### Greetings, today our manna is from Exodus 39; Proverbs 15; John 18; Phil. 2.

## March 28 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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### **Exodus 39**

The Priestly Garments reflect righteousness and royalty. The High Priest would not only carry Israel on his shoulders engraved on the shoham stones; but also, on his heart portrayed by the breastplate of precious stones.

Exo 39:21 And they bound the breastplate by means of its rings to the rings of the shoulder garment with a blue cord, so that it would be above the embroidered band of the shoulder garment, and that the breastplate would not come loose from the shoulder garment, as יהוה had commanded Mosheh.

The stark contrast of stepping out of the wilderness into the beauty of the Tabernacle had to be indescribable. The lights from the menorah; the aroma of freshly baked bread; the smell of incense that permeated the embroidered fabrics; the reflections bouncing off the gold furnishings and silver sockets; and just beyond the inner veil, He awaited. He longed to be with His bride. He longed to rescue her from the pit of darkness into His marvelous light. He was lovingly committed to her; even though she took His love for granted. To this day, Yahusha awaits the day His Father tells Him to go get His bride.

Psa 45:7 You have loved righteousness and hated wrongness; Therefore Elohim, Your Elohim, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions. 8 All Your garments are myrrh and aloes, cassia; Out of the palaces of ivory, Stringed instruments have made You glad.

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Psalms 45:13 The daughter of the Sovereign Is all esteemed within *the palace*; Her dress is embroidered with gold. 14 She is brought to the Sovereign in embroidered work; Maidens, her companions following her, Are brought to You.

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Ezekiel 16:9 "And I washed you in water, and I washed off your blood, and I anointed you with oil. 10 "And I dressed you in embroidered work and gave you sandals of leather. And I wrapped you in fine linen and covered you with silk. 11 "And I adorned you with ornaments, and I put bracelets on your wrists, and a chain on your neck. 12 "And I put a ring on your nose, and earrings in your ears, and a crown of adorning on your head. 13 "Thus you were adorned with gold and silver, and your dress was of fine linen, and silk, and embroidered cloth. You ate fine flour, and honey, and oil. And you were exceedingly beautiful, and became fit for royalty. 14 "And your name went out among the nations because of your loveliness, for it was perfect, by My splendor which I had put on you," declares the Master ...

In the process of time, while His bride matures and all the 'living stones' are gathered, He will commune with his bride through various means. For now, in Exodus 38, it would be through a nation with a priest implementing the Book of the Law since they broke covenant by sinning with the golden calf.

The Tabernacle would soon be erected [or resurrected]. All the fabrics and furnishings have been completed and brought before Moses. Moses blesses the people, as they will soon see the shift into the Aaronic Levitical Priestly system. They will be taught as a child; at times, they will be obedient; at other times they will be rebellious; at still other times they will have temper tantrums. His loving-commitment towards us will stand the test of time. He has fulfilled His promise to Abraham. Now we await our Groom to come, when we can consummate our marriage with our Beloved, Yahusha HaMashiach.

Pro 8:34 "Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors. 35 "For whoever finds me shall find life, And obtain favour from יהוה,

#### **Making the Priestly Garments**

**Exo 39:1** And of the blue and purple and scarlet *material* they made woven garments, to do service in the set-apart place. And they made the set-apart garments which were for Aharon, as יהוה had commanded Mosheh.

Exo 39:2 And he made the shoulder garment of gold, of blue and purple and scarlet *material*, and of fine woven linen.

Exo 39:3 And they beat out sheets of gold and cut it into threads, to work it in with the blue and purple and scarlet *material*, and the fine linen, the work of a skilled workman.

Exo 39:4 They made shoulder pieces for it to join it, it was joined at its two edges.

Exo 39:5 And the embroidered band of his shoulder garment that was on it was of the same work of gold, and blue and purple and scarlet *material*, and of fine woven linen, as had commanded Mosheh.

Exo 39:6 And they made the shoham stones, set in plated work of gold, engraved as signets are engraved, according to the names of the sons of Yisra'ěl.

Exo 39:7 And he put them on the shoulders of the shoulder garment, stones of remembrance for the sons of Yisra'ěl, as יהוה had commanded Mosheh.

Exo 39:8 And he made the breastplate, a work of a skilled workman, like the work of the shoulder garment, of gold, of blue and purple and scarlet *material*, and of fine woven linen.

Exo 39:9 It was square, they made the breastplate double, its length a span, its width a span, doubled.

