# Sharing The Light Ministries

# Hanukkah (Feast of Dedication) Celebration

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## The Feast of Dedication

**Overall Theme**

The cleansing and rededication of the Temple and that we are lights of the world.

**Brief History**

Around 165 BC Antiochus Epiphanes, a Greek commander, took over Jerusalem and raided the Temple of God stealing all the artifacts of the Temple. They also set up a statue of Zeus in the Holy of Holies and sacrificed a pig on the altar on December 25th which is the birthday of Zeus. This is what Daniel prophesied about concerning the abomination of desolation. Antiochus also made it a law that Jews could not keep the covenant, keep the Sabbath, circumcise their children and they were commanded to sacrifice and worship pagan gods.

Judah Macabee and his family of priests refused to forsake the law and covenant of God and led a small army in guerrilla warfare for three years defeating all the armies of Greece!

In the account in (I) Maccabees, Judah proclaimed that the **only way they could win was by the will of heaven!** He was a mighty warrior who brought terror upon the Grecian armies. After three years they overcame them and returned to Jerusalem to cleanse and rededicate the Temple on December 25th (Kislev 25).

They rebuilt the Altar of Sacrifice and re-kindled the Menorah or Lampstand. However, it takes eight days to produce olive oil and they had only a one-day supply. God supernaturally caused the light to burn for eight days until more olive oil could be produced!

The celebration is known as the Festival of Lights or Feast of Dedication (Hanukkah). It is kept for eight days. Each night you light an additional candle while studying the history and covenant of God.

**Light of the World**

On the 8th day of Hanukkah the angel Gabriel spoke to Mary and the Messiah, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, WAS CONCEIVED ON THE LAST DAY OF THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS! And He was born 280 days later during the Feast of

Tabernacles!!! The Light of the World came and **"Tabernacled"** among men on Tishri 15, the beginning of the Feast of Tabernacles! GLORY!

In John 10, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a winter Feast, the Feast of Dedication or Hanukkah and during this time He **PLAINLY REVEALED THAT HE WAS THE MESSIAH.**

## Prophetic Significance of Hanukkah

The priestly family of the Macabees cleansed and rededicated the Temple restoring the covenant and true worship of God. If they had not done this Jesus could not have come because God could not have His Son worship in a pagan temple. They prepared the way for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ – Yahshua!

**Our mission is like that of the Macabees, to "restore true worship" to the earth. This entails understanding and embracing our Jewish heritage by entering into our king-priest ministry. In doing so, we are preparing the way for the Second Coming of the LORD!!!**

## Instructions for the Feast

Purchase a Menorah or buy 9 candles. The ninth candle should remain in the middle it represents Jesus (The Servant Candle). Every night light the middle candle first and then light the candles according to the numbered day of the Feast. First we light the server candle <The Shamis Candle> in the center to use to light our first candle on the far right.

For example, on the first day you should have the Servant candle and the first candle lit. On the second day you should have the Servant candle and two others and so on….until the end of the Feast. Just let the candles burn while you are praying and reading your scriptures.

Attached is a study guide for the eight days of Hanukkah, starting with the Short Tabernacle Prayer. Also remember to follow the Holy Spirit He will lead you and show you how to please Him.

**Happy Hanukkah!**

*God bless you and keep you and make His face shine upon you and give you peace.*

# *Short Tabernacle Prayer*

Father we come to You in the name of Jesus, repenting of all of our sins. We repent for sins known and unknown, sins of word, thought and deed, and also secret faults **(Ps 51:1-4).** Cleanse us according to **I John 1:9;** Your Word states if we confess our sins, You are faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Father we enter Your gates with thanksgiving and Your courts with praise, exalting the name of Jesus which is above every name **(Eph 1:20-21)**. We declare that Jesus is Lord over this day.

Father we thank You that Jesus is the Lamb of God, Who shed His Blood for our sins and complete deliverance **(John 1:29 - John 3:16).**

Father, we also thank You that Jesus is the Word made flesh **(John 1:14)** and You sent Your Word to heal us and deliver us from our destructions **(Ps 107:20).** We also thank You for washing us by the water of Your Word so we can come forth as Your bride, holy and pure **(Eph 5:26-27).**

We exalt You Father for the power and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, making us Your Lampstand **(Matt 5:14-16).** We reflect Your light and walk in miracles, signs, and wonders.

Father we come to stand in the gap and repent for all mankind. We have all sinned and fallen short of Your glory and we ask for Your forgiveness **(Dan 9:5, 19).** As we spiritually receive communion, the broken body and shed Blood of Jesus, we gain full power to war, battle and overcome. We put on the whole armor of God and pray for every precious stone in our breastplate, the Lost, the Leadership, the Body of Christ and the Jewish Nation **(I Tim 2:1-4).** We declare that You will deliver us from every evil work and preserve us for Your heavenly kingdom – and to You be the glory for ever and ever **(II Tim 4:18).** We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, peace within their walls, and prosperity within their palaces **(Ps 122:6-9).** Father we thank You for the blessing over our lives that You promised us for praying for Israel **(Gen 12:3).** We thank You that we all come into the unity of faith perfected in Christ **(Eph 4:13).**

We come to You as true worshippers in the earth, worshipping You in spirit and in truth **(John 4:23-24).** We purge our hearts and bring that perfect blend of heart motivations and attitudes **(Gal 5:22-23).** We exalt Jesus the Apostle and High Priest of the House of God. He makes this prayer and our worship perfect before You and leads us into Your presence **(Heb 3:1).**

Father we come beyond the Veil into Your presence, worshipping at the Mercy Seat**,** Your throne of grace **(Heb 4:16).** We worship You Father, Jesus the Lamb of God, and Holy Spirit in the joy of Your presence **(Ps 16:11).** We exalt You, Father, and magnify Your name and the name of Jesus in all the earth. We love You and we thank You for loving us! For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever! Amen **(Matt 6:13).**

