Portion:

SCRIPTURES

- Leviticus 21-24
- II Samuel 9:1-13
- Matthew 11:1-6
- Acts 3:1-16

Title:

ARE YOU STILL WALKING WITH A LIMP?

- Invited to the King's Table!
- STOP looking for another!
- Perfect Soundness

It's not the limp of Jacob I'm referring to here—not the limp of a man who has just wrestled with God and prevailed, a man fighting for a new name, a new identity, a new calling, even a new destiny. No, that would be a welcomed limp, as it bears the scars of a testimony of overcoming with God. I pray we would all live with the tenacity of Jacob, the fortitude necessary to emerge as Israel. He fought to the very end; "I will not let You go until you bless me!"

Is this not the exact opposite circumstance I am referring to here, scars that remind us that we have indeed already been blessed, but cannot see the blessing, will not see the blessings, two inches in front of us? You have been given all things needed to live a godly life, blessed with every spiritual blessing, imbued with resurrection power, and yet you still walk around like you have a

defect, as if you were lame in the feet, a spiritual cripple. In other words, you are walking around with a limp when—indeed, you should be sprinting freely into your destiny, a useful tool for bringing the Kingdom and doing greater works!

It's time for a spiritual hip replacement. Yes, it's a major surgery and you will need lots of recovery time and rehab. But fear not, the surgeon is a world-renowned expert and His scalpel—well, it's sharper than a two-edged sword!

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

"For any man who has a defect shall not approach: a man blind or lame, who has a marred face or any limb too long, a man who has a broken foot or broken hand, or is a hunchback or a dwarf, or a man who has a defect in his eye, or eczema or scab, or is a eunuch. No man of the descendants of Aaron the priest, who has a defect, shall come near to offer the offerings made by fire to the LORD. He has a defect; he shall not come near to offer the bread of his God."Leviticus 21:18-21 NKJV

"Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son who was lame in his feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel; and his nurse took him up and fled. And it happened, as she made haste to flee, that he fell and became lame. His name was Mephibosheth." II Samuel 4:4 NKJV

OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

"Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king has commanded his servant, so will your servant do." "As for Mephibosheth," said the king, "he shall eat at my table like one of the king's sons." Mephibosheth had a young son whose name was Micha. And all who dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants of Mephibosheth. So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king's table. And he was lame in both his feet." II Samuel 9:11-13 NKJV

"And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."" Matthew 11:2-6 NKJV

"And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the **faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness** in the presence of you all." Acts 3:16 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. This portion begins in Leviticus 21 with regulations for the priesthood. Leviticus 22 speaks of acceptable offerings and Leviticus 23 provides an overview of the biblical calendar, a listing of the LORD's appointed times (Feasts of Yahweh). And Leviticus 24 speaks of the care of the lamps and bread of the tabernacle, and blasphemy and its consequences.

2. Regulations for Conduct of Priests:

- (a) Don't defile themselves for the dead except for his relatives.
- (b) Don't make any bald place on their heads, nor shall they shave the edges of their beards nor make any cuttings in their flesh.
- (c) They shall not take a wife who is a harlot or a defiled woman, nor shall they take a woman divorced from her husband.
- (d) The daughter of any priest, if she profanes herself by playing the harlot, she profanes her father. She shall be burned with fire.
- (e) He who is the **high priest** shall not uncover his head nor tear his clothes; nor shall he go near any dead body, nor defile himself for his father or his mother. (*Think of the exchange*

- with Y'shua, let the dead bury the dead, Matthew 8:21-22; Luke 9:59-62).
- (f) And he shall take a wife in her virginity.
- (g) No man of your descendants in succeeding generations, who has any defect, may approach veil or approach the altar. He may eat the bread of his God, both the most holy and the holy, only he shall not go near the veil or approach the altar, because he has a defect. (Think of the lame man healed at the temple gate by Peter and John in Acts 3:1-16).

