



Monday, July 29, 2024

LESSON 9: HELL BENT

Read For This Week's Book Study

Deuteronomy 32: 4, Ezekiel 2: 14, Habakkuk 1: 3, Zechariah 5: 6, Galatians 5 19: 21

Memory Scripture: “Nevertheless the foundation of Elohim standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his. And let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.” –2 Timothy 2: 19 (KJV)

Key Scripture: “The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.” –Ezekiel 18: 20 (KJV)

Word Study: The Hebrew word, עוון *avon* (ah-von), which is derived from the verbal root עוה, which means “crookedness” “to bend”, “twist” or “distort”.

Key Points

- Twisted
- Wickedness
- Carrying Evil

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

This week we will be discussing the third word, **iniquity**. 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 transgression means. It is defined as “crossing over a boundary” and “breaking trust with others”. The week before that, you learned what sin means. It is defined as “missing the mark”, “missing the point” and “moral failure”. If sin is falling short and missing what was supposed to be obvious and transgressing is crossing over a boundary, then iniquity is the “violation of the right”, “a wicked act”, “immoral conduct or practice” and failure to uphold the righteous duty that aw'dom (Humanity/Human Being/Man/Woman) was designed to do from the beginning of creation in Eden. In our realm, iniquities harm people in society, but they also are offensive to Elohim and if we don't repent of and die in our iniquity, we will not be allowed to enter *Shamayim* (Sky above all skies, Heavens, etc.) or inherit the new kingdom Revelation promises us after the spiritual war.

Elohim often uses terms like sin, transgression/trespasses and iniquity to denote different levels of our disobedience. While every iniquity we commit is given the title of sin, but some iniquities carry more severe consequences than others. For instance, in the Torah, adultery and murder were punishable by death, whereas stealing, with a lesser degree of guilt or if the person stole because

they were starving, was still classified as a sin. The root of our ongoing sins lies in unaddressed iniquities within our hearts. Elohim seeks to delve into the core of our being, leading to transformation in our actions, words and thoughts.

Elohim allows us to face the repercussions of our actions, bearing the consequences of our own wrongdoings. Through confessing our iniquities (Psalms 32), Elohim forgives us by shouldering our burdens. Their ultimate goal is to restore broken individuals in a flawed world back to their righteousness. They do this effectively by offering us the chance to become whole once more through the atonement of the priesthood in the Torah and through the blood of Yeshua Christ in the Brit Chadashah.

Distinguishing between sin and iniquity, both call for purification through the sacrificial blood of the Lamb. The justification through Yeshua's blood, as stated in Romans 5: 9, assures our deliverance from Yahweh's wrath. Furthermore, 2 Corinthians 5: 21 illustrates how Yeshua, who was sinless, bore our sins to grant us the righteousness of Elohim.

Michoh/Micah 2: 1 says, "Woe to them that devise iniquity and work evil upon their beds! When the morning is light, they practice it, because it is the power in their hands." (KJV)

Yeshayah/Isaiah 53: 5-6 says, "Be he wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace upon him and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray and we have turned everyone one to his own way and Yahweh had laid on him the iniquity of us all." (KJV)

Yehoshua/Joshua 22: 20 says, "Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the accursed thing and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? And that man perished not alone in his iniquity." (KJV)

Lesson Videos

- <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/avon-iniquity/>

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

What Is Iniquity?

Iniquities are bending, twisting or distorting of the law of Elohim's word to different degrees worthy of divine punishment. In the Book, *avon* refers to crooked, bent, unlawful behavior, such as lying, murder, adultery, deceitfulness, broken faith and violence towards one's self or other people.

The Consequences Of Inequity

The consequences of this crooked or bent behavior results in suffering, broken relationships and cycles of retaliation and having to live with these consequences. Each person must bear their *avon* and witness the destruction and disorder of their bad choices towards themselves or other people.

Origin Of Inequity

In the Torah, the first mention of inequity is mentioned in Bais Melachim/2 Kings 7: 9 and in Tehillim/Psalm 51: 5.

Iniquity In The New Testament

In the Brit Chadashah (New Testament), inequity is mentioned in Mattityahu/Matthew 24: 12-13.

The Book's Definition Of Iniquity

Crooked or bent behavior that violates Elohim's laws. This means Elohim will visit someone's *avon* upon them and allow mortals to experience the carrying of or to sit in crooked consequences of his/her choices. Elohim gives us the poise of carrying our bad decisions, but Elohim also responds to our *avon* by offering to carry our *avon* as an act of pure generosity because we cannot do it on our own.

The Solution To Iniquity: Yeshua Christ

Elohim will forgive people by taking responsibility for our *avon*. When we carry *avon*, we are bent over and cannot bear it, much less restore ourselves back to purity and regain our sanctification. Elohim revealed in Yeshayah/Isaiah that he would appoint a servant who would demonstrate Their *ahavah* for us. The Servant would absorb aw'doms' *avon*, allow it to destroy him and then the servant emerges victorious and will offer eternal life to aw'dom. This servant, is Yeshua Christ who took our *avon* onto himself, by choice.

By offering himself up as a sacrifice in our place, the wrath of Elohim was quenched forever and He redeemed us from our crookedness. No more priesthood (Old Schoolmaster), no more ceremonial sacrifices with animals. We just have to believe and accept Christ as our savior, who did the hard work for us. Once we do that we will receive the free gift of eternal life, be upright and whole again.

Based on this week's topic, how does knowing the proper definition of inequity help you understand the importance of the cross and why you need to have Yeshua Christ bear your *avon*?

Answer: [Type your response here].