# COMMUNION

**SANDY / CJ – OPENING**

**BREAD (BODY OF CHRIST)**
**I COR 11:23-24**
23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread;
24 and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

**SANDY -- HEBREW BLESSING – BREAD**
**Communion Blessing**
**Baruch Atah Yahweh Melech Ha'olam Hamotzee Lechem Meen Hawawretz.**
***Blessed are You, Oh Yahweh, King of the Universe, Who brings forth bread from the earth.***

**WINE (BLOOD OF CHRIST)**
**I COR 11:25-26**
25 In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it,* in remembrance of Me."
26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

**SANDY -- HEBREW BLESSING – WINE**
**Communion Blessing**
**Baruch Atah Yahweh Melech Ha'olam Borei P'ri Ha-gafen.**
***Praised are You, Oh Yahweh, Sovereign of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.***

**I JOHN 5:6-8**
6 This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth.
7 For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.
8 And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

**CJ – HOLY SPIRIT BLESSING**
***Blessed are You Oh Ruach HaKodesh – Source of the Rivers of Life***

**ISRAEL BLESSING**
**Praying for the Peace of Jerusalem**
Peace within their walls, Prosperity within their palaces, we seek their highest good. We pray that every Jewish person comes to know that Yahshua is Lord and Savior -- And that they get saved. We pray that they open up their mouth to declare:

**Baruch Haba ba Shem Yahweh – *"Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of Yahweh"***

# 1st Night of Hanukkah

**Tonight is the first night of Hanukkah. This is Erev Shabbos. We light one candle and say *THREE BLESSINGS* on this night BEFORE SHABBOS BEGINS! First we light the server candle <The Shamis Candle> in the center to use to light our first candle on the far right. On the first night (I) Maccabees is read. We have included Chapters 1-4, for you to read.**

***First Blessing over the lighting of the candle...***
***"Blessed are you O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us through His commandments and commanded us to kindle the Hanukkah lights."***

***Second Blessing in remembrance of the miracles...***
***"Blessed are you O Lord our God, King of the universe, who brought miracles for our ancestors, in those days at this time of year."***

***Third Blessing in allowing us to reach and enjoy this day...***
***"Blessed are you O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has kept us alive and sustained us, and enabled us to reach and enjoy this day".***

## *Prayer:*

**Father, we are Your king-priests and we understand the spiritual significance of this season. This motivates us to a greater love for You, our Lord Jesus and precious Holy Spirit.**

# (I) MACCABEES, Chapters 1-4

## Chapter 1

*1:* After Alexander son of Philip, the Macedonian, who came from the land of Kittim, had defeated Darius, king of the Persians and the Medes, he succeeded him as king. (He had previously become king of Greece.)
*2:* He fought many battles, conquered strongholds, and put to death the kings of the earth.
*3:* He advanced to the ends of the earth, and plundered many nations. When the earth became quiet before him, he was exalted, and his heart was lifted up.
*4:* He gathered a very strong army and ruled over countries, nations, and princes, and they became tributary to him.
*5:* After this he fell sick and perceived that he was dying.
*6:* So he summoned his most honored officers, who had been brought up with him from youth, and divided his kingdom among them while he was still alive.
*7:* And after Alexander had reigned twelve years, he died.
*8:* Then his officers began to rule, each in his own place.
*9:* They all put on crowns after his death, and so did their sons after them for many years; and they caused many evils on the earth.
*10:* From them came forth a sinful root, Antiochus Epiphanes, son of Antiochus the king; he had been a hostage in Rome. He began to reign in the one hundred and thirty-seventh year of the kingdom of the Greeks.
*11:* In those days lawless men came forth from Israel, and misled many, saying, "Let us go and make a covenant with the Gentiles round about us, for since we separated from them many evils have come upon us."
*12:* This proposal pleased them,
*13:* and some of the people eagerly went to the king. He authorized them to observe the ordinances of the Gentiles.
*14:* So they built a gymnasium in Jerusalem, according to Gentile custom,
*15:* and removed the marks of circumcision, and abandoned the holy covenant. They joined with the Gentiles and sold themselves to do evil.
*16:* When Antiochus saw that his kingdom was established, he determined to become king of the land of Egypt, that he might reign over both kingdoms.
*17:* So he invaded Egypt with a strong force, with chariots and elephants and cavalry and with a large fleet.
*18:* He engaged Ptolemy king of Egypt in battle, and Ptolemy turned and fled before him, and many were wounded and fell.
*19:* And they captured the fortified cities in the land of Egypt, and he plundered the land of Egypt.
***20:* After subduing Egypt, Antiochus returned in the one hundred and forty-third year. He went up against Israel and came to Jerusalem with a strong force.**
***21:* He arrogantly entered the sanctuary and took the golden altar, the lampstand for the light, and all its utensils.**