3. The Holiness of the Offerings:

- (a) Aaron is instructed to separate the priesthood from anything unholy or unclean.
- (b) The priesthood is called to absolute obedience. The rules for who may eat the holy offering and under what conditions they may eat it are elaborated.

4. Offerings Accepted and Not Accepted:

- (a) Any vows or freewill offerings or sacrifice made to Yahweh must be without blemish or defect. Those that are blind or broken or maimed shall not be accepted. (See Malachi Chapters 1 & 2)
- (b) Nor shall any offering from a foreigner's hand be accepted on your behalf.

- (c) Also rules for the new born animals and their sacrifice are given.
- 5. **Feasts of Yahweh:** 'The feasts of the Lord, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts. These are statutes for His people forever! (See the <u>Feast Resource</u> <u>Center</u> on our Website to learn about all the Feasts of Yahweh.) Notice how the weekly sabbath is a festival unto Yahweh along with seven annual feasts. Two of them span multiple days and Tabernacles has an eighth day which is like a feast within the Feast.
- 6. **The Sabbath:** Six days shall work be done, but **the seventh day** is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work on it; it is the Sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings.
- 7. **The Passover and Unleavened Bread:** On the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight is the Lord's Passover. On the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the Lord; seven days you must eat unleavened bread. The first day and seventh day shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it. They are to be treated as sabbaths.
- 8. **The Feast of Firstfruits:** The First day following the first sabbath following Passover. (Always the first day of the week.)
- 9. **The Feast of Weeks (Pentecost):** And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath...seven Sabbaths shall

- be completed. Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath. (This is from which Christians derive Pentecost and why they were all gathered together in Jerusalem in Acts 2.)
- 10. **The Feast of Trumpets:** In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a sabbath-rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. This is the only Feast that begins on the first day of the month and for which you must be sober and watching for its announcement. (See 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 "No man knows the day of the hour," and 1 Corinthians 15:50-58, "Y'shua returns with a trumpet blast of the last trumpet" v. 52, and Matthew 24:42-44, "Watch as you do not know the hour your Lord is coming.")
- 11. **The Day of Atonement:** On the tenth day of this seventh month shall be the Day of Atonement. It shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall afflict your souls (fast). And you shall do no work (sabbath).
- 12. **The Feast of Tabernacles:** On the fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the Lord. On the first day there shall be a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work on it (Sabbath). On the eighth day [The Joy of the Torah-a feast within the Feast] you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall do no customary work on it (Sabbath). You shall rejoice before the Lord your God for seven

- days. You shall keep it as a feast to the Lord for seven days in the year. All who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths, that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt.
- 13. The the Care of the Tabernacle Lamps and the Bread of the Tabernacle: Of interest is the regulation that the showbread shall be for Aaron and his sons in Leviticus 24:5-9, and that they shall eat it in a holy place; for it is most holy to him from the offerings of the Lord. (Remember what Y'shua said about this in Matthew 12:1-8, Mark 2:23-28 and Luke 6:1-5, when He referred to David eating this bread in I Samuel 21:1-6.) There is a great controversy, beyond the eating of the bread here, when you explore Y'shua's reference to this event in the Gospels. See notes on that teaching here: My Father's Business
- 14. The Penalty for Blasphemy and other regulations: the warning about how Yahweh deals with blasphemy is highlighted in the story of an Israelite boy, who had an Egyptian father and Israelite mother, who had blasphemed and cursed the name of the Lord. 'Whoever curses his God shall bear his sin.
 - (a) And whoever blasphemes the name of the Lord shall surely be put to death.
 - (b) Whoever kills any man shall surely be put to death.

