



Monday, July 22, 2024

LESSON 8: BETRAYAL

Read For This Week's Book Study

Kings 1 8: 50, Exodus 23: 21, 1 Corinthians 6: 9-10, Hebrews 10: 17, Galatians 5 19: 21

Memory Scripture: “I, I he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake and will not remember thy sins.” –Isaiah 43: 25 (KJV)

Key Scripture: “Cast away from you all transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed and make you a new heart and a new spirit, for why will ye die, O house or Israel?” –Ezekiel 18: 31 (KJV)

Word Study: The Hebrew word *פָּשָׁא*, *pesha/pasha/pasa'* (paw-shah'), means “to trespass”, “break away from just authority”, “fight”, “offend”, “rebel” or “revolt”.

Key Points

- Accountability
- Broken Relationships
- Breaking Trust With Elohim

This lesson is part of word study for: Sin, Transgression, Iniquity

This week we will be discussing the first word, **transgression**. If you believe you know what sin is and what you are supposed to do with it once you catch yourself in it or willing committing it, I have a few questions for you. Do you truly understand sin's behavior? Anyone who is seasoned a Christian that studies the scripture will eventually come across Romans 3: 23 and 1 John 8: 8 in the New Testament. Those scriptures will directly tell you what sin is, that everyone fails, falls short of the glory of Elohim and learn that sin is damning because it breaks the laws of Elohim.

Last week you learned what sins mean. It is defined as “missing the mark” or “missing the point.”, etc. Well, if sin is falling short and missing what was supposed to be obvious, then transgressing can be understood as “crossing over a boundary”. Similar to the concept of “missing the mark” comprehending “crossing over a boundary” requires a nuanced perspective. It encompasses actions that extend beyond mere infractions like cussing someone when you're mad or hitting your friend or causing direct harm to another human. It involves knowingly violating established boundaries while being fully aware of the consequences. This differs from knowingly cussing someone when you're mad or wrongly laying your hands on someone with the knowledge that a vigilant enforcer is observing one's actions and that vigilant enforcer, is Elohim. Transgressing against Elohim involves making a conscious decision to breach clear boundaries set by the divine authority, proceeding without regard for the repercussions.

Trespassing shares similarities with transgressing in that it involves “crossing over a boundary” a notion well-understood through aw'doms' laws regarding trespassing. Trespassing can also signify “deviating after being close beside” and it may occur either intentionally or unintentionally.

Job 36: 9 says, “Then he showeth them their work and their transgressions that they have exceeded.” (KJV)

Psalm 39: 8 says, “Deliver me from all my transgressions make me not the reproach of the foolish.” (KJV).

Psalm 51: 3 says, “For I acknowledge my transgressions and my sin ever before me.” (KJV)

Lesson Videos

- [Transgression: https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/pesha-transgression/](https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/pesha-transgression/)

Pastor Tim clearly explained in the video what transgression is and what it is not. I hope you have a deeper understanding of the definition of transgression and see why the Book will accompany transgression with iniquity and with sin.

What I want you to focus on is how Pastor Tim broke down *pesha* and *pasha* and how it violates the trust of others and the betrayal in a relationship. The first relationship where *pesha* is recorded, is between Elohim and aw'dom. The second relationship where *pesha* is recorded, is between aw'dom to aw'dom. As time goes on, the cycle merely repeats itself and our ancestors only seem capable of breaking relationships and transgressing the divine law of Elohim. This is key to understand, because later on in scripture Yahweh speaks to Israel and tells them that they are not to lay up trust in others or to promise or take oaths. Meaning, we do not trust our spouses, children, bosses, parents, friends nor do we say,

“I promise to...”

Because we are hopeless to fall short (sin) and break our promises or oaths to the Lord and to our fellow brothers and sisters. Later in the New Testament, Yeshua said we are not to swear by anyone, the earth, the throne of heaven, by your hair or by the city of Jerusalem, but rather to let our yes be yes and our no be no (Matthew 5: 34-37). Though we have lost the ability to maintain trust properly, Yeshua still requires humans to take accountability for their statements and actions towards Elohim and towards each other. Under no circumstances should saved or unsaved people pledge their full trust to someone in this way or swear to do something by people, vowing or making oaths due to inability to be responsible and be consistent 24/7. The follow up to this sudden command to aw'dom is backed up by scripture,

Psalm 118: 8-9, that says, "Better to trust in Yahweh than to put confidence in aw'dom. Better to trust in Yahweh than to put confidence in princes." (KJV)

Yahweh telling Israel to only trust in him and no one else. You see, people will go into a relationship, any kind of relationship and through no fault of their own, automatically want to build trust and feel safe with that person.

In Eden the concept to trust you spouse or another person is not wrong or sinful. Originally aw'dom was supposed to do that, but since Adom and Chavah's mistake, we, their descendants, haven't shown that we break *pasha* not just with our Creator, but with each other. Elohim understood this was not good or good for integrity, so it makes sense why They had to send down one of their own, someone perfect and someone who would never breach *pasha*. We proved that we couldn't do it and thus, were unfit to be crucified and offered up as a holy sacrifice unto Yahweh. Sin is part of the reason we fall short and are weak in the flesh, but the fact is we lie, we fail, we cheat, we hide things from others, we murder, commit immoralities with our bodies and laws that govern our daily lives, think badly of others with our thoughts, etc.

