be found in our father's Torah. The power of our father's Ruach Hakodesh... The very spirit of God and his power to enable us to contend for the faith, and to endure to the very end, can be found in our father's Torah. And the fact that our Messiah attended, and thereby ordained the Feast of Dedication can also be found in our father's God breathed Scriptures. So, let me ask you my friends, which of these attributes can be found in the Roman Catholic created pagan lie of "Christmas"?

And let's talk just for just a moment about the Roman Catholic created pagan "St. Nicholas", also known as "old Nick". For those of you who do not know... The phrase "Old Nick" is another name used for the devil. Try entering the term "Old Nick" into a search engine in your smart phone and see what you get. Who is this "Old Nick"? Let's just run down the list and see, shall we?



“Old Nick” has eternal life doesn’t he? Old Nick has his own book that he wants to write the names of your children in doesn’t he? Old Nick is the one that today’s modern-day Christian tells their children gives them all the desires of their hearts isn’t he? Old Nick comes down out of the heavens in his reindeer driven chariot, doesn’t he? Old Nick is the one who puts all of his gifts under the evergreen tree so that you children must bow down before the tree to accept them doesn’t he?

My friends how can we think for one second... That “Old Nick” here is anything less than the devil himself who disguises himself as an Angel of light?

There are stark differences between Hanukkah and Christmas. And although neither one of them is found listed in the book of Leviticus... It should be clear to us that everything that has to do with Hanukkah can be found within the pages of Scripture. But not everything that has to do with Christmas can be found within the Scripture. In fact, I would submit to you my friends that because Christmas begins with, and is built upon, a lie... That it should be disqualified and abstained from by every God-fearing, Messiah following true Christian. And for those Christians who would proclaim that **keeping Hanukkah is adding to God’s word**... I would simply submit to you that Hanukkah has been proven to be God ordained in John chapter 10 verses 22 and 23, where it is written that our Messiah was at the temple himself for the Feast of Dedication, also known as... Hanukkah. Our Messiah was the perfect example of who, and what, we should be, and do. And to deny these things, is to deny the Messiah and what he came for. It was he that showed us the way. And it was he that was an example for all of mankind. So, for those of our brothers and sisters who would shame us for doing what our Messiah did, and

following his example, I would simply say... “Shame on you”.

Another question that we always hear about concerning keeping the Feast of Dedication, also known as Hanukkah... Is **“can we give gifts during Hanukkah?”** And the answer to that should be very clear. Nowhere in the Scripture does it tell us not to give gifts. But what it does tell us... Is not to bow down to a green tree, and to lie to our children about where these gifts come from. Our own father in heaven gifted the temple back to the Jewish people. Our Messiah gifted us all with the gift of salvation and the gift of everlasting life. I would submit to you that giving your children all the desires of their hearts is not advisable, and especially when they think that these gifts come from a pagan God dressed in a red suit that comes out of your fireplace. But I would also submit to you that giving your children good gifts and explaining that these gifts, come from the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob who gives us our health, and our breath, and our provision is indeed acceptable to our father in heaven and his only begotten son. In most cases those of us who celebrate Hanukkah will give their children one gift per day for each of the eight days that it took to sanctify the temple. And these gifts do not have to be expensive, nor do they have to be what our children desire. They may be gifts that our children need rather than what they desire. And it can be explained to them that our father often gives us what we need rather than what we desire. As we lite each one of the candles on the Hanukkiah, it is often taught that the center candle called the “Shamash Candle” represents our Messiah who gives light to the whole world. And each of the eight days that we lite each one of these candles, we read from the Scripture and teach our children the importance of helping to spread that very same light around the world.

There has never been a biblical mandate against giving good gifts to our children. However, there is a biblical mandate against giving gifts to our children that come from a mystical man in a red suit who comes down out of the heavens in his magical chariot if your child’s name is written in his good book, and if you’ve written letters to him and left cookies and milk on the counter to honor him. There is a biblical mandate against hiding the love of our Messiah from our children, and there is a biblical mandate against teaching them about the divination of flying reindeer and magical elves. There is no biblical mandate against teaching our children the historical truth of why the temple was there in Jerusalem when our Messiah arrived on the scene. But there is a biblical mandate against teaching our children how to dabble in sin, and how to trade the love of our Messiah for the love of the Roman Catholic popes beloved St. Nicholas... Also known as “Old Nick”.

