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The Meaning of Draw Near

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TODAY'S INTRODUCTION

-Welcome to United Israel World Union, this is our Sabbath morning scripture study coming to you live from the United Israel Center in Saint Francisville, Louisiana. Many of you are in your own place today, alone, Shabbat Shalom and thank you for joining us this morning. We need one another to help us go through what the world is going through today. I pray that all of you and the ones that you care for remain healthy today and throughout the coronavirus.

TEACHING NOTES

-This week, my studies took me on a lot of different trails while I thought about, what is the best message I can give for my friends at United Israel World Union this week? Given the situation that the world finds itself in, I spent a bunch of time on various unpleasantries in scripture, such as disease, consumption, fever, epidemic, pandemic, plague, and pestilence. In my studies this week, I came across a field of study I didn't even know existed, it's called paleopathology. This is a study wherein the pathologist studies ancient diseases in modern times. Sometimes they study mummies only to find out that a person suffered from a particular disease. They also study written evidence like the bible and other ancient texts looking for ancient diseases and explaining them in modern times.

-All these ancient bodies of literature are termed, prescientific. They are using language they are familiar with, but it doesn't quite correlate with terms and phrases we understand today. However, the bible does provide some correlation if we know what we are looking for. Don't take things too literally from a scientific understanding and applying something that shouldn't be applied. We are coming up on Passover and Pharaoh had a condition called a hardening of the heart.

-Exo 4: 21 And YHVH said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, see that you do before Pharaoh all the miracles that I have put in your power. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go.

-Exo 7: 3 But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, 4 Pharaoh will not listen to you.

-Just to make a point, this is not talking about a hardening of the arteries in the heart. It's talking about a condition on the part of Pharaoh to stand his ground. Pharaoh hardened his heart and then God caused him to stand his ground even more. The point is, this is not a medical condition. However, there are some texts in scripture that give us a correlation between the ancient people and how they dealt with these things and we deal with these things. Some of the diseases mentioned in ancient biblical texts are like the present. I wanted to gather information about the ancient world dealing with pestilence and plague and how that might relate to the current situation we find ourselves in and to today's Torah reading.

-As a man of faith, I have been in sincere prayer, as have many of you, over the Coronavirus. We are to call out to the one true God to help all of humanity. If you believe in the one God of Israel and that that God answers prayer, I'm asking people to come together and pray. People who are not of faith may be relying solely on the scientific side of things, but with people of faith, we have an extra weapon. Our faith is that the God of all creation, can and does move on behalf of the words of his people.

-Psa 106: 29 they provoked YHVH to anger with their deeds, and a plague broke out among them. 30 Then Phinehas stood up and intervened, and the plague was stayed. 31 And that was counted to him as righteousness from generation to generation forever.

-Phinehas stood up and called out to God to stop the plague. These verses made me think deeply and is part of what inspired me for the class today.

-Num 25: 10 And YHVH said to Moses, 11 "Phinehas the son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, has turned back my wrath from the people of Israel, in that he was jealous with my jealousy among them, so that I did not consume the people of Israel in my jealousy. 12 Therefore say, 'Behold, I give to him my covenant of peace, 13 and it shall be to him and to his descendants after him the covenant of a perpetual priesthood, because he was jealous for his God and made atonement for the people of Israel.'"

-The root word for plague means to strike or be stricken and at its base meaning, deals with contact. There is another common word translated throughout the bible as plague and pestilence, but it also means to touch, strike, or contact and has something to do with coming in contact, with something else. These ancient writers may have been aware that at times there was a contagion in their midst. We are talking here about prescientific texts, yet they didn't have all the insights that we now have on the spread of infection. They noticed when a plague began to hit and pass through the camp, it was transferred from one person to the next through touch or contact.

-I began to question, could in our modern scientific world, people of faith station themselves and call out to the one God and a plague be restrained? Why not? In addition to what the experts are saying do people of faith have another weapon when it comes to combating contagions? I believe that is the case. Science has provided us with great advances in our understanding of contagions and transmission of diseases. This was covered in length in last week's class.

