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Numbers Chapters 5

Once again, shalom to everyone out there who has decided to join us this evening for our Bible study into the 5th chapter of the book of Numbers. This portion of our study this evening is going to deal with unclean people, confession and restitution, and the test for adultery that you may already be somewhat familiar with.

But before we jump into our study this evening, I'd like to just take a moment and go back to refresh our memories as far as what we've already learned from the book of Numbers so far.

So far back in the first chapter of the the book of Numbers we've seen Yehvoah God put together an army for the house of Israel which means that Yehovah God was well aware of the fact that physical wars would be something that the house of Israel would indeed be involved in. And I would submit to you my friends that once again... nothing has changed today in our time. God knew beyond the shadow of a doubt that the house of Israel would indeed be involved in war, and the reason that the knew that was because his adversary had been waging war against him since the fall of man back in the garden of Eden. The world would indeed be the enemy of God's chosen set apart people and Yehvoah God knew this from the very beginning. And this is why it is written that those who make themselves friends of the world make themselves enemies of God. **(scrn 1)**

Yehvoah knew that there would be no way to escape war and bloodshed even though this was not his chosen preference for mankind. But it was indeed mankind that wanted to know the difference between good and evil. And it was indeed mankind that took from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil because the serpent in the garden had promised man that he would become like "God". And from that moment on... the Devil was raising up for himself his own offspring just

as we're told that he would in **Genesis chapter 3 verse 15. (scrn 2)**

And so, we can see that the preparation for war begins in the book of Numbers as the house of Israel begins to now move across the wilderness to the promised land that Yehovah God had promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and we will soon see the Devil at work even within the house of Israel itself as they set out and journey through the wilderness while learning not just who they are and about themselves... but they will also learn about Yehvoah God and who he is as well. And we'll soon see why the spoken word of Yehvoah God is so vitally important not just to the house of Israel back in Moses' day... but for you and I who have been grafted into the house of Israel today in our time.

We also learned that the tribe of Levi would be exempted from going to war because the tribe of Levi would be doing battle on another level all together. The tribe of the Levites would be doing battle on a spiritual level in making sure that the house of Israel could indeed stay within the confines of the grace and mercy of Yehvoah God by being obedient to him and his spoken word and keeping the house of Israel away from sin and transgression so that they could be his people and so that he could be their Eloyim.

Moving on in chapter 2 we learned about the arrangement of the Camp, and why the direction of the east was so important. In chapter 3 we learned about the sons of Aaron who were ordained to serve as priests, and we learned about the many duties of the Levites and what it was that they were tasked with. And we also learned that you and I who are true God fearing, Messiah following, cross bearing Christians are also to become a nation of priests and a holy nation to our Father in heaven. And in chapter 3 we learned about the importance of the redemption of the firstborn, and the fact that the house of Israel was indeed considered Yehovah God's firstborn, and still is to this very day.

In chapter 4 we learned about the duties of the Kohathites and the fact that Moses himself was a Kohathite. We must remember that Levi had three sons, Koath, Gershon, and Merari, and these three sons became what is known today as the tribe of Levi. And although we covered much more than just these few concepts, we're now ready to move into Numbers chapter 5 where we'll see a few more commandments and concepts from Yehvoah God that once again include his High Priest and his Tabernacle (which once again points directly to our Messiah and you and I).

These commandments that we'll see today in Numbers chapter 5 all have to do with the High Priest and the Tabernacle of Yehovah God. Unclean people could not come near the Tabernacle or the camp because by doing so they would defile the camp and the Tabernacle. And the test for Adultery that we'll soon see here in Numbers chapter 5 that was to be done by the High Priest within the Tabernacle once again teaches us the importance of abstaining from sexual immorality and just what an abomination it is in the eyes of God.

And so, before we do anything else here this evening, let us go now to the book of Numbers chapter 4 and let's read it for ourselves so that we can know exactly what it does say and just as importantly... what it does not say. **Numbers chapter 5 E1**

The very first thing that we see within Numbers chapter 5 is the commandment for people who are unclean.