- (c) Whoever kills an animal shall make it good, animal for animal.
- (d) Eye for eye, tooth for tooth.
- (e) You shall have the same law for the stranger and for one from your own country.
- (f) See a full teaching about Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit here:

 The Sin that Leads to Death
- 15. You can see last year's teaching on this Torah Portion here: My Father's Business

BEYOND THE DEFECT

- 1. No Defects Allowed...No Problem, No Defects Detected!
 - A. <u>Invited to the King's Table</u>
 - (1) Don't Approach with Defects...
 - (a) "And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron, saying: 'No man of your descendants in succeeding generations, who has any defect, may approach to offer the bread of his God. For any man who has a defect shall not approach: a man blind or lame, who has a marred face or any limb too long, a man who has a broken foot or broken hand, or is a hunchback or a dwarf, or a man who has a defect in his eye, or eczema or scab, or is a eunuch. No man of the

descendants of Aaron the priest, who has a defect, shall come near to offer the offerings made by fire to the LORD. He has a defect; he shall not come near to offer the bread of his God. He may eat the bread of his God, both the most holy and the holy; only he shall not go near the veil or approach the altar, because he has a defect, lest he profane My sanctuaries; for I the LORD sanctify them.' "" Leviticus 21:16-23 NKJV

(2) Defective Sons

- (a) "Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son who was lame in his feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel; and his nurse took him up and fled. And it happened, as she made haste to flee, that he fell and became lame. His name was Mephibosheth." II Samuel 4:4 NKJV
- (b) Mephibosheth: "dispeller of shame" or "exterminating the idol" (Strongs 4648)

(3) Accepted although Defective

(a) "Now David said, "Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" And there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba. So when they had called him to David, the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" He

said, "At your service!" Then the king said, " Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, to whom I may show the kindness of God?" And Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan who is lame in his feet." So the king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "Indeed he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, in Lo Debar." Then King David sent and brought him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo Debar. Now when Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had come to David, **he fell on his face and prostrated himself.** Then David said, "Mephibosheth?" And he answered, "Here is your servant!" So David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually." [Whereas someone defective could not...See Leviticus 21:16-23] Then he bowed himself, and said, "What is your servant, that you should look **upon such a dead dog as !?**" And the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "I have given to your master's son all that belonged to Saul and to all his house. You therefore, and your sons and your servants,

shall work the land for him, and you shall bring in the harvest, that your master's son may have food to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's son shall eat bread at my table always." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king has commanded his servant, so will your servant do." "As for Mephibosheth," said the king, "he shall eat at my table like one of the king's sons." Mephibosheth had a young son whose name was Micha. And all who dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants of Mephibosheth. So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king's table.

And he was lame in both his feet." Il Samuel 9:1-13

1. The King's Table

a) "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. [5] You prepare a table before me in the

- presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever." Psalms 23:1-6 NKJV
- b) "Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to **the marriage supper of the Lamb!'** " And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."" Revelation 19:9 NKJV
- (4) Oaths and Promises (Oath between Jonathan and David— <u>Read all of I Samuel 20)</u>
 - (a) "So Jonathan said to him, "By no means! You shall not die! Indeed, my father will do nothing either great or small without first telling me. And why should my father hide this thing from me? It is not so! "" I Samuel 20:2 NKJV
 - (b) "And you [David] shall not only show me [Jonathan] the kindness of the LORD while I still live, that I may not die; but you shall not cut off your kindness from my house forever, no, not when the LORD has cut off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth."
 So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, "Let the LORD require it at the hand of David's

- enemies." **Now Jonathan again caused David to vow, because he loved him;** for he loved him as he loved his own soul. I Samuel 20:14-17NKJV
- (c) Then Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, since we have both sworn in the name of the LORD, saying, 'May the LORD be between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants, forever.' "So he arose and departed, and Jonathan went into the city." I Samuel 20:42 NKJV
- (5) See how the covenant is honored by David!
 - (a) Mephibosheth's Servant—"When David was a little past the top of the mountain, there was Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth, who met him with a couple of saddled donkeys, and on them two hundred loaves of bread, one hundred clusters of raisins, one hundred summer fruits, and a skin of wine. And the king said to Ziba, "What do you mean to do with these?" So Ziba said, "The donkeys are for the king's household to ride on, the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat, and the wine for those who are faint in the wilderness to drink." Then the king said, "And where is your master's son?" And Ziba said to the king, "Indeed he is staying in Jerusalem, for he said, 'Today the house of Israel will