-Cry Out Now – An Appeal to People of Faith (Hide Yourself for a Little While; Trust in God; Coronavirus – We Have a Common Enemy; Be Alone and Use Good Hygiene; The Wisdom of the Wise will Perish; YHVH Will Empty the Earth; Will Believers be Spared; Be Smart and Be Faithful; The Timeless Words of YHVH Our God; Beginning

of Months; It's Not Good for Man to be Alone; Dwelling Together in Unity; The Tent of Meeting; Three Roots of the Spirit – Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge; Return to YHVH; Cry Out to YHVH in Prayer – Now; YHVH Will Keep You Forevermore)

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-No matter what your circumstances are, please reach out to us with requests for special prayer because we need to work together. We may have some resources to help you get in touch with the right people. Don't go it alone. I also looked at the weekly Torah portion this week, VaYikra: "And He Called" (Leviticus 1:1 – 5:26).

-Psa 119: 18 Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

-The Book of Leviticus is full of priestly instructions. The reason that I and others have difficulty in relating to Leviticus is because it seems hardly applicable today in its legalistic, ritualistic, archaic, and sometimes superstitious writings. It's difficult in our modern world to connect with the book when its majority deals with being at the foot of Sinai. Beginning with Exodus 25 through the Book of Numbers we're dealing with the children of Israel at the foot of Sinai and the happenings in the tabernacle. If you look past all the ancient setting, you can derive some beneficial principles we can apply today.

-As I worked through this week's Torah portion one word really began to stand out because of the prevalence of its use. It's the Hebrew word "corban", and it means offering. In this week's Torah portion, we have five different types of "sacrifices". Teaching Notes will be posted for a class Ross did in March 2014 on "Atonement & Forgiveness" which talks a lot about offerings and is summarized here.

-Atonement & Forgiveness – Va-Yikra – Leviticus 1:1 – 5:26 (An Instruction Manual for Priests; The Original Role of Priests; Atonement and Forgiveness; The Word Translated as "Forgive"; References to "the Messiah"; Challenging Long-Held Beliefs about Atonement & Forgiveness; Required Steps for Drawing Near to YHVH)

-Today I want to focus on the root word of "corban", because the most common and vaguest word for sacrifice began to shed light on something important, I want to share with you today. The root word of corban as a verb means to come near and approach. As a noun, it means, inwards parts, inner, and midst. Here we have two ideas based on the root word of corban, come near and approach and inner. I want to take this and develop today's class on the idea of nearness.

-Commentators, scholars, and sages tend to associate the corban as something that draws near, ie. draws near a person to the one true God. Corban – that which draws near. To draw near to God, something must take place with the inner person. If one only follows the external mode of religion, the outside obedience, they are not going to draw near. They may attempt to draw near but it won't be successful because what's needed is an inner change. To draw near to God is an inside job. Phrases such as to offer an offering or to bring near an offering are common in this week's Torah portion. You are bringing near the thing that's brought near. A corban is that which is brought near to God.

-Lev 1: 1 YHVH called Moses and spoke to him from the tent of meeting, saying, 2 "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When any one of you brings an offering to YHVH, you shall bring your offering of livestock from the herd or from the flock.

-The idea is that, if any of you bring near, that which is brought near. To draw near, inside. The whole point of everything in biblical faith is to restore a nearness between

God and man. In the Garden of Eden, we have this beautiful picture of man in communion with God.

-Gen 3: 8 And they heard the sound of YHVH God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of YHVH God among the trees of the garden.

-Yet because of sin, man is chased out of paradise lost and from this point and throughout world history man has been seeking to go back into communion with God as expressed in biblical literature.

-Gen 4: 8 Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. 9 Then YHVH said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" 10 And YHVH said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. 11 And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. 12 When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." 13 Cain said to YHVH, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. 14 Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."

-In the story of Cain, we first hear about the hiding of the face of God because of the sin of man. It indicates a separation and social distancing between God and man. How is it that God and man are ever going to come back together? Throughout the biblical text we get clues as to what it is that can begin to ease that distancing and draw us near.

Presently, not only are people separated through social distancing, there is also space-distancing between mankind and his God. The ideal is mentioned in Exodus 25.

-Exo 25: 8 And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. 9 Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.

-The ideal that God wants to make with the tabernacle is a holy place wherein YHVH, the creator of heaven and earth, the God of the people of Israel, can dwell in the midst of his people, yet there is a distance which is felt between us at this time.

