

Psalms
Psalm 51:4(2) – Part 3

Psalm 51:4 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

There is washing and then there is washing. At the Seder, we wash our hands with running water (Ur'chatz). But this washing, in Psalm 51 is "Kabas" (Kaf-Bet-Samech). The deeper meaning is "washing by stomping," indicating the need to go deep in cleansing, not just surface cleaning, but deep cleaning through the entire fabric of our lives.

This is the word used throughout Scripture to describe the level of preparation necessary for big events. **Exodus 19:10 Adonai said to Moses, "Go to the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow. Let them wash (Kabas) their clothing. 11a (And thus) Be ready for the third day.**

There are two Hebrew words for sin, in verse 4. "Avon" which is "iniquity," and "Chatah" translated as plain "sin." There is a third word for sin, "Pesha" which is translated previously, at the end of verse 3, as "transgressions." These three words are routinely used together as all inclusive of different types of sin.

"Pesha" is "a rebellious breach of trust." It is used 93 times in the Bible to describe that type of sin. "Avon" is "punishment for the guilty." It is used 231 times. Finally, there is "Chatah" which is "habitual sinfulness and its penalty." It is used 294 times in the Hebrew Scriptures.

In using three words for sin, the Lord is being all inclusive. Sin is not what makes you feel bad. **1John 3:4b ... for sin is the transgression of the law. (KJV) And there is a penalty... Romans 6:23a For the wages of sin is death....** However; the rest of that same verse contains a great promise. **Romans 6:23b ...but God's gracious gift is eternal life in Messiah Yeshua our Lord.**

I want to close today with the previous verse. **Romans 6:22 But now, having been set free from sin and having become enslaved to God, you have your fruit resulting in holiness. And the outcome is eternal**

life. That's right, in Messiah Yeshua we have "fruit resulting in holiness" that produces eternal life. I love that and you should too. Shalom shalom.

Day 11 of the Omer

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Job 4

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