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Parsha: Acharei Mot / "After the death"
Kedoshim / "Holy"

NOTE: The following are the general notes used for the teaching. They were primarily meant for reminders of the topic I wanted to cover, and do not include all that was said during the teaching.

NOTE: I am now using the Hebrew Roots Bible (HRB) for the scripture references throughout the study, unless otherwise noted.

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Counting the Omer

Holiest Day

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God was showing Aaron what to do to avoid this again...Golden Calf incident still fresh in his mind

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Nadab & Abihu were righteous; their motivation was high & enthusiastic to be close to God

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The High Priest could only enter into the Holy of Holies once a year: Yom Kippur

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Remember, Moshe could enter the Holy of Holies at anytime.

When God called to him, he would enter.

Moshe is a type of the Messiah.

Yeshua is our High Priest in Heaven and has full access to the Heavenly Throne!

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The Day of Atonement was a gracious day each year when all Israelites could experience a new beginning!

This Day foreshadows God's plan for the final disposition of sin and the creation of a new earth where righteousness dwells.

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Yom Kippur is to be the holiest of the holiest days of the year. We have three different spheres of holiness:

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Even this day regardless of the day of the week it fell on became a Sabbath.

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We looked at this word in Parsha Vayikra (Lev 1:3-4)

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Example of electricity. If we mishandle it, we can get killed!

God is a consuming fire! If we do not approach Him properly, we can get killed!

If you want to draw near, and not be consumed, you need to be insulated (atonement—covered—kafar!)

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...from the curse of the law.

Side Issue from the focus of this study: The word law here is not Torah. It is the law of sin. The confusion has to do with there not being a Greek word for Torah. The closest word is law. But the writer is discussing more than just Torah, he is also discussing the law of sin in our lives.

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The shed blood of an animal sacrifice was necessary to provide a covering. All of us need a covering in God's presence as He is a consuming fire.

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Passover = individual redemption
Yom Kippur = National redemption

We are to be Holy!

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We discussed this in Parsha Terumah (Ex 25:8), when studying the sanctuary (mikdash). There are two Hebrew words for prostitute:

- zonah: typical prostitute
- qedeshah: more associated with the Temple prostitute

The root word for qedeshah is kadosh (set apart).

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/16043859/Prostitution-Not-a-Job-for-a-Nice-Jewish-Girl>

http://www.ask.com/wiki/Sacred_prostitution

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What is this???!!!!!! I thought that was done away with?! We're free from the Law!
What are God's primary aspirations for us? To be holy!

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The instruction was not, "be a good person, or be generous", although those are good and biblical ideals they must come from a separate source!

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What were the two trees?

- The Tree of Life
- The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil

Many people say that as long as they are "good" God will allow them into heaven.

We fail to realize that the tree that brought sin into the world was "Good" and evil.

So being "good" won't do us any good!

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It is in obeying the commandments and having the spirit rule over the flesh.

More than just not doing what isn't allowed but in having self-control over what is allowed!

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In English, we tend to confuse the meanings of words.

We can “keep” the Torah and the commandments, even if there are certain commandments that do not pertain to us.

Judges are not to take a bribe.

If we are not a judge, then this mitzvot does not pertain to us.

But we can “keep” it by guarding and ensuring it is not disobeyed.

We can not “do” it since we are not a judge.

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The legalist will say, since I am not a judge, then I can take a bribe.

Whereas, those who follow the Torah understand that even if I am not a judge, I am not to take a bribe.

So, if you really look at it, it is the person accusing us of “legalism” who is actually the “legalist”!

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One of the sage’s conclusions is that holiness is not expressed merely in the "religious" aspects of life such as prayer. Holiness concerns everyday activities: daily work, how one relates to other people, one's mode of eating and drinking. In every detail of life there is potentially a glimpse of the sacred.

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She will need the support of the husband. Mother is the first to have an impact on the child’s life, and she is to help her child realize every detail of life is significant.

The mother is to help the child learn to respect their father.

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This brings us to the third concept: the Shabbat.

It all has the Divine stamp on it, going beyond the ordinary daily pattern of weekday life.

God separated it from the rest of the week and has asked us to keep it separate from the rest of the week.

Through the generations: the quest for holiness is in everyday life; the imperative to communicate it to one's children and others, and the wonderful gift of the Shabbat is what expresses this goal so completely.

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If holiness is not seen in our daily activities it won’t have an impact.

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Keeping the commandments does not make us righteous.

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Only by faith in the shed blood of Messiah are we made righteous and by His Word and the Holy Spirit.

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Our holiness/sanctification/ being set apart is not based by virtue of our own heroic achievements.

God sanctifies us just like the Sabbath.

Sanctification is a cooperative process.

God sets the Sabbath apart and we are to keep it that way and in so doing we are set apart according to Him.

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God is the source of Biblical holiness and the One who defines it.

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Right after this declaration God goes into His definitions. He defines holiness in terms of His commandments.

Each commandment is a revelation of Messiah -- His person or character.

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To see a commandment performed is to see something of God revealed.

Four Measures of Yeshua's Holiness

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When Yeshua came to us, He came as the Holy One of God.

The disciples of Yeshua called Him by this title.

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Even the demons recognized Him as the Holy One of God.

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Yeshua is called the Holy One of God because His holiness is derived directly from God.

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His essential being, beyond the flesh, is the eternal Word of God, the very essence of God.

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He is utterly unique, utterly different, utterly set apart, and holy.

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No other man has been born of a virgin.

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We have already learned that the Dwelling Presence of God will reside only in a holy place.

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The Master's power was derived directly from the Holy Spirit; that is, the Spirit of the Holy God, which rested upon Him and moved through Him without measure.

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The Master's holiness is derived from His imitation of the Father.

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Therefore, He is able to fulfill the commandment "You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy" (Leviticus 19:2).

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His holiness is a complete holiness.

There are no holes in his holiness.

For us, sin is a hole in the holiness.

Each sin is an area of life where we have failed to uphold the standard of separation from the world.

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By carefully watching and observing his father, a son learns his father's trade.

He learns the tricks of his father's craftsmanship and is one day able to do the same work that he has learned from his father.

Therefore, He keeps the commandments according to the manner in which He has learned from observing the Father.

His holiness is also derived from imitation of the Father.

Greatest Commandment

Sabbath Fires

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Could we also then understand that our speech is not to start arguments on Shabbat? To not gossip, and slander?

On the Sabbath when we come together it is not the time to attack each other verbally.

It is not the time to catch up on gossip.

It is the time to focus our conversation on the Creator and on His Word and how wonderful life is.

BUT! We need to keep the mitzvah ALL the time, not just on Shabbat!

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Satan as the heavenly prosecutor needs a second witness to set the judicial process in motion.

Loshon Hara has the drastic effect of turning yourself into Satan's collaborating witness.

You become one with Satan's voice! Would you want to enter the Heavenly Temple of God, stand before the Holy Ark and accuse your fellowman of whatever sin you know them to be guilty of with Yeshua also there applying His blood He shed for them standing next to you?

Bottom Line...

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El Shaddai Ministries (www.elshaddaiministries.us)

First Fruits of Zion (www.ffoz.org)

Gateways to Torah, Rabbi Russell Resnik

Partners in Torah (www.partnersintorah.org)

Chumash

Tikkun

Judaism 101 (<http://www.jewfaq.org/index.htm>)

Chabad of Pierce County (www.chabadpiercecounty.com)

Saltshakers (<http://www.hebrewroots.com>)