***22:*** **He took also the table for the bread of the Presence, the cups for drink offerings, the bowls, the golden censers, the curtain, the crowns, and the gold decoration on the front of the temple; he stripped it all off.**
***23:*** **He took the silver and the gold, and the costly vessels; he took also the hidden treasures which he found.**
***24:*** **Taking them all, he departed to his own land. He committed deeds of murder, and spoke with great arrogance.**
***25:*** **Israel mourned deeply in every community,**
*26:* rulers and elders groaned, maidens and young men became faint, the beauty of women faded.
*27:* Every bridegroom took up the lament; she who sat in the bridal chamber was mourning.
*28:* Even the land shook for its inhabitants, and all the house of Jacob was clothed with shame.
***29:*** **Two years later the king sent to the cities of Judah a chief collector of tribute, and he came to Jerusalem with a large force.**
***30:*** **Deceitfully he spoke peaceable words to them, and they believed him; but he suddenly fell upon the city, dealt it a severe blow, and destroyed many people of Israel.**
***31:*** **He plundered the city, burned it with fire, and tore down its houses and its surrounding walls.**
***32:*** **And they took captive the women and children, and seized the cattle.**
***33:*** **Then they fortified the city of David with a great strong wall and strong towers, and it became their citadel.**
***34:*** **And they stationed there a sinful people, lawless men. These strengthened their position;**
*35:* they stored up arms and food, and collecting the spoils of Jerusalem they stored them there, and became a great snare.
***36:*** **It became an ambush against the sanctuary, an evil adversary of Israel continually.**
***37:*** **On every side of the sanctuary they shed innocent blood; they even defiled the sanctuary.**
***38:*** **Because of them the residents of Jerusalem fled; she became a dwelling of strangers; she became strange to her offspring, and her children forsook her.**
***39:*** **Her sanctuary became desolate as a desert; her feasts were turned into mourning, her sabbaths into a reproach, her honor into contempt.**
*40:* Her dishonor now grew as great as her glory; her exaltation was turned into mourning.
*41:* Then the king wrote to his whole kingdom that all should be one people,
*42:* and that each should give up his customs.
***43:*** **All the Gentiles accepted the command of the king. Many even from Israel gladly adopted his religion; they sacrificed to idols and profaned the sabbath.**
***44:*** **And the king sent letters by messengers to Jerusalem and the cities of Judah; he directed them to follow customs strange to the land,**

***45:* to forbid burnt offerings and sacrifices and drink offerings in the sanctuary, to profane sabbaths and feasts,**
***46:* to defile the sanctuary and the priests,**
***47:* to build altars and sacred precincts and shrines for idols, to sacrifice swine and unclean animals,**
***48:* and to leave their sons uncircumcised. They were to make themselves abominable by everything unclean and profane,**
*49:* so that they should forget the law and change all the ordinances.
*50:* "And whoever does not obey the command of the king shall die."
*51:* In such words he wrote to his whole kingdom. And he appointed inspectors over all the people and commanded the cities of Judah to offer sacrifice, city by city.
*52:* Many of the people, every one who forsook the law, joined them, and they did evil in the land;
*53:* they drove Israel into hiding in every place of refuge they had.
*54:* Now on the fifteenth day of Chislev, in the one hundred and forty-fifth year, they erected a desolating sacrilege upon the altar of burnt offering. They also built altars in the surrounding cities of Judah,
*55:* and burned incense at the doors of the houses and in the streets.
***56:* The books of the law which they found they tore to pieces and burned with fire.**
***57:* Where the book of the covenant was found in the possession of any one, or if any one adhered to the law, the decree of the king condemned him to death.**
***58:* They kept using violence against Israel, against those found month after month in the cities.**
***59:* And on the twenty-fifth day of the month they offered sacrifice on the altar which was upon the altar of burnt offering.**
*60:* According to the decree, they put to death the women who had their children circumcised,
*61:* and their families and those who circumcised them; and they hung the infants from their mothers' necks.
*62:* But many in Israel stood firm and were resolved in their hearts not to eat unclean food.
***63:* They chose to die rather than to be defiled by food or to profane the holy covenant; and they did die.**
*64:* And very great wrath came upon Israel.

# Chapter 2

*1:* In those days Mattathias the son of John, son of Simeon, a priest of the sons of Joarib, moved from Jerusalem and settled in Modein.
*2:* He had five sons, John surnamed Gaddi,
*3:* Simon called Thassi,
*4:* Judas called Maccabeus,

*5:* Eleazar called Avaran, and Jonathan called Apphus.
*6:* He saw the blasphemies being committed in Judah and Jerusalem,
*7:* and said, "Alas! Why was I born to see this, the ruin of my people, the ruin of the holy city, and to dwell there when it was given over to the enemy, the sanctuary given over to aliens?
*8:* Her temple has become like a man without honor;
*9:* her glorious vessels have been carried into captivity. Her babes have been killed in her streets, her youths by the sword of the foe.
*10:* What nation has not inherited her palaces and has not seized her spoils?
*11:* All her adornment has been taken away; no longer free, she has become a slave.
*12:* And behold, our holy place, our beauty, and our glory have been laid waste; the Gentiles have profaned it.
*13:* Why should we live any longer?"
*14:* And Mattathias and his sons rent their clothes, put on sackcloth, and mourned greatly.
*15:* Then the king's officers who were enforcing the apostasy came to the city of Modein to make them offer sacrifice.
*16:* Many from Israel came to them; and Mattathias and his sons were assembled.
***17:* Then the king's officers spoke to Mattathias as follows: "You are a leader, honored and great in this city, and supported by sons and brothers.**
***18:* Now be the first to come and do what the king commands, as all the Gentiles and the men of Judah and those that are left in Jerusalem have done. Then you and your sons will be numbered among the friends of the king, and you and your sons will be honored with silver and gold and many gifts."**
***19:* But Mattathias answered and said in a loud voice: "Even if all the nations that live under the rule of the king obey him, and have chosen to do his commandments, departing each one from the religion of his fathers,**
***20:* yet I and my sons and my brothers will live by the covenant of our fathers.**
*21:* Far be it from us to desert the law and the ordinances.
*22:* We will not obey the king's words by turning aside from our religion to the right hand or to the left."
***23:* When he had finished speaking these words, a Jew came forward in the sight of all to offer sacrifice upon the altar in Modein, according to the king's command.**
***24:* When Mattathias saw it, be burned with zeal and his heart was stirred. He gave vent to righteous anger; he ran and killed him upon the altar.**
***25:* At the same time he killed the king's officer who was forcing them to sacrifice, and he tore down the altar.**
***26:* Thus he burned with zeal for the law, as Phinehas did against Zimri**