Exo 39:10 And they filled it with four rows of stones: a row of ruby, a topaz, and an emerald was the first row;

Exo 39:11 and the second row a turquoise, a sapphire, and a diamond;

Exo 39:12 and the third row a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst;

Exo 39:13 and the fourth row a beryl, a shoham, and a jasper – set in plated work of gold in their settings.

Exo 39:14 And the stones were according to the names of the sons of Yisra'ěl, twelve according to their names, engraved like a signet, each one with its own name according to the twelve tribes.

Exo 39:15 And they made braided chains of corded work for the breastplate at the ends, of clean gold.

Exo 39:16 And they made two settings of gold and two gold rings, and put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate.

Exo 39:17 And they put the two cords of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breastplate.

Exo 39:18 And the two ends of the two cords they fastened in the two settings, and put them on the shoulder pieces of the shoulder garment in the front.

Exo 39:19 And they made two rings of gold and put them on the two ends of the breastplate, on the edge of it, which was on the inward side of the shoulder garment.

Exo 39:20 And they made two gold rings and put them on the two shoulder pieces, underneath the shoulder garment, on the front of it, close to its seam above the embroidered band of the shoulder garment.

Exo 39:21 And they bound the breastplate by means of its rings to the rings of the shoulder garment with a blue cord, so that it would be above the embroidered band of the shoulder garment, and that the breastplate would not come loose from the shoulder garment, as יהוה had commanded Mosheh.

Exo 39:22 And he made the robe of the shoulder garment of woven work, all of blue.

Exo 39:23 And the opening of the robe was in the middle, like the opening in a scaled armour, with a woven binding all around the opening, so that it would not tear.

Exo 39:24 And they made on the hem of the robe pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet *material*, twined.

Exo 39:25 And they made bells of clean gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates on the hem of the robe all around between the pomegranates:

Exo 39:26 a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, all around the hem of the robe, for the service, as יהוה had commanded Mosheh.

Exo 39:27 And they made the long shirt of fine linen, the work of a weaver, for Aharon and his sons.

Exo 39:28 and a turban of fine linen, and the turban ornaments of fine linen, and short trousers of fine woven linen,

Exo 39:29 and a girdle of fine woven linen with blue and purple and scarlet *material*, the work of an embroiderer, as יהוה had commanded Mosheh.

Exo 39:30 And they made the plate of the set-apart sign of dedication of clean gold, and wrote on it an inscription like the engraving of a signet: SET-APARTNESS TO יהוה.

Exo 39:31 And they put on it a blue cord, to fasten it above on the turban, as יהוה had commanded Mosheh.

Exo 39:32 And all the work of the Dwelling Place of the Tent of Appointment was completed. And the children of Yisra'ěl did according to all that יהוה had commanded Mosheh, so they did.

Exo 39:33 And they brought the Dwelling Place to Mosheh, the tent and all its furnishings, its hooks, its boards, its bars, and its columns, and its sockets,

Exo 39:34 and the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering of fine leather, and the veil of the covering,

Exo 39:35 the ark of the Witness with its poles, and the lid of atonement,

Exo 39:36 the table, and all its utensils, and the showbread,

Exo 39:37 the clean lampstand with its lamps, the lamps to be put in order, and all its utensils, and the oil for light,

Exo 39:38 and the slaughter-place of gold, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the covering for the Tent door,

Exo 39:39 the bronze slaughter-place and its bronze grating, its poles, and all its utensils, the basin with its stand,

Exo 39:40 the screens of the courtyard, its columns and its sockets, the covering for the courtyard gate, its cords, and its pegs, and all the utensils for the service of the Dwelling Place, for the Tent of Appointment,

Exo 39:41 the woven garments, to do service in the set-apart place: the set-apart garments for Aharon the priest, and his sons' garments, to serve as priests.

Exo 39:42 According to all that יהוה had commanded Mosheh, so the children of Yisra'ěl did all the work

Exo 39:43 And Mosheh looked over all the work and saw they did it as יהוה had commanded, so they had done. And Mosheh blessed them.

## **Proverbs 15**

We should be good listeners; we should think before we speak; we should not despise correction or discipline; we should walk in righteousness; we should love and speak words of life.

**Pro 15:1** A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up displeasure.

Pro 15:2 The tongue of the wise makes knowledge good, But the mouth of fools pours out foolishness.

Pro 15:3 The eyes of יהוה are in every place, Watching the evil and the good.

