



Shabbat/Rosh HaShanah Service - The Akeda

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Genesis 21:1-22:24; I Samuel 1:1-2:21 Matthew 24:29-36

***Genesis 20:3** But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said to him, Indeed you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is a man's wife.

***Genesis 20:5** Did he not say to me, She is my sister? And she herself said, He is my brother. In the integrity of my heart and innocence of my hands I have done this.

***Genesis 20:6** and God said to him in a dream, Yes I know that you did this in the integrity of your heart. For **I also withheld you from sinning against Me;** therefore, **I did not let you touch her.**

***Psalm 51:4. Against You, You only, have I sinned, ...**

***Genesis 39:8-9** But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. **How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?**

***Daniel 9:8** Open shame belongs to us, O Lord, to our kings, our princes and our fathers, because **we have sinned against You.**

***Leviticus 19:17-18** You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, **lest you incur sin because of him.** You shall not

take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

***Matthew 18:15** Go to him. If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

***Ephesians 4:26-27** Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.

***Proverbs 10:12** Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses.

***I Peter 4:8** Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

***Romans 5:8** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

***Matthew 11:28-29** Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls.

***Genesis 20:11-12&17** And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake. And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.....So Abraham prayed to God; and God healed Abimelech, his wife, and his female servants. Then they bore children;

***Genesis 21:1** And the LORD visited Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had spoken.

***Genesis 17:1&11** When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless....and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you.

***Hebrews 11:11** By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.

***Isaiah 46:3-4** Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, **who have been borne by me from before your birth**, carried from the womb; even to your old age I am He, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.

***Isaiah 46:8-11** Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, **declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done**, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose, calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country.

***Genesis 21:2** For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

***Genesis 22:1** Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, Abraham! And he said, Here I am.

***Genesis 22:2** And He said, Please take your son, your only one whom you love - Isaac - and get yourself to the land of Moriah, and bring him up there as an offering, upon one of the mountains which I shall indicate to you.

***Genesis 22:3** So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

***Genesis 22:4** Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off.

***Genesis 22:5** And Abraham said to his young men, Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.

***Genesis 22:6-7** So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, My father! And he said,

Here I am, my son. Then he said, Look, the fire and the wood, but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?

***Genesis 22:8-9** And Abraham said, My son, God will provide Himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

***Genesis 22:10** Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

***Genesis 22:11-14** But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, Abraham, Abraham! And he said, Here I am. He said, Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me. And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, The LORD will provide; as it is said to this day, On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.

1. MAY IT BE YOUR WILL, ADONAI OUR GOD AND GOD OF OUR FATHERS, THAT YOU RENEW FOR US A GOOD AND SWEET YEAR, FROM ITS BEGINNING TO ITS END. BLESSED ARE YOU, ADONAI OUR GOD, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO CREATED THE FRUIT OF THE TREE.

AND MAY IT BE YOUR WILL ADONAI OUR GOD AND GOD OF OUR FATHERS, THAT OUR ENEMIES, HATERS, AND ALL WHO PETITION FOR OUR DISASTER WILL BE CUT OFF.

***PSALM 89:52** HOW YOUR ENEMIES, O LORD, HAVE FLUNG ABUSE, ABUSE AT YOUR ANOINTED ONE AT EVERY STEP.

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3. MAY IT BE YOUR WILL ADONAI OUR GOD AND GOD OF OUR FATHERS, THAT OUR ENEMIES, HATERS AND ALL WHO PETITION FOR OUR DISASTER WILL BE SILENCED.

*EPHESIANS 6:12 FOR WE ARE NOT STRUGGLING AGAINST HUMAN BEINGS, BUT AGAINST THE RULERS, AUTHORITIES AND COSMIC POWERS GOVERNING THIS DARKNESS, AGAINST THE SPIRITUAL FORCES OF EVIL IN THE HEAVENLY REALM.

4. MAY IT BE YOUR WILL ADONAI OUR GOD AND GOD OF OUR FATHERS, THAT OUR ENEMIES, HATERS AND ALL WHO PETITION FOR OUR DISASTER SHALL BE SILENCED.

*JOHN 16:33 I HAVE SAID THESE THINGS TO YOU SO THAT, UNITED WITH ME, YOU MAY HAVE SHALOM. IN THE WORLD, YOU HAVE TRIBULATION, BUT BE BRAVE! I HAVE CONQUERED THE WORLD!

5. MAY IT BE YOUR WILL, ADONAI OUR GOD AND GOD OF OUR FATHERS, THAT YOU WILL RIP OUT THE EVIL DECREE OF OUR JUDGMENT AGAINST US, AND MAY OUR MERITS CALL OUT BEFORE YOU.

*ROMANS 3: 23-25 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,

6. MAY IT BE YOUR WILL, ADONAI OUR GOD AND GOD OF OUR FATHERS, THAT WE WILL BE FULL OF MITZVOT LIKE THE POMEGRANATE.

*ROMANS 11:12 MOREOVER, IF THEIR STUMBLING IS BRINGING RICHES TO THE WORLD - THAT IS, IF ISRAEL'S BEING PLACED TEMPORARILY IN A CONDITION LESS FAVORED THAN THAT OF THE GENTILES, IS BRINGING RICHES TO THE LATTER - HOW MUCH GREATER RICHES WILL ISRAEL IN ITS FULLNESS BRING THEM!

7. WE PRAY FOR PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL ABUNDANCE UPON US.

MAY IT BE YOUR WILL, ADONAI OUR GOD AND GOD OF OUR FATHERS, THAT OUR MERITS INCREASE AND THAT WE WILL BLOSSOM.

*ROMANS 3:27 WHEN, THEN, IS THERE ROOM FOR YOUR BOASTING? IT IS FOREVER SHUT OUT. ON WHAT PRINCIPLE? ON THE GROUND OF MERIT? NO, BUT ON THE GROUND OF FAITH.

8. MAY IT BE YOUR WILL, ADONAI OUR GOD AND GOD OF OUR FATHERS, THAT WE WILL BE THE HEAD AND NOT THE TAIL.

*ROMANS 11:16 NOW IF THE CHALLAH OFFERED AS FIRST-FRUITS IS HOLY, SO IS THE WHOLE LOAF. AND IF THE ROOT IS HOLY SO ARE THE BRANCHES.