

Devotional: In The Flow – Guarding Your Spiritual Influence

1. Checking Your "Flow" (*Zuwb*) The sermon introduces the biblical concept of *Zuwb*, a Hebrew word meaning to flow freely, gush out, or have an issue. In Leviticus, physical issues rendered a person and everything they touched ceremonially unclean or disqualified. However, the sermon points out that this is deeply spiritual: our attitudes, complaints, and self-righteousness act as a contagious "flow" that influences everyone we encounter. Conversely, if we walk in obedience, we can flow with the delight of YHWH, much like the promised land flowing with milk and honey.

- **Self-Reflective Questions:** What kind of spiritual "flow" do I bring into a room? When I interact with my family, coworkers, or church, am I spreading a contagious attitude of peace and edification, or am I spreading the uncleanness of complaining and self-importance?
- **Actionable Challenge:** Before you walk into your workplace or your home today, pause in your car or at the door to explicitly "check your spirit." Consciously surrender any negative baggage to Elohim so that you do not contaminate the environment with a fleshly flow.

2. The Paradox of the Flesh (*Basar*) Naturally, the carnal mind is an enemy to YHWH and naturally flows toward death and rebellion. Yet, the sermon reveals a beautiful hidden hope inside the Hebrew word for flesh, *Basar*. At its primitive root, this word means to be fresh, cheerful, and to "announce glad news" or bear good tidings. The sermon illustrates this using the "beautiful feet" of Isaiah 52:7. Feet represent our frail, dirty human condition; however, when yielded to YHWH to carry the Gospel of peace, even our flawed human flesh becomes a beautiful vessel of redemption.

- **Self-Reflective Questions:** Am I allowing my carnal mind to dictate my reactions, producing enmity and conflict? Or am I yielding my human frailty to Elohim so that my "feet" can carry the good news of Yeshua?
- **Actionable Challenge:** Find one opportunity today to purposely announce "glad tidings" to someone who is struggling. Use your words to build them up and point them to the peace of YHWH, effectively using your flesh as a vessel for His message rather than your own.

3. Breaking the Earthen Vessel (Inside-Out Transformation) The sermon heavily critiques appearance-based righteousness, using Yeshua's rebuke of the Pharisees who cleaned the outside of the cup while their insides were full of lawlessness. In Leviticus 15:12, an "earthen vessel" touched by an unclean flow had to be completely broken, while a "wooden vessel" simply had to be rinsed. The sermon uses this as a powerful metaphor: if we are only born of the earth (carnal dust), our pride must be completely shattered. We must instead be shaped by the wood of Calvary's tree, undergoing an inside-out metamorphosis so our flow isn't corrupted by hidden hypocrisy.

- **Self-Reflective Questions:** Have I been prioritizing how holy I look on the outside while ignoring internal struggles with pride, covetousness, or lawlessness? Am I merely a whitewashed tomb, or am I allowing Yeshua to cleanse my inner cup?
- **Actionable Challenge:** Identify one area of hidden, internal sin or hypocrisy in your life. Bring it before YHWH in private prayer today, asking Him to break your carnal "earthen vessel" in that specific area and replace it with true, inside-out restoration.

4. The Path of Submission and Drawing Near (*Karab*) To correct a corrupt flow, the sermon points to the protocol outlined in James 4: Submit to Elohim, resist the devil, and draw near (*Karab*) to YHWH. We cannot just skip to the joy; we are commanded to cleanse our hands, purify our double-minded hearts, and even "be afflicted and mourn" over our fleshly condition. The sermon warns against our modern "microwave culture" that just wants instant spiritual validation without the necessary humility and mourning required to truly submit to the Torah.

- **Self-Reflective Questions:** Do I expect Elohim to lift me up and comfort me without ever humbling myself or mourning over my own sin? Am I quick to act as a self-righteous judge of the law rather than a humble doer of it?
- **Actionable Challenge:** Choose to intentionally "afflict" your flesh today by fasting from something small—whether it is a meal, social media, or the habit of complaining. Use that time to draw near to YHWH in humility, asking Him to elevate your spirit over your carnal will.

5. The Eighth Day and Rivers of Living Water In Leviticus, the cleansing process for a flow took eight days, mimicking the installation of the priesthood, and required bathing in running (living) water. The sermon notes that Yeshua beautifully fulfilled this prophetic shadow on the "great eighth day" of Sukkot. He stood and declared that whoever believes in Him will have "rivers of living water" flowing out of their belly. This living water is the Ruach (Holy Spirit), which provides a supernatural flow that continually cleanses believers from the inside out, allowing them to bring edification to everyone they encounter.

- **Self-Reflective Questions:** Is the Holy Spirit the primary source of what flows out of me? When I feel spiritually depleted or unclean, do I try to fix it myself, or do I go to Yeshua to drink from His living water?
- **Actionable Challenge:** Every time you wash your hands or take a drink of water today, pause for five seconds to thank Yeshua for His Ruach Hakodesh (Holy Spirit). Pray a simple prayer asking that His living water would be the only thing that flows from you today.