Pro 15:4 A healing tongue is a tree of life, But perverseness in it crushes the spirit.

Pro 15:5 A fool despises his father's discipline, But he who heeds reproof is clever.

Pro 15:6 The household of the righteous is a great treasure, But in the income of the wrong is trouble.

- Pro 15:7 The lips of the wise scatter knowledge, But the heart of fools is not so.
- Pro 15:8 The slaughtering of the wrong ones Is an abomination to יהוה, But the prayer of the straight is His delight.
- Pro 15:9 The way of the wrong one Is an abomination to יהוה, But He loves him who pursues righteousness.
- Pro 15:10 Discipline is grievous to him who forsakes the way; He who hates reproof dies.
- Pro 15:11 She'ol and destruction are before יהוה, How much more the hearts of the sons of men.
- Pro 15:12 A scoffer does not love his reprover, Nor does he go to the wise.
- Pro 15:13 A glad heart makes good a face, But by sorrow of heart the spirit is stricken.
- Pro 15:14 The heart of the understanding one seeks knowledge, But the mouth of fools feeds on folly.
- Pro 15:15 All the days of the afflicted are evil, But gladness of heart is a continual feast.
- Pro 15:16 Better is a little with the fear of יהוה, Than great treasure with trouble.
- Pro 15:17 Better is a meal of vegetables where love is, Than a fatted calf with hatred.
- Pro 15:18 A man of wrath stirs up strife, But he who is patient appeases strife.
- Pro 15:19 The way of a lazy one is like a hedge of thorns, But the way of the straight is a highway.
- Pro 15:20 A wise son makes a father glad, But a foolish man despises his mother.
- Pro 15:21 Folly is joy to one lacking heart, But a man of understanding walks straight.
- Pro 15:22 Without counsel, plans go wrong, But by great counsellors they are established.
- Pro 15:23 A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And how good is a word *spoken* in its season!
- Pro 15:24 The path of life is upward for the wise, To turn away from She'ol below.
- Pro 15:25 יהוה tears down the house of the proud, And He sets up the boundary of the widow.
- Pro 15:26 Evil thoughts are an abomination to יהוה, But pleasant words are clean.
- Pro 15:27 He who is greedy for gain, troubles his own house, But he who hates bribes lives.
- Pro 15:28 The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, But the mouth of the wrong pours out evil.
- Pro 15:29 יהוה is far from the wrong ones, But He hears the prayer of the righteous.<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup> Pro\_28:9.
- Pro 15:30 The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, A good report gives marrow to the bones.
- Pro 15:31 An ear that hears the reproof of life Does dwell among the wise.
- Pro 15:32 He who ignores discipline hates himself, But he who listens to reproof gets

#### understanding.

Pro 15:33 The fear of יהוה is the discipline of wisdom, And before esteem is humility.

## John 18

In John 18, we read of Yahusha's arrest and betrayal by Judas; then how He is bound and brought before Annas and Caiaphas; Peter later denies that he knows Him three times; the 'High Priest' questions Yahusha; then Yahusha is brought before Pilate to be questioned; and lastly Yahusha declares that His Kingdom is not of this world.

In each of the synoptic gospels, we see <u>unique aspects</u> about the night of Yahusha's arrest and trial. There are a several specific accounts in John 18, that are intriguing and insightful. We will look at a few.

First let's look at verse 1:

### **Betrayal and Arrest of Yahusha**

**Joh 18:1** Having said these *words*, יהושע went out with His taught ones beyond the Qidron torrent, where there was a garden, into which He and His taught ones entered.

In Adam Clarke's commentary: Over the brook Cedron - Having finished the prayer related in the preceding chapter, our Lord went straight to the garden of Gethsemane, Mat 26:36, which was in the mount of Olives, eastward of Jerusalem. This mount was separated from the city by a very narrow valley, through the midst of which the brook Cedron ran: see 1 Maccabees 12:37; Joseph. War, b. v. c. 2, s. 3. xii. 2. Cedron is a very small rivulet, about six or seven feet broad, nor is it constantly supplied with water, being dry all the year, except during the rains. It is mentioned in the Old Testament: 2Sa 15:23; 1Ki 15:13; 2Ki 23:4. And it appears the evangelist only mentions it here to call to remembrance what happened to David, when he was driven from Jerusalem by his son Absalom, and he and his followers obliged to pass the brook Cedron on foot: see 2Sa 15:23. All this was a very expressive figure of what happened now to this second David, by the treachery of one of his own disciples. This brook had its name probably from קדר Kadar, he was black; it being the place into which the blood of the sacrifices, and other filth of the city, ran. It was rather, says Lightfoot, the sink, or the common sewer, of the city, than a brook. Some copyists, mistaking Κεδρων for Greek, have changed του into των, and thus have written των Κεδρων, of cedars, instead of του Κεδρων, the brook of Cedron: but this last is undoubtedly the genuine reading.