**the son of Salu.**
***27:*** **Then Mattathias cried out in the city with a loud voice, saying: "Let every one who is zealous for the law and supports the covenant come out with me!"**
***28:*** **And he and his sons fled to the hills and left all that they had in the city.**
***29:*** **Then many who were seeking righteousness and justice went down to the wilderness to dwell there,**
***30:*** **they, their sons, their wives, and their cattle, because evils pressed heavily upon them.**
*31:* And it was reported to the king's officers, and to the troops in Jerusalem the city of David, that men who had rejected the king's command had gone down to the hiding places in the wilderness.
*32:* Many pursued them, and overtook them; they encamped opposite them and prepared for battle against them on the sabbath day.
*33:* And they said to them, "Enough of this! Come out and do what the king commands, and you will live."
***34:*** **But they said, "We will not come out, nor will we do what the king commands and so profane the sabbath day."**
***35:*** **Then the enemy hastened to attack them.**
***36:*** **But they did not answer them or hurl a stone at them or block up their hiding places,**
***37:*** **for they said, "Let us all die in our innocence; heaven and earth testify for us that you are killing us unjustly."**
***38:*** **So they attacked them on the sabbath, and they died, with their wives and children and cattle, to the number of a thousand persons.**
***39:*** **When Mattathias and his friends learned of it, they mourned for them deeply.**
***40:*** **And each said to his neighbor: "If we all do as our brethren have done and refuse to fight with the Gentiles for our lives and for our ordinances, they will quickly destroy us from the earth."**
***41:*** **So they made this decision that day: "Let us fight against every man who comes to attack us on the sabbath day; let us not all die as our brethren died in their hiding places."**
*42:* Then there united with them a company of Hasideans, mighty warriors of Israel, every one who offered himself willingly for the law.
*43:* And all who became fugitives to escape their troubles joined them and reinforced them.
*44:* They organized an army, and struck down sinners in their anger and lawless men in their wrath; the survivors fled to the Gentiles for safety.
*45:* And Mattathias and his friends went about and tore down the altars;
*46:* they forcibly circumcised all the uncircumcised boys that they found within the borders of Israel.
***47:*** **They hunted down the arrogant men, and the work prospered in their hands.**
***48:*** **They rescued the law out of the hands of the Gentiles and kings, and**

**they never let the sinner gain the upper hand.**
*49:* Now the days drew near for Mattathias to die, and he said to his sons: "Arrogance and reproach have now become strong; it is a time of ruin and furious anger.
***50:* Now, my children, show zeal for the law, and give your lives for the covenant of our fathers.**
***51:* "Remember the deeds of the fathers, which they did in their generations; and receive great honor and an everlasting name.**
***52:* Was not Abraham found faithful when tested, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness?**
***53:* Joseph in the time of his distress kept the commandment, and became lord of Egypt.**
***54:* Phinehas our father, because he was deeply zealous, received the covenant of everlasting priesthood.**
***55:* Joshua, because he fulfilled the command, became a judge in Israel.**
***56:* Caleb, because he testified in the assembly, received an inheritance in the land.**
***57:* David, because he was merciful, inherited the throne of the kingdom for ever.**
***58:* Elijah because of great zeal for the law was taken up into heaven.**
***59:* Hannaniah, Azariah, and Mishael believed and were saved from the flame.**
***60:* Daniel because of his innocence was delivered from the mouth of the lions.**
***61:* "And so observe, from generation to generation, that none who put their trust in him will lack strength.**
*62:* Do not fear the words of a sinner, for his splendor will turn into dung and worms.
*63:* Today he will be exalted, but tomorrow he will not be found, because he has returned to the dust, and his plans will perish.
*64:* My children, be courageous and grow strong in the law, for by it you will gain honor.
*65:* "Now behold, I know that Simeon your brother is wise in counsel; always listen to him; he shall be your father.
***66:* Judas Maccabeus has been a mighty warrior from his youth; he shall command the army for you and fight the battle against the peoples.**
*67:* You shall rally about you all who observe the law, and avenge the wrong done to your people.
*68:* Pay back the Gentiles in full, and heed what the law commands."
*69:* Then he blessed them, and was gathered to his fathers.
*70:* He died in the one hundred and forty-sixth year and was buried in the tomb of his fathers at Modein. And all Israel mourned.

# Chapter 3

***1:* Then Judas his son, who was called Maccabeus, took command in his place.**
***2:* All his brothers and all who had joined his father helped him; they gladly fought for Israel.**
***3:* He extended the glory of his people. Like a giant he put on his breastplate; he girded on his armor of war and waged battles, protecting the host by his sword.**
***4:* He was like a lion in his deeds, like a lion's cub roaring for prey.**
***5:* He searched out and pursued the lawless; he burned those who troubled his people.**
***6:* Lawless men shrank back for fear of him; all the evildoers were confounded; and deliverance prospered by his hand.**
***7:* He embittered many kings, but he made Jacob glad by his deeds, and his memory is blessed for ever.**
***8:* He went through the cities of Judah; he destroyed the ungodly out of the land; thus he turned away wrath from Israel.**
*9:* He was renowned to the ends of the earth; he gathered in those who were perishing.
*10:* But Apollonius gathered together Gentiles and a large force from Samaria to fight against Israel.
*11:* When Judas learned of it, he went out to meet him, and he defeated and killed him. Many were wounded and fell, and the rest fled.
*12:* Then they seized their spoils; and Judas took the sword of Apollonius, and used it in battle the rest of his life.
*13:* Now when Seron, the commander of the Syrian army, heard that Judas had gathered a large company, including a body of faithful men who stayed with him and went out to battle,
*14:* he said, "I will make a name for myself and win honor in the kingdom. I will make war on Judas and his companions, who scorn the king's command."
*15:* And again a strong army of ungodly men went up with him to help him, to take vengeance on the sons of Israel.
*16:* When he approached the ascent of Beth-horon, Judas went out to meet him with a small company.
***17:* But when they saw the army coming to meet them, they said to Judas, "How can we, few as we are, fight against so great and strong a multitude? And we are faint, for we have eaten nothing today."**
***18:* Judas replied, "It is easy for many to be hemmed in by few, for in the sight of Heaven there is no difference between saving by many or by few.**
***19:* It is not on the size of the army that victory in battle depends, but strength comes from Heaven.**
*20:* They come against us in great pride and lawlessness to destroy us and our wives and our children, and to despoil us;