Elohim isn't going to entrust the salvation of one's *nephesh* (soul) to a corrupted people such as ourselves. This is one of the main reasons why Yeshua had to come down and die in our place, for we were unable to keep our promise to Elohim, much less remain trustworthy in our relationship to them.

What Is Transgression?

To “transgress” means to surpass or exceed, to go beyond any prescribed rule defining one’s duties, to violate or breach a law, whether moral or civil. Ultimately transgression is a trust breaker, a violation of trust with Elohim and with each other that leads to a complicated maze of betrayed and broken relationships that result in violence and death, as well as spiritual death.

The Consequences Of Transgression

Transgression not only disrupts our relationship with Elohim, but also has earthly repercussions. It can lead to suffering, pain and division among communities, even pagan communities, who you must realize, are people too who have feelings and personal beliefs. Although their beliefs are plagued by the deception of sin and very much transgress the divine boundaries Elohim set forth, when you and I transgress against someone, we harm them and are giving them trauma. When trust is broken, trauma follows as well as hardship. The story of Adam and Chavah’s transgression in the Garden Of Eden illustrates the far-reaching consequences of disobedience and the loss of innocence. This affected everyone who came after them.

We no longer have an easy, stress free life, we have hard lives and stress is always a issue. Note, we are not answering for their sin, we are suffering the consequences of Adam and Chavah’s choice to fall short or miss the mark and transgress, which is a betrayal to Elohim.

Origin Of Transgression

The first mention of transgression is first mentioned in the first three chapters of Bereshis (Genesis). Elohim gave Adam and Chavah an explicit command in the Garden Of Eden which was to not eat the fruit (A large grape, see Enoch for this reference.) of the tree of the Knowledge Of

Good & Evil. If they partook of that fruit, they would surely die. This is the first act of betrayal and the first act of rebellion.

Transgression In The New Testament

In New Testament, the apostle Paul portrays humans as individuals who break trust, utilizing the term *paraptoma*. He references the Bereshis (Genesis) narrative, highlighting aw'dom's breach of trust with Elohim by asserting authority to judge good and evil independently. Paul labels this act as the *paraptoma* of aw'dom, symbolizing our betrayal of trust with both Elohim and one another, resulting in a complex network of fractured relationships culminating in violence and death. Nevertheless, Paul asserts that this narrative does not conclude on a somber note. He emphasizes that if death entered the world through human failure, then the abundant grace of Elohim will overflow to many through another human, Yeshua Christ, our Messiah.

Rather than allowing humanity to self-destruct through its deceitful ways, Elohim raised and called nevi'im (prophets). These are men and women who willingly endured the worst consequences of human transgressions and often times, were killed for declaring the truth and showing a life of non transgression. Paul draws upon the nevi'im Yeshayah's (Isaiah's) depiction of the suffering servant, who, despite maintaining innocence and integrity, willingly bore the burden of others' transgressions, interceding on their behalf.

The Book's Definition Of Transgression

Transgressing involves the infringement of a law or a recognized principle of righteousness, embodying disobedience, offense, criminality, or sinning. An example of trespassing can be seen in the actions of Peter when he denied Yeshua (Luke 22: 34, 56–62). It is a common human experience to transgress and trespass, crossing moral boundaries in thought, speech or action on numerous occasions throughout the day. Transgression represents a failure to keep a healthy, trustworthy relationship towards Elohim and others fully, leading to an inability to discern success or failure in Elohim's eyes. It also reveals a self-centered impulse guiding human behavior.

The Solution To Transgression: Yeshua Christ

The ultimate solution for transgression is found in Yeshua Christ, but there's more to it than just surrendering your life and saying you're sorry. Elohim's solution to our transgression is a sacrifice. In the Torah, he used animals. In the New Testament, he required his son to die on our behalf and in turn, we have to believe in Yeshua and ask him to save us. With this atonement, we are pardoned for our transgressions, for the wages of sin is death. It's so bad, that someone has to die for it and Yeshua, being perfect and worthy of trust, became that sacrifice since we didn't qualify nor could keep the divine law. The perfect sacrifice was needed to completely pay for the sin of every person back then, now and in the future. If we could do and redeem ourselves, it simply would have been done, but all aw'dom could do, was break trust, ruin our relationship with Elohim and with each other.

Since we are totally and utterly incompetent, Yahweh had to use his own. It is not unfair or inhumane, but this method was the only way to quench the holy wrath of our Creator. Not too many people want to lay down their life for someone else, much less a total stranger. We should be thankful and grateful to Yeshua for doing the hard work for us and being brave enough to lay down his perfect life to make a way for us to be restored back to our Father and Mother in heaven.

Based on this week's topic, how does knowing the proper definition of transgression and how it behaves shape your understanding of your past transgressions/trespasses against Elohim, people of you past and how will it help you navigate current and future relationships with others?

Answer: [Type your response here].