Being "unclean" could mean several different things but one of the most important was that no "unclean" person could contaminate what was holy by being in the vicinity of what was holy. We must remember that what was "holy" was seen to God's property and God's property alone. The wilderness Tabernacle was seen as "holy" because it and everything associated with it belonged to Yehovah God. But it's also important to understand that the house of Israel itself also belonged to Yehvoah God. And so, there were very strict commandments and instructions for those who had inadvertently become what was known as "unclean" in the eyes of God.

Anyone who was leprous, or had a discharge, and everyone who was seen as unclean through contact with a dead body both male and female were to be put outside of the camp because it was within the camp of Israel that Yehvoah God dwelt at that time.

Just this past 7th day Sabbath as we studied the 8th chapter of the book of Matthew, and we took a more in depth look at this disease called "Leprosy" and we made note of the fact that Yeshua (Jesus) had healed a man who was a leper in Matthew chapter 8. And we made mention of the fact that Leprosy was often times used by Yehvoah God as a punishment for those who disobeyed his spoken word. And once again we have all kinds of evidence concerning this biblical fact all throughout the Bible in places like 2nd Kings chapter 5 concerning Gehazi the servant of Elisha,

2nd Chronicles chapter 26 concerning Uzziah, Numbers chapter 12 concerning Miriam when she opposed Moses. And in 2nd Kings we find that Gehazi the servant of Elisha was not only plagued personally with leprosy as a punishment, but it was also written that leprosy would also cling to his descendants as well. **2nd Kings 5:27 (scrn 3)**

Naaman was a commander of the Syrian army, and he was held in favor because of the victory that God had brought him but this Naaman himself was a leper who had Leprosy. Naaman's wife had a servant girl from Israel who told Naaman that he should go to see the prophet of Israel and ask to be healed of his Leprosy. Naaman of course does this, and the King sends him to the prophet Elisha who tells Naaman to go wash himself in the Jordan river which he does and is healed of his Leprosy.

To make a long story short... after Naaman was healed due to the instructions of the prophet Elisha Naaman then comes to Elisha and wants to give him silver and gold and expensive clothing but Elisha refuses to allow Naaman to bless him with these riches. Elisha makes it very clear to Naaman that God's healing gift is free and costs nothing.

Naaman's heart was changed instantly, and he committed himself to Yehvoah God and Yehvoah God only. But on Naaman's way back to his home in Syria, Gehazi the prophet Elisha's servant followed after Naaman and asked him for silver and expensive clothing and Naaman gave Gehazi the money and clothing. But when Elisha heard of what Gehazi had done... Elisha cursed Gehazi with the same curse of Leprosy that Naaman had originally had. And this was Gehazi's punishment for basically stealing money and clothing from Naaman because God had healed him.

This story of Naaman and Gehazi is chalked full of sermons and studies that could be done for weeks but the point that needs to be understood here is that Yehvoah God does indeed use diseases like Leprosy for his good purpose, and he does use them to chastise those who disobey him and his spoken word. And we once again do not only see this concerning Gehazi in 2nd Kings, but we also see it in other places within the Scripture like 2nd Chronicles chapter 26 concerning Uzziah, and Numbers chapter 12 concerning Miriam when she opposed Moses.

And so, this is why we tell our brothers and sisters that when we pray for someone who is ill or stricken with a particular disease or ailment (especially someone that we don't even know)... that we should always pray that Yehovah God's will would

be done on earth as it is in heaven because we never know what any one person's status is with Yehvoah God. Is that person undergoing a testing from Yehvoah God, or is this person going through this testing in order for God to teach them or to turn them back to him? The fact is that when we pray for people that we don't know, we don't know what their circumstances are or whether or not their relationship with Yehovah God is in good standing or not. And so, when we pray for someone, we should always pray for Yehvoah God's will in their lives and that his will and his will alone would be done concerning them.