Be mindful of all that is taking place here. Our <u>High Priest of the Melchizedek Order</u> is fulfilling all biblical requirements to not only be <u>our Kinsman Redeemer</u>; but <u>also, to redeem the land and creation.</u>

<u>Mathew Nolan with Torah to the Tribes</u>, brings out key points in his teaching on "Romans from a Torah Covenant Perspective – Chpt 8 Part 3 <u>https://youtu.be/anUHBt3OC4I</u> - Summary points noted:

#### Yahusha is fully qualified to redeem:

- 1. His Bride
- 2. The Land
- 3. Creation

#### **The Transaction Required**

- > Right of Redemption
- ➤ 1 Cor.6:20 ...bought with a price 30 pieces of silver
- Bill of Sale evident by Judas being given a band of men and officers from the chief priests & Pharisees to retrieve Yahusha.
- Deed sealed with a kiss
- Notarized in Pilate's Court
- Public Transference they chose Barabbas –
- Yahusha became accursed and shed His blood for redemption.
- > Deed then sealed and placed in earthen vessel.
- > (Transaction process recorded in Jer. 32:6)

Jer 32:6 And Yirmeyahu said, "The word of יהוה came to me, saying,7 See, Ḥaname'ěl son of Shallum your uncle is coming to you, saying, "Buy my field which is in Anathoth, for the right of redemption is yours to buy it." ..... continue and read

Rev 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, <a href="Eze\_2:10">Eze\_2:10</a> having been <a href="sealed with seven seals">sealed with seven seals</a>. Rev 5:2 And I saw a strong messenger proclaiming with a loud voice, <a href=""">""">""" Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loosen its seals?"</a>

Joh 18:2 And Yehudah, who delivered Him up, also knew the place, because יהושע often met there with His taught ones.

Joh 18:3 Yehudah, then, having received the company of soldiers, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, and torches, and weapons.

Joh 18:4 יהושע, then, knowing all that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?"

Joh 18:5 They answered Him, "יהושע" of Natsareth." יהושע said to them, "I am." And Yehudah, who delivered Him up, was also standing with them.

Joh 18:6 When, therefore, He said to them, "I am," they drew back and fell to the ground.

Joh 18:7 Once more He asked them, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "יהושע of Natsareth."

Joh 18:8 יהושע answered, "I said to you that I am. If, then, you seek Me, allow these to go,"

Joh 18:9 in order that the word might be filled which He spoke, "Of those whom You have given Me, I have lost none."

Another <u>unique account recorded by John</u> is that Peter cut off the <u>right ear</u> of the high priest's servant and his name was <u>Melek!</u>

Joh 18:10 Then Shim'on Kěpha, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. And the servant's name was Melek.

There is <u>a definite message in John 18:10</u>! We already read that when the men arrive to arrest Yahusha; Judas, the company of soldiers, and officers; then hear Yahusha respond 'I Am'; they all drew back and fell to the ground! So, His presence was causing a stir!

Joh 18:11 Then יהושע said to Kěpha, "Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?"

Therefore, a servant of the high <u>priest</u> with the name Melek meaning <u>'king'</u>, has his <u>right</u> <u>ear cut off</u>! We know in other gospel accounts that Yahusha totally heals his ear. However, one can't help but recount the significance of the 'right' ear!

Exo 29:20 and you shall slay the ram, and <u>take some of its blood and put it on the tip of the right ear of Aharon</u> and on the tip of the right ear of his sons, on the thumb of their right hand and on the big toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood all around on the slaughter-place.

Rev 3:22 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies." ' "

This miracle of the 'ear' account, had to have been spoken of not only among those witnessing the act; but also, word must have even been reported back to Annas and Caiaphas! It is obvious who 'Yahusha is; who Yahusha was; and that Yahusha would be the one to come' for those that have eyes to see and ears to hear.

These were just a few amazing highlights showing how every jot and tittle of YHWH's Word is in the process of fulfillment. There is much more that could be shared. The chapter closes with more of the <u>'required transaction'</u> processes being fulfilled as earlier noted.