-Psa 10: 1 Why, O YHVH, do you stand far away? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

-Psa 22: 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

-Psa 35: 22 You have seen, O YHVH; be not silent! O Lord, be not far from me! 23 Awake and rouse yourself for my vindication, for my cause, my God and my Lord!

-Psa 38: 21 Do not forsake me, O YHVH! O my God, be not far from me! 22 Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

-Psa 71: 12 O God, be not far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!

-What the psalmist is trying to say is that when we feel separated from God, that is a very difficult time because we feel isolated and alone. In Genesis 2 it tells us that it is not good for man to be alone. When man feels alone it brings about other issues. How is it that the faithful ones, the saints, the holy ones of the Most High, people who call out to God and seek to serve him, how is it now that we can draw near to God? If we could only read Leviticus and Numbers, we would be in a bad place because the only way to draw near to God was through an offering, but there are a lot of other books in the bible. Today there is no sacrificial system in operation so there must be another way to draw near to God?

-Deu 4: 7 For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as YHVH our God is to us, whenever we call upon him?

-To call out and cry out to our God is the method whereby according to Deuteronomy 4:7 a people draw near to God and there is no mention of a sacrifice. What does it mean to call out and cry out to God in prayer and are there patterns? Calling out to God in prayer is for everybody, not just for the children of Israel.

-Gen 4: 26 To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of YHVH.

-Gen 12: 8 From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to YHVH and called upon the name of YHVH.

-Gen 13: 4 to the place where he had made an altar at the first. And there Abram called upon the name of YHVH.

-Gen 21: 33 Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba and called there on the name of YHVH, the Everlasting God.

-1Kin 18: 23 Let two bulls be given to us, and let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it in pieces and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. And I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood and put no fire to it. 24 And you call upon the name of your god, and I will call upon the name of YHVH, and the God who answers by fire, he is God." And all the people answered, "It is well spoken."

-Joe 2: 32 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of YHVH shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as YHVH has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom YHVH calls.

-Zep 3: 9 "For at that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call upon the name of YHVH and serve him with one accord.

-Psa 116: 1 I love YHVH, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. 2 Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

-Psa 116: 4 Then I called on the name of YHVH: "O YHVH, I pray, deliver my soul!"

-Psa 116: 13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of YHVH,

-Psa 116: 17 I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of YHVH.

-When people call out to God the space-separation between God and man becomes less and God moved on their behalf. How can we in our day draw near to God and bring him close? With whom is God close?

-Psa 34: 17 When the righteous cry for help, YHVH hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. 18 YHVH is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but YHVH delivers him out of them all.

-Psa 51: 15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. 16 For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

-Deuteronomy and Psalms express how we are to draw near to God without sacrifices. David makes it very clear and understands that its never been about sacrifices. God has no pleasure in sacrifices and burnt offerings. The sacrifices of God, that which draws a person near to God is a broken spirit, and a contrite heart. God is drawing near to those who draw near to him with a broken and contrite heart that others don't have.

-Psa 4: 3 But know that YHVH has set apart the godly for himself; YHVH hears when I call to him. 4 Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Selah 5 Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in YHVH.

-Isa 61: 1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because YHVH has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 to proclaim the year of YHVH's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

-Isa 66: 1 Thus says YHVH: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest? 2 All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares YHVH. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word. 3 "He who slaughters an ox is like one who kills a man; he who sacrifices a lamb, like one who breaks a dog's neck; he who presents a grain offering, like one who offers pig's blood; he who makes a memorial offering of frankincense, like one who blesses an idol. These have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations; 4 I also will choose harsh treatment for them and bring their fears upon them, because when I called, no one answered, when I spoke, they did not listen; but they did what was evil in my eyes and chose that in which I did not delight." 5 Hear the word of the LORD, you who tremble at his word: "Your brothers who hate you and cast you out for my name's sake have said, 'Let YHVH be glorified, that we may see your joy'; but it is they who shall be put to shame.