Praying for Yehvoah God's will to be done in someone's life is far better than praying for a healing that God himself has rejected for his own reasons. The last thing that we want to do is to be praying against the will of God. We must always remember that God has mercy on whom God has mercy, not on whom we say he must have mercy. Which in of itself is another whole study that we could get into but the point once again that needs to be properly understood is that people can become "unclean" for many different reasons. And because we are unable to see or know what their relationship with God is like, or what God might be doing in their lives, we must not do as the Pharisees do. We must always be in one accord with our Father in heaven because we know full well that it is his will that matters not ours. And it is his will that is best for us all as a body.

And so, being unclean or being in an unclean state can happen to anyone and is not necessarily always a curse even though it certainly can be. For instance, if you're a hunter during hunting season and you kill a deer. Once you clean that deer and then carry it back to be butchered you have touched a dead animal and are thereby in an "unclean" state until the evening. And so, you would not be able to approach the Tabernacle or God's Temple until you have washed, and the evening has passed. You simply cannot come and bring an offering to Yehvoah God's house in an unclean state. And if you were unclean because of Leprosy, you could not enter the camp at all because by doing so you would inadvertently defile the dwelling place of Yehvoah God.

Now... with that being said... this does not mean that you are rejected by God because you are in an unclean state. A person can be in an unclean state for many different reasons, but this does not mean that God has forsaken you. It simply means that your physical state... in other words your fleshly body... is in an unclean state and therefore you cannot physically take your body before God's holy place until you are in a clean state again. This does not mean that God no longer

hears your prayers. This does not mean that God has abandon you, and this does not mean that you are doomed forever. We must remember that our fleshly bodies return to the earth. It is our Spirit that returns to Yehvoah God. And Yehvoah God is much more concerned with our spirit than he is our fleshly bodies. It is those who are pure in spirit that he is seeking, not necessarily those with perfectly pure bodies.

And so, I hope that this does not confuse anyone in thinking that while they're in an unclean state that they cannot pray or worship God. Being in an unclean state simply means that you can not take your unclean body near his holy dwelling place and stand on hallowed ground.

Even when someone had taken a Nazirite vow which we'll soon see in the next chapter of the book of Numbers in chapter 6... the Nazirite could not go near or do anything that would make himself unclean because during the time that he or she vowed that Nazirite vow... they had vowed themselves both spiritually and physically as wholly belonging to Yehovah God and they were to remain holy and above reproach. The Nasserite vow was all about walking with Yehvoah God for a designated period of specified time. If they somehow became unclean... this would break the Nazirite vow that they had taken, and they would have to start all over again. And we'll see that as we get into Numbers chapter 6.

And so, there is much to be understood about being in an unclean state, but what we need to take away from this commandment is that nothing unclean or impure can enter into Yehvoah God's immediate presents and stand on his hallowed ground before him.

As we move into Numbers verses 5 through 10, we see the commandment for the confession and restitution of not just God... but others as well. If we do something sinful in nature to someone, we are to confess our transgression and to then make the proper restitution for that transgression.

And this also includes our sins against Yehvoah God. When we transgress... and we realize that we have transgressed his spoken word, we are to turn back from that sin and repent of it by confessing our sins to him. And if we have confessed our transgressions to him because we know that we have transgressed... we need to then repent and keep ourselves far away from that particular sin not returning to it like a dog to its vomit or like a pig to its mire.