### Yahusha Faces Annas and Caiaphas

Joh 18:12 Then the company of soldiers and the commander and the officers of the Yehudim seized יהושע and bound Him,

Joh 18:13 and they led Him away to Ḥanan first, for he was the father-in-law of Qayapha who was high priest that year.

Joh 18:14 Now Qayapha was the one who gave counsel to the Yehudim that it was better that one man should die for the people.

Caiaphas was the High Priest of choice by the Romans; it did not mean that he was the best qualified. The best suitable candidate for the high priest that year was John the Immerser; who was relegated to the wilderness due to the corruption in the temple system.

#### **Peter Denies Yahusha**

Joh 18:15 And Shim'on Kěpha followed יהושע, with another taught one, and that taught one was known to the high priest, and went with יהושע into the courtyard of the high priest.

Adam Clarke Commentary Notes: John 18:15 And - another disciple - Not That other disciple, for the article is omitted by AD, two others; some editions; Syriac, Persic, Gothic, and Nonnus. So the Vulgate is to be understood. There are many conjectures who this disciple was: Jerome, Chrysostom, Theophylact, Nonnus, Lyra, Erasmus, Piscator, and others, say it was John. It is true John frequently mentions himself in the third person; but then he has always, whom Jesus loved, as in <a href="Joh\_13:23">Joh\_19:26</a>; Joh\_21:7, Joh\_21:20, except in <a href="Joh\_19:35">Joh\_19:35</a>, where he has plainly pointed out himself as writer of this Gospel; but, in the place before us, he has mentioned no circumstance by which that disciple may be known to be John. To this may be added that John being not only a Galilean, but a fisherman by trade, it is not likely that he should have been known to the high priest, as it is here said of that disciple who followed Jesus with Peter. See Bishop Pearce and Calmet. The conjecture of Grotius is the most likely: viz. that it was the person at whose house Jesus had supped. St. Augustin, Tract. 113, speaks like a man of sound sense: We should not decide hastily, says he, on a subject concerning which the Scripture is silent.

Joh 18:16 But Kěpha was standing outside at the door. So the other taught one, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought Kěpha in.

Joh 18:17 Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Kěpha, "Are you also one of this Man's taught ones?" He said, "I am not."

Joh 18:18 And the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, because it was cold, and they warmed themselves. And Kěpha was standing with them and warming himself.

### The High Priest Questions Yahusha

Joh 18:19 Then the high priest asked יהושע about His taught ones and His teaching.

Joh 18:20 יהושע answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in the congregation and in the Set-apart Place, where the Yehudim always meet, and I spoke no *word* in secret.

Joh 18:21 "Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. See, they know what I said."

Joh 18:22 And when He had said this, one of the officers who stood by slapped יהושע in the face, saying, "Do You answer the high priest this way?"

Joh 18:23 יהושע answered him, "If I have spoken evilly, bear witness of the evil, but if well, why do you strike Me?"

Joh 18:24 Then Ḥanan [Annas] sent Him bound to the high priest, Qayapha [Caiaphas].

**F. B. Meyer Notes: JESUS BEFORE HIS PERSECUTORS** Annas was the father-in-law of the high priest. For many years he had worn the high priest's robes, and though now he had nominally retired from his office, he still kept his hands on the reins. He was the most powerful factor in the high-priestly circles. He was awaiting the return of the expedition in the hall of his palace, and at once began a preliminary inquiry, in the hope of extracting something on which to base his case against our Lord.

#### Peter Denies Yahusha Again

Joh 18:25 And Shim'on Kěpha was standing and warming himself. Then they said to him, "Are you also one of His taught ones?" He denied it and said, "I am not!"

Joh 18:26 One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Kěpha cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?"

Joh 18:27 Then Kepha again denied it, and immediately a cock crowed.

#### Yahusha Before Pilate

Joh 18:28 Then they led יהושע from Qayapha to the palace, and it was early. And they themselves did not go into the palace, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Pěsaḥ.

Joh 18:29 Pilate, therefore, came out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?"

Joh 18:30 They answered and said to him, "If He were not an evil-doer, we would not have delivered Him up to you."

Joh 18:31 Then Pilate said to them, "You take Him and judge Him according to your law." The Yehudim said to him, "It is not right for us to put anyone to death,"

Joh 18:32 in order that the word of יהושע might be filled which He spoke, signifying by what death He was about to die.