- restore the kingdom of my father [Speaking of Saul's house] to me.' [Note: this is a lie!] " So the king said to Ziba, "Here, all that belongs to Mephibosheth is yours." And Ziba said, "I humbly bow before you, that I may find favor in your sight, my lord, O king!"" II Samuel 16:1-4 NKJV
- (b) David and Mephibosheth Meet—"Now Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king. And he had not cared for his feet, nor trimmed his mustache, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he returned in peace. So it was, when he had come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said to him, "Why did you not go with me, Mephibosheth?" And he answered, "My lord, O king, my servant deceived me [Here is the lie]. For your servant said, 'I will saddle a donkey for myself, that I may ride on it and go to the king,' because your servant is lame. And he has slandered your servant to my lord the king, [THIS IS THE SLANDER: for he said, 'Today the house of Israel will restore the kingdom of my father [Speaking of Saul's house] to me.'] but my lord the king is like the angel of God. Therefore do what is good in your eyes. For all my father's house were but

dead men before my lord the king. Yet you set your servant among those who eat at your own table. Therefore what right have I still to cry out anymore to the king?" So the king said to him, "Why do you speak anymore of your matters? I have said, 'You and Ziba divide the land.' "Then Mephibosheth said to the king, "Rather, let him take it all, inasmuch as my lord the king has come back in peace to his own house."" II

Samuel 19:24-30 NKJV

the oath made between David and Jonathan— "Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year; and David inquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, "It is because of Saul and his bloodthirsty house, because he killed the Gibeonites." So the king called the Gibeonites and spoke to them. Now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; the children of Israel had sworn protection to them, but Saul had sought to kill them in his zeal for the children of Israel and Judah. Therefore David said to the Gibeonites, "What shall I do for you? And with what shall I make atonement, that you may bless the inheritance of the LORD?" And the

Gibeonites said to him, "We will have no silver or gold from Saul or from his house, nor shall you kill any man in Israel for us." So he said, "Whatever you say, I will do for you." Then they answered the king, "As for the man who consumed us and plotted against us, that we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the territories of Israel, let seven men of his descendants be delivered to us, and we will hang them before the **LORD** in Gibeah of Saul, whom the LORD chose." And the king said, "I will give them." But the king spared Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, because of the LORD's oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul. So the king took Armoni and Mephibosheth, the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bore to Saul, and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she brought up for Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite; and he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them on the hill **before the LORD.** So they fell, all seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, in the beginning of barley harvest." II Samuel 21:1-9 **NKJV**

B. **STOP looking for another!**

- (1) Six Perfect Signs!
 - (a) "Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities. And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: [1] The blind see and [2] the lame walk;
 [3] the lepers are cleansed and [4] the deaf hear; [5] the dead are raised up and [6] the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."" Matthew 11:1-6 NKJV

1. The Blind See

a) "Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So

Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you." And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus. So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road." Mark 10:46-52 NKJV

2. The Lame Walk:

"So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on

earth to forgive sins" —then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men." Matthew 9:1-8 NKJV

3. The Lepers are Cleansed:

"And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." Then He put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately the leprosy left him. And He charged him to tell no one, "But go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded." However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities. So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed." Luke 5:12-16 **NKJV**

b) See: Go to the Priest—He is Willing

4. The Deaf Hear:

"Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. **Then they brought** to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." Immediately his ears were **opened**, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."" Mark 7:31-37 NKJV

5. The Dead are Raised:

a) "Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.

Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me." Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."" John 11:38-44 NKJV

- b) Jairus' Daughter (Luke 8:49-56)
- c) The Widow of Nain's Son (Luke 7:11-17)
- 6. The Gospel is Preached to the Poor:
 - a) "So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to

read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." [Isaiah 61:1-2] Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." So all bore witness to Him [in other words...no **need to look for another!**], and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"" Luke 4:16-22 NKJV

b) ""The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives,

- And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, **And the day of vengeance of our God;** To comfort all who mourn," Isaiah 61:1-2 NKJV
- Y'shua said that day in Nazareth, "Today this
 Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." but notice
 how He omitted that final phrase..." And the
 day of vengeance of our God!"
- (2) The Son of David! [The King of Kings heals the defects!]
 - (a) "Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight, and followed

- Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God." Luke 18:35-43 NKJV (Also Matthew 20:29-34 & Mark 10:46-52)
- (b) Two Blind men! "When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"

 They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."

 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country." Matthew 9:27-31 NKJV
- (3) Yes, it's the Son of David—who makes a way for the Lame to approach the throne of God!
 - (a) Defective people CANNOT go near the veil or approach the altar!
 - 1. "only he shall not go near the veil or approach the altar, because he has a defect, lest he profane My sanctuaries; for I the LORD sanctify them." Leviticus 21:23 NKJV

- (b) So, if a person with a defect CANNOT go near the veil or approach the altar, and yet we...are commanded to do just that because we have a High Priest who set the example...
 - 1. "Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:14-16 NKJV
- (c) And...because He tore the veil!
 - 1. "Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;" Matthew 27:51-52 NKJV
- (d) Then...have assurance that you can indeed enter... because you are officially considered to have NO DEFECTS!

- 1. "Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." Hebrews 10:19-22 NKJV
- (e) It's time to get your feet and hands moving!
 - 1. Take up you bed! "Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them. Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him. And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus. When He saw their faith, He said to him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this who speaks

blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, "Why are you reasoning in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise up and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" —He said to the man who was paralyzed, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and **departed to his own house, glorifying God.** And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen strange things today!"" Luke 5:17-26 NKJV (See also Mark 2:1-12 Matthew 9:1-8)

2. Jesus heals at the pool of Bethesda: "After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water;

then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk." Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." The man

- departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well." John 5:1-15 NKJV
- 3. **Not just Feet, but Hands:** "And He entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a withered hand. So they watched Him closely, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him. And He said to the man who had the withered hand, "Step forward." Then He said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they kept silent. And when He had looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored as whole as the other. Then the Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him. But Jesus withdrew with His disciples to the sea. And a great multitude from Galilee followed Him, and from Judea and Jerusalem and Idumea and beyond the Jordan; and those from Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they heard how many things He was doing, came to Him. So He told His disciples that a small boat

should be kept ready for Him because of the multitude, lest they should crush Him. For He healed many, so that as many as had afflictions pressed about Him to touch Him. And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried out, saying, "You are the Son of God." But He sternly warned them that they should not make Him known." Mark 3:1-12 NKJV

C. All Things; All Needs; Lacking Nothing

- (1) Perfect and Complete
 - (a) "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be **perfect and complete, lacking nothing."** James 1:2-4 NKJV
- (2) His divine power has given to us all things...
 - (a) "Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having

escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." II Peter 1:2-4 NKJV

- (3) All Things...
 - (a) **No Limitations**: "I can do **all things** through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13 NKJV
 - (b) **Priorities:** "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and **all these things** shall be added to you." Matthew 6:33 NKJV
 - (c) **Needs:** "And my God shall supply **all your need** according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19 NKJV
- (4) Ask, Seek & Knock
 - (a) ""Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you,

do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 7:7-12 NKJV

(5) Motives

- (a) "Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"? But He gives more grace.

 Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."" James 4:1-6 NKJV
- (6) Fearfully and Wonderfully Made
 - (a) "I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well." Psalms 139:14 NKJV
- (7) You are His Workmanship!