Willful and intentional sin was never atoned for even with the sin offering of an innocent animal back in the Old Testament. Willful and intentional sin could not be forgiven in the Old Testament. And in the New Testament... it will be our Messiah who will judge who will gain entrance into his kingdom and who will not. And so, if we continue to sin, and we willfully and intentionally continue to return like a dog to its vomit and like a pig to its mire we cannot think that we will be accepted by any means. There simply is no such thing as “once saved always saved” my friends and those who teach such things should be ashamed of themselves for teaching such a wicked deception. **Hebrews 6:4-6 (scrn 4)**

If we willfully and intentionally decide that we’re going to transgress the spoken word of Yehovah God and it’s no big deal because Yeshua Jesus will forgive us... we are treading on dangerous ground my friends. Willful and intentional sin is an extremely dangerous game that far too many modern-day Christians play with their promised salvation. Let’s also turn to read **Hebrews 10:19-39 E2**

What needs to be taken away from this Scripture is that we should never play fast and loose with Yehovah God’s spoken word. The very way that Yehovah knows that we love him is when we obey his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome to us. **(scrn 5)**

And therefore... if the biblical definition of the love of God... is that we keep his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome to us... how then can we continue to return like a dog to its vomit and like a pig to its mire by continuing to break his commandments which is clearly the opposite... of the love of God? If the love of God is that we keep his commandments... then what is not keeping his commandments? Think about it my friends. If we make ourselves friends of the world... we make ourselves enemies of God. Not says I... but says our God breathed Scripture.

And so, the confession and restitution that we see in Numbers chapter 5 goes a long way in explaining the importance of not willfully and intentionally transgressing his commandments. And just as we’re told in Numbers chapter 5... his commandments keep us all safe. His spoken word (which is his commandment) keeps us loving not only Yehovah God himself... but it keeps us loving one another as well. It protects us from harsh feelings and feelings of resentment and anger with one another.

And so, once again, just as we’re told in the New Testament in 1st John chapter 3

verse 4... “Sin is the transgression of the law”. If we “sin” (which is the transgression of his law) according to the Apostle John... we need to immediately upon realizing that we have sinned thereby transgressing his law... repent and confess to him what we have done. And when we confess our sins to him... along with that confession our restitution today in our time is that we repent from that transgression and do our utmost best not to return to that transgression again. Why? Because this is the quintessential definition of the love of God found in 1st John chapter 5 verse 3. And so, once again... yes... this commandment of confession and restitution does still apply in our time today.

Moving on to Numbers chapter 5:11 through 31 we then see the test of adultery given to a woman whose husband is convinced that she has shamed him through sexual fornication with another man. And I must say that this test of adultery was no small thing to have to endure. But then again... neither is sexual fornication because it does indeed... separate us from Yehvoah God.

The word “adultery” in the Hebrew language is “naw-af” (naaph). And according to Brown Driver Briggs Hebrew definitions... it can mean “adultery” but it can also mean “an idolatrous worship”. Think about it... what is adultery? Adultery is the covetous worship of one’s body is it not? It is the worship of what feels good over the worship of God is it not? Adultery is doing what we please rather than what Yehovah God says. And if we choose something over and beyond what God says... then what is it that then becomes our object of “worship”?

Sexual fornication of any kind outside of Marriage against the will of Yehvoah God is indeed a form of worship to another unseen god. And this is exactly how Yehvoah God sees it. And therefore... this test of adultery that we see the woman being subjected to here in Numbers chapter 5 is extremely important for us to learn from. Sexual immorality has never been a game as far as God is concerned. And this is exactly why homosexuality is such an abomination by God which is also seen as... sexual fornication.

Once again... leaving the commandment of God in order to do what feels pleasurable to the flesh is seen as the worship of the flesh. Your flesh at this point in time becomes the god that you serve.

Some people just can’t stop serving Yehvoah God. They just can’t do enough for him. They bring him gifts of alms and obedience and praises and worship each and

every day. And then on the other hand... some people just can please themselves enough. They just can't stay away from the pleasures of the flesh long enough to consider what it is that they are throwing away. Their fleshly god not only consumes them... but their fleshly god at that point begins to own them. And the sexual sin that people willfully and intentionally commit becomes the little "g" god that has bound them to their own sexual desires.