The Yehudim at that time were not allowed to put anyone to death. In our day, those that 'say they are Jews and are not'; are vying to implement an international court system along with Talmudic Noahide Laws so that they can put believers to death by one witness for even saying the Name Yahusha or Jesus etc. These are among the conglomerate that make up the global elite.

#### My Kingdom Is Not of This World

Joh 18:33 Then Pilate went back into the palace, and called יהושע, and said to Him, "Are You the Sovereign of the Yehudim?"

Joh 18:34 יהושע answered him, "Do you say this from yourself, or did others talk to you about Me?"

Joh 18:35 Pilate answered, "Am I a Yehudi? Your own nation and the chief priests have

delivered You to me. What did You do?"

Joh 18:36 יהושע answered, "My reign is not of this world. If My reign were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Yehudim. But now My reign is not from here."

Joh 18:37 Then Pilate said to Him, "You are a sovereign, then?" יהושע answered, "You say it, because I am a sovereign. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

Joh 18:38 Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Yehudim, and said to them, "I find no guilt in Him.

Joh 18:39 "But you have a habit that I shall release someone to you at the Pěsaḥ. Do you wish, then, that I release to you the Sovereign of the Yehudim?"

Joh 18:40 Then they all shouted again, saying, "Not this One, but Barabba!" And Barabba was a robber.

Isa 5:20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

## **Philippians 2**

Paul continues to teach and speak words of wisdom, knowledge, and encouragement.

Php 2:1 If, then, there is any encouragement in Messiah, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of Spirit, if any affection and compassion,

Php 2:2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, having the same love, one in being and of purpose,

Php 2:3 doing none at all through selfishness or self-conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

Php 2:4 Each one should look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Php 2:5 For, let this mind be in you which was also in Messiah יהושע,

Php 2:6 who, being in the form of Elohim, did not regard equality with Elohim a matter to be grasped,

Php 2:7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, and came to be in the likeness of men.

Php 2:8 And having been found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, death even of a stake.

Php 2:9 Elohim, therefore, has highly exalted Him and given Him the Name which is above every name,

Php 2:10 that at the Name of יהושע every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

Php 2:11 and **every tongue should confess** <u>Isa 45:23</u> that יהושע Messiah is Master, to the esteem of Elohim the Father.

There is power in His Name and power in His presence. In John 18 we read of the men drawing back and falling to the ground upon hearing Yahusha say 'I Am'; and now we read in Philippians that 'every knee shall bow, ...and every tongue shall confess'...!

Paul then goes on to **encourage mature behavior**.

Php 2:12 So that, my beloved, as you always obeyed – not only in my presence, but now much rather in my absence – work out your own deliverance with **fear and trembling**, Psa 2:11.

Php 2:13 for it is Elohim who is working in you both to desire and to work for *His* good pleasure.

Php 2:14 Do all matters without grumblings and disputings,

Php 2:15 in order that you be blameless and faultless, children of Elohim without blemish in the midst of a **crooked and perverse generation**, Deu 32:5 among whom you shine as lights in the world,

Php 2:16 holding on to the Word of life, for a boast to me in the day of Messiah, that I have not run in vain or laboured in vain.

Php 2:17 In fact, even if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the offering and service of your belief, I am glad and rejoice with you all.

Php 2:18 So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

**Timothy and Epaphroditus -** Paul closes the chapter by sharing with them that Timothy and Epaphroditos would be coming to them to teach and to bring comfort. They were both proven and faithful servants.

Php 2:19 But I trust in the Master יהושע to send Timotiyos to you shortly, so that I too am encouraged by news from you.

Php 2:20 For I have no one else of the same mind, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare.

Php 2:21 For all seek their own *interests*, not those of Messiah יהושע.

Php 2:22 But you know he has proven himself, that as a son with his father he served with me for the Good News.

Php 2:23 So I expect to send him as soon as I see how it goes with me,

Php 2:24 and I trust in the Master that I myself shall also come shortly.

Php 2:25 But I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditos, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, and your emissary and servant to my need,

Php 2:26 since he was longing for you all, and being troubled because you had heard that he was sick.

Php 2:27 For indeed he was sick, near to death, but Elohim had compassion on him, and not

only on him but on me as well, lest I should have sadness upon sadness.

Php 2:28 Therefore I sent him more eagerly, so that on seeing him again you might rejoice, and I be less sad.

Php 2:29 Receive him therefore in the Master with all joy, and hold such as he in esteem,

Php 2:30 because for the work of Messiah he was near death, risking his life, to fill up what was lacking in your service toward me.

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