*21:* but we fight for our lives and our laws.
*22:* He himself will crush them before us; as for you, do not be afraid of them."
*23:* When he finished speaking, he rushed suddenly against Seron and his army, and they were crushed before him.
*24:* They pursued them down the descent of Beth-horon to the plain; eight hundred of them fell, and the rest fled into the land of the Philistines.
***25:* Then Judas and his brothers began to be feared, and terror fell upon the Gentiles round about them.**
***26:* His fame reached the king, and the Gentiles talked of the battles of Judas.**
*27:* When king Antiochus heard these reports, he was greatly angered; and he sent and gathered all the forces of his kingdom, a very strong army.
*28:* And he opened his coffers and gave a year's pay to his forces, and ordered them to be ready for any need.
*29:* Then he saw that the money in the treasury was exhausted, and that the revenues from the country were small because of the dissension and disaster which he had caused in the land by abolishing the laws that had existed from the earliest days.
*30:* He feared that he might not have such funds as he had before for his expenses and for the gifts which he used to give more lavishly than preceding kings.
*31:* He was greatly perplexed in mind, and determined to go to Persia and collect the revenues from those regions and raise a large fund.
*32:* He left Lysias, a distinguished man of royal lineage, in charge of the king's affairs from the river Euphrates to the borders of Egypt.
*33:* Lysias was also to take care of Antiochus his son until he returned.
*34:* And he turned over to Lysias half of his troops and the elephants, and gave him orders about all that he wanted done. As for the residents of Judea and Jerusalem,
*35:* Lysias was to send a force against them to wipe out and destroy the strength of Israel and the remnant of Jerusalem; he was to banish the memory of them from the place,
*36:* settle aliens in all their territory, and distribute their land.
*37:* Then the king took the remaining half of his troops and departed from Antioch his capital in the one hundred and forty-seventh year. He crossed the Euphrates river and went through the upper provinces.
*38:* Lysias chose Ptolemy the son of Dorymenes, and Nicanor and Gorgias, mighty men among the friends of the king,
*39:* and sent with them forty thousand infantry and seven thousand cavalry to go into the land of Judah and destroy it, as the king had commanded.
*40:* so they departed with their entire force, and when they arrived they encamped near Emmaus in the plain.
*41:* When the traders of the region heard what was said to them, they took silver and gold in immense amounts, and fetters, and went to the camp to get the sons of Israel for slaves. And forces from Syria and the land of the Philistines joined with them.

***42:*** **Now Judas and his brothers saw that misfortunes had increased and that the forces were encamped in their territory. They also learned what the king had commanded to do to the people to cause their final destruction.**
***43:*** **But they said to one another, "Let us repair the destruction of our people, and fight for our people and the sanctuary."**
*44:* And the congregation assembled to be ready for battle, and to pray and ask for mercy and compassion.
*45:* Jerusalem was uninhabited like a wilderness; not one of her children went in or out. The sanctuary was trampled down, and the sons of aliens held the citadel; it was a lodging place for the Gentiles. Joy was taken from Jacob; the flute and the harp ceased to play.
***46:*** **So they assembled and went to Mizpah, opposite Jerusalem, because Israel formerly had a place of prayer in Mizpah.**
***47:*** **They fasted that day, put on sackcloth and sprinkled ashes on their heads, and rent their clothes.**
***48:*** **And they opened the book of the law to inquire into those matters about which the Gentiles were consulting the images of their idols.**
***49:*** **They also brought the garments of the priesthood and the first fruits and the tithes, and they stirred up the Nazirites who had completed their days;**
***50:*** **and they cried aloud to Heaven, saying, "What shall we do with these? Where shall we take them?**
***51:*** **Thy sanctuary is trampled down and profaned, and thy priests mourn in humiliation.**
***52:*** **And behold, the Gentiles are assembled against us to destroy us; thou knowest what they plot against us.**
***53:*** **How will we be able to withstand them, if thou dost not help us?"**
*54:* Then they sounded the trumpets and gave a loud shout.
*55:* After this Judas appointed leaders of the people, in charge of thousands and hundreds and fifties and tens.
*56:* And he said to those who were building houses, or were betrothed, or were planting vineyards, or were fainthearted, that each should return to his home, according to the law.
*57:* Then the army marched out and encamped to the south of Emmaus.
*58:* And Judas said, "Gird yourselves and be valiant. Be ready early in the morning to fight with these Gentiles who have assembled against us to destroy us and our sanctuary.
*59:* It is better for us to die in battle than to see the misfortunes of our nation and of the sanctuary.
***60:*** **But as his will in heaven may be, so he will do."**

# Chapter 4

*1:* Now Gorgias took five thousand infantry and a thousand picked cavalry, and this division moved out by night
*2:* to fall upon the camp of the Jews and attack them suddenly. Men from the citadel were his guides.
*3:* But Judas heard of it, and he and his mighty men moved out to attack the king's force in Emmaus
*4:* while the division was still absent from the camp.
*5:* When Gorgias entered the camp of Judas by night, he found no one there, so he looked for them in the hills, because he said, "These men are fleeing from us."
*6:* At daybreak Judas appeared in the plain with three thousand men, but they did not have armor and swords such as they desired.
*7:* And they saw the camp of the Gentiles, strong and fortified, with cavalry round about it; and these men were trained in war.
***8:* But Judas said to the men who were with him, "Do not fear their numbers or be afraid when they charge.**
***9:* Remember how our fathers were saved at the Red Sea, when Pharaoh with his forces pursued them.**
***10:* And now let us cry to Heaven, to see whether he will favor us and remember his covenant with our fathers and crush this army before us today.**
***11:* Then all the Gentiles will know that there is one who redeems and saves Israel."**
*12:* When the foreigners looked up and saw them coming against them,
*13:* they went forth from their camp to battle. Then the men with Judas blew their trumpets
*14:* and engaged in battle. The Gentiles were crushed and fled into the plain,
*15:* and all those in the rear fell by the sword. They pursued them to Gazara, and to the plains of Idumea, and to Azotus and Jamnia; and three thousand of them fell.
*16:* Then Judas and his force turned back from pursuing them,
*17:* and he said to the people, "Do not be greedy for plunder, for there is a battle before us;
*18:* Gorgias and his force are near us in the hills. But stand now against our enemies and fight them, and afterward seize the plunder boldly."
*19:* Just as Judas was finishing this speech, a detachment appeared, coming out of the hills.
*20:* They saw that their army had been put to flight, and that the Jews were burning the camp, for the smoke that was seen showed what had happened.
*21:* When they perceived this they were greatly frightened, and when they also saw the army of Judas drawn up in the plain for battle,
*22:* they all fled into the land of the Philistines.
***23:* Then Judas returned to plunder the camp, and they seized much gold and silver, and cloth dyed blue and sea purple, and great riches.**