And so, when it comes to this test that we see in Numbers chapter 5, there is much to be taken from what is going on here concerning this test. And one of the things that is most important is to realize is that if the woman was innocent of this accusation that was made by her husband... the women would be free of this curse that the bitter water was to bring on someone guilty of adultery. And not only would she be free from this accusation... but she would also be blessed with children which back in that day was a tremendous honor for a woman and gave her great status within the community.

For some people today... the test for adultery that we see in Numbers chapter 5 can be somewhat difficult to accept on several different levels. Many women today have fallen so far away from what it even means to be a woman that they look upon this commandment as not only burdensome... but even offensive to women in general.

But what we need to understand is that today's culture and today's society is not a reflection of God. Today's culture and today's society is a far cry from what Yehvoah God had proclaimed to be the hierarchy of the family unit when he first created Adam and Eve.

It is written that the man did not come from the women as some so wrongly proclaim. Man came from God. Woman came from man. Woman was created to be the helper of man. And this is exactly why the Devil loves to teach women to dress provocatively and to seduce and entice men in the first place. You see it's all about turning good into evil and evil into good. It's all about trading what is sweet for what is bitter and what is bitter for what is sweet.

None of what we see on television and in Hollywood movies and even on News programs today has anything to do with a Godly woman. Women were forbidden to dress the way that they dress today in our time. In the beginning a women would be shunned if she were to appear in public the way that many women today appear in

public. Women back in those days were not seen as sex objects like they are today in our time. A woman would never even let her hair down back in those days let alone show her body parts to another man other than her husband.

And so, we must understand the cultural divide between what the world today portrays as acceptable and what Yehvoah God sees as acceptable and requires of us as his chosen set apart people.

You know... not long ago I was listening to an elderly man who had been around for many, many years who was a world war two veteran. And someone asked him what an attractive women looked like in his day. And his answer was that the ankles... of women were what enticed men back in his day. He said that the body of a women was left to the imagination of a man. It wasn't laid out before him like a piece of meat on a platter. And that statement really made me think of how far that we've come, because it wasn't all that long ago when I was just a young man that I too could also remember what a dignified woman used to look like. A modest woman, a holy woman, a justly women with honor and the true character of Yehovah God. The self-respect that she carried with her and the respect that she commanded from others was nothing like the cheap animalistic "show all" trappings of what many women have become today in our time. And if this offends anyone, I might simply ask... why does this offend you? And this in of itself... would perfectly make my point.

You see back in the days of Moses men knew their place and their duties as men. And so too did women know their place and their duties as women. The very hierarchy of Yehvoah God has been laid out before us within our God breathed Scripture for thousands of years. But just like everything else... that hierarchy... that chain of command if you will that Yehovah God himself laid out before us has been dwindled away by the power of the prince of the air... the serpent... the little (g) god of this world who has done all that he can to place women as the head of the man. And not only above the head of a man... but also above and beyond Yehvoah God himself as an object of worship.

Roman Catholicism as well as many other pagan religions before her to this day still teach and preach that Mary the mother of our Messiah is to be prayed to and worshiped as the queen of heaven replacing the Egyptian queen of heaven known as Astarte who the Canaanites brought burnt offerings to in Jeremiah chapter 44.

You see the Devil has brought forth all kinds of woman goddesses throughout the

ages because he knows that the woman is to be under the authority of her husband and the head of the family unit is commanded by Yehvoah God to be the man. Goddesses like Amun, Anat, Asherah, Astaroth, Diana, Astarte, Sheva, Medusa, and a whole host of female goddesses were created by our adversary to get men to fall to their knees and to worship the form of a woman just like Adam fell to the form of a woman back in the Garden of Eden. And this has been the trick of the Devil from the very beginning. And this is one of the main reasons that the Apostle Paul would not allow a woman to teach back in his day. **1st Timothy 2:12-15 scrn 6)**

Once again, Adam was not deceived as the Apostle Paul clearly tells us right here within the confines of our God breathed Scripture and that is plain for all to see. But... Adam was complicit. Adam... because his wife the woman... was deceived... also willfully and intentionally disobeyed the spoken word of Yehvoah God and so both Adam and Eve were both guilty of sin and transgression. And the devil has used the power and the persuasion of the woman to entice man into sin ever since the garden of Eden whenever he could.