-Psa 145: 18 YHVH is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

-This plan is for the world. Calling people to call out to YHVH is rooted in the text of the Hebrew bible. You cannot read these verses without recognizing that the whole point is that humanity turns to the one God. The Jewish people are called to be near to God and to set that example for the rest of us. Times in history they have done this and at other times in history they have not done that. The bible is on a global scale and begins in Genesis 1 and because of this we must think universally. The prophets of old took their message to the nations of the world. The prophets didn't just speak to the nation of Israel. Jonah didn't want to do it, but he went to the people of Nineveh and he proclaimed a message and they repented, and God did not do what was decreed against them. YHVH God can do the same today because the plan has not changed. The ultimate goal and meaning of history is that from sea to shining sea that they should all know YHVH from the least of them to the greatest.

-Psa 22: 26 The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise YHVH! May your hearts live forever! 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to YHVH, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. 28 For kingship belongs to YHVH, and he rules over the nations.

-Isa 45: 21 Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, YHVH? And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me. 22 "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. 23 By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.' 24 "Only in YHVH, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; to him shall come and be ashamed all

who were incensed against him. 25 In YHVH all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory."

-Turn to YHVH now, no matter who you are or where you are, God hears those prayers.

-1Kin 8: 22 Then Solomon stood before the altar of YHVH in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, 23 and said, "O YHVH, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart; 24 you have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. 25 Now therefore, O YHVH, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' 26 Now therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David my father. 27 "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! 28 Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O YHVH my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, 29 that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place. 30 And listen to the plea of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen in heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.

-1Kin 8: 54 Now as Solomon finished offering all this prayer and plea to YHVH, he arose from before the altar of YHVH, where he had knelt with hands outstretched toward heaven. 55 And he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying, 56 "Blessed be YHVH who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. Not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke by Moses his servant. 57 YHVH our God be with us, as he was with our fathers. May he not leave us or forsake us, 58 that he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his rules, which he commanded our fathers. 59 Let these words of mine, with which I have pleaded before YHVH, be near to YHVH our God day and night, and may he maintain the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel, as each day requires, 60 that all the peoples of the earth may know that YHVH is God; there is no other. 61 Let your heart therefore be wholly true to YHVH our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day."

-The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. If God desires the slaughter of animals then we should do this, but scripture says repeatedly that God doesn't desire this. What draws us near to God is a turning towards YHVH with a pure, broken, and contrite heart. Hosea said, take with you words and return. Words alone won't do the trick we must draw near to God for a connection.

-Jer 12: 1 Righteous are you, O YHVH, when I complain to you; yet I would plead my case before you. Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why do all who are treacherous thrive? 2 You plant them, and they take root; they grow and produce fruit; you are near in their mouth and far from their heart.

-Isa 29: 13 And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a

commandment taught by men, 14 therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

-If a person seeks to draw near unto God with their mouth and their lips only, it won't work. If our mouth is near and our heart is far, it won't work. We must return and draw near with our lips and our hearts.

-Isa 55: 6 "Seek YHVH while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; 7 let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to YHVH, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares YHVH. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

-Our world today finds itself in trying times and people feel isolated and alone. History is full of similar instances and a plague is affecting our world today, that has happened before. A disease that seems to be spread by touch, that has happened before. People are practicing hygiene and quarantine the same today as in antiquity as shown from the biblical text and people called out to God. As an example, Phinehas stood up and prayed on behalf of the people to stay the plague and it worked. Is that possible today? Could it still work? Could we not come together and call out to the one true God with a humble and contrite heart and could the same result take place? Let us all draw near to God with our inward parts and perhaps he will hear us and perhaps he will heal us and perhaps one day people will say about our people in our time that it was then that people began to call again on the name of YHVH.

God Bless You, Be Safe, Be Healthy, and we will be back next week.

Shabbat Shalom, Shavua Tov

THIS WEEK IN TORAH

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This week's Torah Portion VaYikra: "And He Called" (Leviticus 1:1 – 5:26) General offerings, Elevation offerings from sheep, goats, and fowl, Laws for burnt offerings, Fine flour, Oven/pan-baked, Grain, Covenant of salt, Peace and Sin offerings, The bull of the anointed Kohen, The bull for a matter that was hidden from the congregation, He-goat of a ruler, Sin offering of an individual, Contamination of the sanctuary, A spoken oath, and Guilt offerings.

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