***24:* On their return they sang hymns and praises to Heaven, for he is good, for his mercy endures for ever.**
***25:* Thus Israel had a great deliverance that day.**
*26:* Those of the foreigners who escaped went and reported to Lysias all that had happened.
*27:* When he heard it, he was perplexed and discouraged, for things had not happened to Israel as he had intended, nor had they turned out as the king had commanded him.
*28:* But the next year he mustered sixty thousand picked infantrymen and five thousand cavalry to subdue them.
***29:* They came into Idumea and encamped at Beth-zur, and Judas met them with ten thousand men.**
***30:* When he saw that the army was strong, he prayed, saying, "Blessed art thou, O Savior of Israel, who didst crush the attack of the mighty warrior by the hand of thy servant David, and didst give the camp of the Philistines into the hands of Jonathan, the son of Saul, and of the man who carried his armor.**
***31:* So do thou hem in this army by the hand of thy people Israel, and let them be ashamed of their troops and their cavalry.**
***32:* Fill them with cowardice; melt the boldness of their strength; let them tremble in their destruction.**
***33:* Strike them down with the sword of those who love thee, and let all who know thy name praise thee with hymns."**
***34:* Then both sides attacked, and there fell of the army of Lysias five thousand men; they fell in action.**
***35:* And when Lysias saw the rout of his troops and observed the boldness which inspired those of Judas, and how ready they were either to live or to die nobly, he departed to Antioch and enlisted mercenaries, to invade Judea again with an even larger army.**
***36:* Then said Judas and his brothers, "Behold, our enemies are crushed; let us go up to cleanse the sanctuary and dedicate it."**
***37:* So all the army assembled and they went up to Mount Zion.**
*38:* And they saw the sanctuary desolate, the altar profaned, and the gates burned. In the courts they saw bushes sprung up as in a thicket, or as on one of the mountains. They saw also the chambers of the priests in ruins.
*39:* Then they rent their clothes, and mourned with great lamentation, and sprinkled themselves with ashes.
*40:* They fell face down on the ground, and sounded the signal on the trumpets, and cried out to Heaven.
*41:* Then Judas detailed men to fight against those in the citadel until he had cleansed the sanctuary.
*42:* He chose blameless priests devoted to the law,
*43:* and they cleansed the sanctuary and removed the defiled stones to an unclean place.
*44:* They deliberated what to do about the altar of burnt offering, which had been profaned.

*45:* And they thought it best to tear it down, lest it bring reproach upon them, for the Gentiles had defiled it. So they tore down the altar,
*46:* and stored the stones in a convenient place on the temple hill until there should come a prophet to tell what to do with them.
*47:* Then they took unhewn stones, as the law directs, and built a new altar like the former one.
*48:* They also rebuilt the sanctuary and the interior of the temple, and consecrated the courts.
*49:* They made new holy vessels, and brought the lampstand, the altar of incense, and the table into the temple.
*50:* Then they burned incense on the altar and lighted the lamps on the lampstand, and these gave light in the temple.
*51:* They placed the bread on the table and hung up the curtains. Thus they finished all the work they had undertaken.
***52:* Early in the morning on the twenty-fifth day of the ninth month, which is the month of Chislev, in the one hundred and forty-eighth year,**
***53:* they rose and offered sacrifice, as the law directs, on the new altar of burnt offering which they had built.**
***54:* At the very season and on the very day that the Gentiles had profaned it, it was dedicated with songs and harps and lutes and cymbals.**
***55:* All the people fell on their faces and worshiped and blessed Heaven, who had prospered them.**
***56:* So they celebrated the dedication of the altar for eight days, and offered burnt offerings with gladness; they offered a sacrifice of deliverance and praise.**
***57:* They decorated the front of the temple with golden crowns and small shields; they restored the gates and the chambers for the priests, and furnished them with doors.**
***58:* There was very great gladness among the people, and the reproach of the Gentiles was removed.**
***59:* Then Judas and his brothers and all the assembly of Israel determined that every year at that season the days of dedication of the altar should be observed with gladness and joy for eight days, beginning with the twenty-fifth day of the month of Chislev.**
***60:* At that time they fortified Mount Zion with high walls and strong towers round about, to keep the Gentiles from coming and trampling them down as they had done before.**
*61:* And he stationed a garrison there to hold it. He also fortified Beth-zur, so that the people might have a stronghold that faced Idumea.

# 2nd Night of Hanukkah
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## *Prayer:*

**Father, as king-priests, we understand that You have pre-ordained us for good works and obedience in this walk of love and faith with Yahshua.**

**Leviticus 2:13**
13 Season all your grain offerings with salt. Do not leave the salt of the covenant of your God out of your grain offerings; add salt to all your offerings.

**Numbers 18:19**
19 Whatever is set aside from the holy offerings the Israelites present to the LORD I give to you and your sons and daughters as your regular share. It is an everlasting covenant of salt before the LORD for both you and your offspring."