Now... with that being said... I must also stop right here and make sure that I am not being misunderstood when it comes to understanding the status of a woman in today's culture verse the Bible. It was Paul himself that said that he personally would not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man.

The first thing that I would like for us to understand is that those who teach and preach the word of Yehvoah God have no authority over men whether they be a man or a woman. Just because you teach the word of Yehvoah God does not mean that you have authority over anyone. And once again... this idea that a woman cannot teach is not found anywhere within the confines of the Torah or anywhere else in the Bible. And as I have said so many times before I say once again... I would rather listen to a Godly woman who knows the truth of God's word than to a man who is teaching deception and tom foolery any day of the week. And I think that most of us who love God would agree with that statement.

And so, once again just as Peter tells us in 2nd Peter chapter 3 verse 16 the writings of the Apostle Paul are difficult to understand. They are not easy to understand. And the ignorant and the unstable do indeed often times twist the writings of the Apostle Paul to their own destruction as they do the other Scriptures. And so, let us always remember that cherry picking Scripture out of the Bible and twisting it out of context is never wise. And this is exactly why Peter tells us in the very next verse in

2nd Peter chapter 3 verse 17... not to be carried away with the error of “lawless people” and lose our own stability.

The point that should be taken away from this is that it is an abomination for a man to worship a woman over Yehvoah God. And women that exploit that kind of behavior and willfully and intentionally choose to make themselves the center of attention at every event and at every turn are part and parcel of that demonic deception that has worked so well for our adversary for centuries. The goddess model of the Devil still exists today in our time. She’s just been repackaged and resold under another banner. We don’t call a half-dressed woman a goddess as much any more today in our time, but the fact is that women who flaunt their bodies in public whether they realize it or not... are part and parcel of the devil’s attempt to entice the human population back into the debauchery of sexual fornication.

The majority of today’s modern-day women are not interested in respect, or honor or character and the true love of a man and a family unit. The very value that Yehvoah God has bestowed upon a woman to be honored and to be respected has been thrown to the wind along with so many of God’s commandments and precepts. Today, marriage between a man and a woman is nothing more than a show that people put on for their families. Marriage means nothing to people anymore today in our society and in our culture. Divorce has become the norm and marriage has become nothing more than a somewhat legal way to jump in and out of bed with as many partners as one pleases.

Today in our time newsrooms look like French brothels and a woman who does not paint her lips red and show her cleavage is known as a prude and a lesser part of society today in our time than those who flaunt their bodies before men in order to get as much attention as possible. And not just from their own husbands... but from any man who can be enticed to take a gander.

You see... things back in the days of Moses day were much, much different than they are today. An Adulterous woman was seen as a curse on her community and rightly so. For just as it is written... a little leaven leavens the whole lump.

This innate fleshly urge to engage in sexual immorality has long been one of the most effective and long-lasting tools that our adversary has used against us as God’s people, and the women has always been put upon the pedestal of worship by our adversary throughout the ages and is still being used by the Devil’s church today to

get men to bend their knees to the form... of a women goddess.

Think for just a moment what would happen if many women today in our time were to turn and to repent to Yehvoah God. There would be no more cleavage splashed across our television screens and Hollywood theaters, no more high heels and lipstick, no more thong wearing women on our beaches, and no more sexually intriguing commercials to be seen on our billboards.

Pornography would cease to exist in our time and women would once again be respected and honored for who they are instead of what they look like. And the worship of a woman's body would ultimately be brought to a halt which would also lead to the end of the majority of abortions around the world and the murdering of billions of innocent unborn children. And men would be able to once again realize the error of their ways as well and get back to being the head of the family instead of the tail.