The biblical narrative has never been about teaching our children to lift up any flesh and bone man above, or in place of our Messiah. The biblical narrative has always taught us to remember the things of our father in heaven. The biblical narrative has always taught us to remember the battles that our father in heaven has fought for us, and won for us. From the beginning of Torah, we are taught to remember him and the things that he has done for us. And so, when it comes to defending our celebration of the Feast of Dedication I would simply turn us back to the teachings of the apostle Paul found in Colossians 2:16-23:

*Col 2:16 Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath.*

*Col 2:17 These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.*

*Col 2:18 Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind,*

*Col 2:19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.*

*Col 2:20 If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations—*

*Col 2:21 “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch”*

*Col 2:22 (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings?*

*Col 2:23 These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.*

You see Paul was telling his congregation not to allow the Gnostics to judge them for keeping our father's commandments concerning food and drink, or his festivals and feast days, or his new moon calendar, or his Sabbath days. Paul was telling his congregation that all of these things are a shadow of things to come, but the substance belongs to our Messiah. And so, it is with the feast of dedication. Let no one judge you my friends in questions of food and drink, or gifts, or the historical movement of our father's hand in rescuing his people from a type and shadow of the antichrist himself. Let no one disqualify you insisting on the divination of flying reindeer and magical elves. People who are puffed up without reason by their own sensuous mines not holding fast to the head who is our Messiah, from whom the whole body is nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments grows each and every day with a growth that is from the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. If you died with the Messiah to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world do you submit to its pagan regulations, and rituals, and myths, according to human precepts and teachings? These indeed have an appearance of wisdom and promoting self-made religion and the worship of a man-made toy God that we have created in the minds of our children, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

It's important my friends that we let no one judge us because we choose to teach our children about the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob and his only begotten son, rather than to teach them about the wisdom, and the traditions, and the rituals of men. The Gnostics of Paul's time are alive and well in our time here today, and they continue to drive a wedge between truth and tradition. Between true history, and false history. Between the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, and the mystical pagan little “g” gods of old. Make no mistake about it my friends the wicked spirit of Gnosticism is alive and well today and still thrives within the halls of Catholicism.

So, let no one judge you my friends. Do what our father in heaven has put in your heart to do.

Keep what our father in heaven has put in your heart to keep. And obey what our father in heaven has put in your heart to obey. Everyone has an opinion, and everyone has an agenda. Everyone has an idea, a dream, and their own degree of knowledge. But I tell you the truth my friends... It is not for the Christian to follow after the opinions of men, or the agendas of men, or the ideas of men, or the dreams of men, or the understanding and the wisdom of men. The Christian is to follow after the opinion, and the agenda, and the idea and the dreams, and the knowledge of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob and his only begotten son. And I believe that our Messiah said it best in Matthew chapter 23:8-12:

*Mat 23:8 But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers.*

*Mat 23:9 And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven.*

*Mat 23:10 Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ.*

*Mat 23:11 The greatest among you shall be your servant.*

*Mat 23:12 Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.*

“Shema” is the Hebrew word that begins the most important prayer of the house of Israel. It begins with a command to “hear.” And it can be found in Deuteronomy 6:4-9:

*Deu 6:4 “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.*

*Deu 6:5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*

*Deu 6:6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.*

*Deu 6:7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*

*Deu 6:8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.*

*Deu 6:9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

And so, as we move into the season of Hanukkah this year... Let us indeed love our father with all of our heart and with all of our soul and with all of our might. And let the words that he has commanded us today to be on our hearts. Let us teach these things diligently to our children, and let us talk of them when we sit in our houses, and when we walk by the way, and when we lie down, and when we rise. Let us bind his word as a sign on our hands and in what we do. And let his word be as frontlets between our eyes and what we believe. Let us write these things on the door posts of our houses and on our gates. And let us not worry about the mindless accusations of a lost generation as we honor our father just as our Messiah did when he walked in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon on the “Feast of Dedication.”