**Psalms 119:105**
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

**Proverbs 6:23**
23 For these commands are a lamp,this teaching is a light,and the corrections of discipline are the way to life,

**Matthew 5:13-16**
13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.
14 "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.
15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

**Mark 4:1-20**

1 Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge.
2 He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said:
3 "Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed.
4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.
5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow.
6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.
7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain.
8 Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times."
9 Then Jesus said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."
10 When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables.
11 He told them, "The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables
12 so that, "'they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding; otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!'"
13 Then Jesus said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable?
14 The farmer sows the word.
15 Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them.
16 Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy.
17 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.
18 Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word;
19 but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.
20 Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop-thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown."

**John 12:32-36**

32 But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself."
33 He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.
34 The crowd spoke up, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ will remain forever, so how can you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this 'Son of Man'?"
35 Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going.
36 Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light." When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.

**Colossians 4:6**

6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

# 3rd Night of Hanukkah
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***"Blessed are you O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has kept us alive and sustained us, and enabled us to reach and enjoy this day".***

## *Prayer:*

**Father, we understand as king-priests, we are the light of the world. We are reflectors of the Your light. We are the sons of light -- the manifested sons of God!**

**Exodus 25:31-39**
31 "Make a lampstand of pure gold and hammer it out, base and shaft; its flowerlike cups, buds and blossoms shall be of one piece with it.
32 Six branches are to extend from the sides of the lampstand--three on one side and three on the other.
33 Three cups shaped like almond flowers with buds and blossoms are to be on one branch, three on the next branch, and the same for all six branches extending from the lampstand.
34 And on the lampstand there are to be four cups shaped like almond flowers with buds and blossoms.
35 One bud shall be under the first pair of branches extending from the lampstand, a second bud under the second pair, and a third bud under the third pair--six branches in all.
36 The buds and branches shall all be of one piece with the lampstand, hammered out of pure gold.
37 "Then make its seven lamps and set them up on it so that they light the space in front of it.
38 Its wick trimmers and trays are to be of pure gold.
39 A talent of pure gold is to be used for the lampstand and all these accessories.

**Exodus 37:17-27**
17 They made the lampstand of pure gold and hammered it out, base and shaft; its flowerlike cups, buds and blossoms were of one piece with it.
18 Six branches extended from the sides of the lampstand--three on one side and three on the other.

19 Three cups shaped like almond flowers with buds and blossoms were on one branch, three on the next branch and the same for all six branches extending from the lampstand.
20 And on the lampstand were four cups shaped like almond flowers with buds and blossoms.
21 One bud was under the first pair of branches extending from the lampstand, a second bud under the second pair, and a third bud under the third pair--six branches in all.
22 The buds and the branches were all of one piece with the lampstand, hammered out of pure gold.
23 They made its seven lamps, as well as its wick trimmers and trays, of pure gold.
24 They made the lampstand and all its accessories from one talent of pure gold.
25 They made the altar of incense out of acacia wood. It was square, a cubit long and a cubit wide, and two cubits high--its horns of one piece with it.
26 They overlaid the top and all the sides and the horns with pure gold, and made a gold molding around it.
27 They made two gold rings below the molding--two on opposite sides--to hold the poles used to carry it.

**Zechariah 4**
1 Then the angel who talked with me returned and wakened me, as a man is wakened from his sleep.
2 He asked me, "What do you see?"
I answered, "I see a solid gold lampstand with a bowl at the top and seven lights on it, with seven channels to the lights.
3 Also there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left."
4 I asked the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?"
5 He answered, "Do you not know what these are?" "No, my lord," I replied.
6 So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.
7 "What are you, O mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of 'God bless it! God bless it!'"
8 Then the word of the LORD came to me:
9 "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands will also complete it. Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you.
10 "Who despises the day of small things? Men will rejoice when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. "(These seven are the eyes of the LORD, which range throughout the earth.)"
11 Then I asked the angel, "What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?"
12 Again I asked him, "What are these two olive branches beside the two gold pipes that pour out golden oil?"
13 He replied, "Do you not know what these are?" "No, my lord," I said.
14 So he said, "These are the two who are anointed to serve the Lord of all the earth."

**John 1:4-9**
4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men.
5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.
6 There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John.
7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe.
8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.
9 The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

**John 8:12**
12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

**Revelation 1:12-20**

12 I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands,
13 and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest.
14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire.
15 His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters.
16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.
17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.
18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.
19 "Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later.
20 The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

# 4th Night of Hanukkah
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## *Prayer:*

**Father, as king-priests, we receive our destiny from the Word of God and we become united in vision and purpose for Your Glory!**

**1 Kings 19:10**
10 He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

**Lamentations 2:9**
9 Her gates have sunk into the ground; their bars he has broken and destroyed. Her king and her princes are exiled among the nations, the law is no more, and her prophets no longer find visions from the LORD.

**Acts 21:20**
20 When they heard this, they praised God. Then they said to Paul: "You see, brother, how many thousands of Jews have believed, and all of them are zealous for the law.

**Titus 2:11-14**
11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.
12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,
13 while we wait for the blessed hope-the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,
14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

# 5th Night of Hanukkah
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## *Prayer:*

**Father, as Your king-priests, we are reminded that light always chases the darkness away. And we thank You for Jesus, the Light of the World! As we walk in the light of Your Word we ask; "Open our eyes so that we may see the wonderful things in your law (Psalms 119:18)."**

**Genesis 1:14-19**
14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years,
15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so.
16 God made two great lights--the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars.
17 God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth,
18 to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good.
19 And there was evening, and there was morning--the fourth day.