And I also want us to understand that the women was not the only one being judged here in this commandment that we find in Numbers chapter 5. It was also written that when adultery was established between a man and a woman... both the man and the women were to be put to death. **Leviticus 20:10 (scrn 7)**

And so, if the women were indeed found guilty, the man who committed this sin against God would also be brought to justice because there would indeed be two or more witnesses. The curse in of itself would be from the witness of Yehovah God who knows all things, and the women who confesses her sin would be the second witness and therefore the man who was involved in this act of transgression would also be required to be put to death according to the law. And so, we should not think that this test is all about the women alone... because it clearly is not.

Just because the man is not specifically mentioned here in Numbers chapter 5 does not negate the fact that the law requires the man who did this to also be punished for this transgression of adultery. The Law of Yehovah was once again made clear back in Leviticus chapter 20 and would indeed apply here as well. And if there was any doubt concerning the identity of the man the Urim and the Thumim could also be used to identify the man as well which were two stones that the High Priest would carry with him behind the Ephod that could be used to ask yes or no questions of Yehovah God. And you can read about the Urim and the Thumim in Exodus chapter 28 and in 1st Samuel to find out more about them and how they were used, but the

point is, that once the women was found guilty, the man would be in no way exempt from his punishment as well. The punishment for committing adultery from the beginning included both parties, not just one.

And so, this test of adultery although begins with the women... actually does end with the death of both the man and the women who would have done this thing. And once again, this clearly shows us how much of an abomination that this is to our Father in heaven.

Sexual immorality is a dangerous sin my friends. More so than most of us truly grasp. And we could once again do a whole study just on this one transgression but for times sake today we need to contemplate what it is that the 5th chapter of the book of Numbers has revealed to us and what the ramifications of these things mean in our lives today. How do these commandments and penalties relate to each one of us in our time, and what is it that we need to adjust or fix within our own lives that will bring us back to the truth of our Father's spoken word and the Law that he has set before us to keep us all safe and able to receive his promised unfolding gift of salvation?

The truth is that the Scripture that we read within the confines of our God breathed Scripture are often times difficult for us to hear. And this is exactly why so many refuse to even read them at all. At first glance these commandments and precepts look to difficult for us to abide in. But the truth of the matter is not that they are too hard for us to abide in. The truth is that we don't want to abide in them. Our flesh rebels at every turn.

Our Messiah who was a flesh and bone man proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that we can be perfect even as our heavenly Father is perfect, and even our Messiah himself commands us to be perfect even as our heavenly Father is perfect in **Matthew chapter 5 (scrn 8)**

And he also goes on to tell us in Matthew chapter 5 verse 20 that if our righteousness does not exceed that of the Pharisees and Scribes of his time... that we will not enter into his kingdom. And we must remember that the Pharisees and Scribes of his time were the Pastor and Priests of that time. And so then, this same commandment also applies to our Pastors and Priests today and I tell you the truth my friends... if our righteousness does not far exceed the Pastor and Priests of our time... we once again will by no means be welcomed into his kingdom. Make no

mistake about it my friends... our Pastors and Priests today in our time are far worse than the Pharisees and Scribes of our Messiah's time. The deception is far worse today than it was even in our Messiah's time because the devil has had his way with the church and her gaggle of leaders just like he's had his way with our political gaggle of leaders.

In the end all has once again been heard. The moral to the story today has not changed from the moral of the story back in King Solomon's time. And the moral of the story still is... to fear God and to keep his commandments... for this... is the whole duty of man.

And with that information under our belts as we close the books for now, my hope and my prayer for this evening will be that we have given you some things to take your prayer closet and test through the fire of prayer. And I will as I always do... ask that everyone within the sound of my voice would please take what you have heard here this evening to your own prayer closet. Bow your head and bend your knee and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here this evening be true or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door and on his door alone, and the proper door will be opened to you. And if you will do that... and if you will stay the course to the end... you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.