**Psalms 19**
1 For the director of music. A psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.
3 There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

4 Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun,
5 which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.
6 It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat.
7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.
8 The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.
9 The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous.
10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.
11 By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
12 Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults.
13 Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression.
14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

**Psalms 36:9**
9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

**Psalms 37:5-6**
5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:
6 He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

**Psalms 119:105**
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

**Psalms 119:130**
130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

**Proverbs 6:23**
23 For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life,

**Isaiah 51:4-8**
4 "Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: The law will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations.
5 My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm.
6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.
7 "Hear me, you who know what is right, you people who have my law in your hearts: Do not fear the reproach of men or be terrified by their insults.
8 For the moth will eat them up like a garment; the worm will devour them like wool. But my righteousness will last forever, my salvation through all generations."

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## *Prayer:*

**Father, we thank You for the anointing of Holy Spirit. Your Spirit has the pure oil that we desire as king-priests, causing us to burn brightly. We become purifying flames of fire for Your Praise and Your Glory!**

**Exodus 27:20-21**
20 "Command the Israelites to bring you clear oil of pressed olives for the light so that the lamps may be kept burning.
21 In the Tent of Meeting, outside the curtain that is in front of the Testimony, Aaron and his sons are to keep the lamps burning before the LORD from evening till morning. This is to be a lasting ordinance among the Israelites for the generations to come.

**Matthew 3:13-17**
13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.
14 But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"
15 Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.
16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him.
17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

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1 Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge.
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**Luke 22:39-46**
39 Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him.
40 On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation."
41 He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed,
42 "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."
43 An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.
44 And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.
45 When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow.
46 "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

**Luke 24:50-53**
50 When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them.
51 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.
52 Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.
53 And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

**Acts 1:1-11**
1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach
2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.
3 After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.
4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.
5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."
6 So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"
7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.
8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.
10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.
11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

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## *Prayer:*

**Father, we are Your king-priests redeemed by the Blood of The Lamb. We understand our new identity, respond to the call to be lights of the world, and recognize that we are joint heirs to the King of kings and Lord of lords.**

**Romans 6**
1 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?
2 By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?
3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.
5 If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.
6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-
7 because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.
8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.
9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.
10 The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.
11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.
12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.
13 Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.
14 For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

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15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!
16 Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey-whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?
17 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted.
18 You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.
19 I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness.
20 When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness.
21 What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death!
22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.
23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Romans 7**

1 Do you not know, brothers-for I am speaking to men who know the law-that the law has authority over a man only as long as he lives?
2 For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law of marriage.
3 So then, if she marries another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an adulteress, even though she marries another man.
4 So, my brothers, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit to God.
5 For when we were controlled by the sinful nature, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in our bodies, so that we bore fruit for death.
6 But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.
7 What shall we say, then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! Indeed I would not have known what sin was except through the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "Do not covet."
8 But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of covetous desire. For apart from law, sin is dead.
9 Once I was alive apart from law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died. 10 I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death.
11 For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death.
12 So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.
13 Did that which is good, then, become death to me? By no means! But in order that sin might be recognized as sin, it produced death in me through what was good, so that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.
14 We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin.
15 I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.
16 And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good.
17 As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me.
18 I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.
19 For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do-this I keep on doing. 20 Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.
21 So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

22 For in my inner being I delight in God's law;
23 but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members.
24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?
25 Thanks be to God-through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

**Romans 8:1-2**
1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,
2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

**2 Peter 1:3-7**
3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.
4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.
5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge;
6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.

**Galatians 5:16**
16 So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

**Hebrews 13:20-21**
20 May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep,
21 equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**Titus 2:11-15**
11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.
12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,
13 while we wait for the blessed hope-the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,
14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.
15 These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you.

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**One reason we say, in the *second blessing* over the Hanukkah lights, "...Blessed are You... who wrought miracles for our ancestors, in those days, at this time" is to activate miracles in this time and season in the earth. As we reflect upon these miracles, we are poised and positioned under open heavens for the miraculous to take place in our lives!**

## *Prayer:*

**Father, as Your king-priests, positioned under open heavens, we call forth Your miraculous power to bring Your covenant to pass in the earth. We are shining lights in Yahshua and we declare: For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light (Ps 36:9).**

**Isaiah 60:1-5**
1 "Arise, shine, for your light has come,and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.
2 See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples,but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.
3 Nations will come to your light,and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
4 "Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on the arm.
5 Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come.

**Exodus 30:1-10**
1 "Make an altar of acacia wood for burning incense.
2 It is to be square, a cubit long and a cubit wide, and two cubits high--its horns of one piece with it. 3 Overlay the top and all the sides and the horns with pure gold, and make a gold molding around it. 4 Make two gold rings for the altar below the molding--two on opposite sides--to hold the poles used to carry it.
5 Make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold.
6 Put the altar in front of the curtain that is before the ark of the Testimony--before the atonement cover that is over the Testimony--where I will meet with you.
7 "Aaron must burn fragrant incense on the altar every morning when he tends the lamps.
8 He must burn incense again when he lights the lamps at twilight so incense will burn regularly before the LORD for the generations to come.
9 Do not offer on this altar any other incense or any burnt offering or grain offering, and do not pour a drink offering on it.
10 Once a year Aaron shall make atonement on its horns. This annual atonement must be made with the blood of the atoning sin offering for the generations to come. It is most holy to the LORD."

**Leviticus 16:12-13**
12 He is to take a censer full of burning coals from the altar before the LORD and two handfuls of finely ground fragrant incense and take them behind the curtain.
13 He is to put the incense on the fire before the LORD, and the smoke of the incense will conceal the atonement cover above the Testimony, so that he will not die.

**Psalms 36:7-10**
7 How priceless is your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings.
8 They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.
9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.
10 Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart.

**Psalms 141:2**
2 May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.

**Revelation 5:8**
8 And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

**Revelation 8:3-4**
3 Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne.
4 The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel's hand.

# Num 6:22-27

**22 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:**

**23 "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them:**

**24 "The LORD bless you and keep you;**

**25 The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you;**

**26 The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace."'**

**27 "So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them."**