- "And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:1-10 NKJV
- (8) Every Spiritual Blessing and All Power—ready for the taking!

- (a) **BLESSED ALREADY!** "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved." Ephesians 1:3-6 NKJV
- (b) OPEN YOUR EYES! "Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His

right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come." Ephesians 1:15-21 NKJV

(9) Jacob's Limp

(a) "And he arose that night and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of Jabbok. He took them, sent them over the brook, and sent over what he had. Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my

life is preserved." Just as he crossed over Penuel the sun rose on him, and he limped on his hip. Therefore to this day the children of Israel do not eat the muscle that shrank, which is on the hip socket, because He touched the socket of Jacob's hip in the muscle that shrank."

Genesis 32:22-32 NKJV

D. Perfect Soundness, yet, are You Still Walking with a Limp?

- (1) Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you!
 - (a) "Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he, leaping up,

walking, leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God. Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him." Acts 3:1-10 NKJV

(2) Perfect Soundness

"Now as the lame man who was healed held on to (a) Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed. So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go. But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man

strong, whom you see and know. **Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all."** Acts 3:11-16 NKJV

- (b) Prophetic placement of Acts 3:11-16 because next up:
 - 1. Time of refreshing: Acts 3:17-21
 - 2. Prophet like Moses: Acts 3:22-26
- (3) Spiritual Hip replacement Surgery—It's time to get rid of the limp!
 - (a) The Great physician
 - 1. After Y'shua heals the lame man in Mark 2:13-17—
 "Then He went out again by the sea; and all the multitude came to Him, and He taught them. As He passed by, He saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him. Now it happened, as He was dining in Levi's house, that many tax collectors and sinners also sat together with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many, and they followed Him. And when the scribes and Pharisees saw Him eating with the tax collectors and sinners, they said to His disciples, "How is it that He eats and drinks with tax collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard it, He

said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."" Mark 2:13-17 NKJV

(b) The Surgical Instrument:

- 1. "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account." Hebrews 4:12-13 NKJV
- (c) Help my unbelief!
 - 1. O faithless generation: "And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them. Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to Him, greeted Him. And He asked the scribes, "What are you discussing with them?" Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams

at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not." He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."" Mark 9:14-22 NKJV

- A powerful five-word prayer— "I believe; help my unbelief!" "Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."
 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"" Mark 9:23-24 NKJV
- 3. **The work needed—Prayer and Fasting:** "When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and

dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."" Mark 9:25-29 NKJV

- (d) Greater Works!
 - 1. ""Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in

 Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater

 works than these he will do, because I go to My

 Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will

 do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you

 ask anything in My name, I will do it." John 14:12-14

 NKJV
- (e) Why? You are a New Creature!
 - "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus

Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."II Corinthians 5:17-21 NKJV

- (f) What are you waiting for?
 - 1. Immediately!
 - a) "...He said to the paralytic, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."
 Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"" Mark 2:10-12 NKJV
 - b) "And he [Peter] took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. And all the

- people saw him walking and praising God." Acts 3:7-9 NKJV
- 2. "Yes you have all you need to live a godly life; you are prefect and complete, lacking nothing; you are blessed with every spiritual blessings; and you are imbued with the power that raised Christ from the grave! Now take off those graveclothes and start living like it! Come out—pick up your bed, leap, jump up and down, your limp is gone!"

Summery: BEYOND THE DEFECT

- 1. No Defects Allowed...No Problem, No Defects Detected!
 - (a) Without Christ you are subject to your defects, but with Christ you are invited to the King's Table.
 - (b) You already have all you need, so STOP looking for another!
 - (c) Christ gave us Six Perfect signs that He is the One:
 - 1) the blind see
 - 2) the lame walk
 - 3) the lepers are cleansed
 - 4) the deaf hear
 - 5) the dead are raised up
 - 6) the poor have the gospel preached

- (d) King David made a way for Mephibosheth to receive his inheritance, even though he was lame.
- (e) The Son of David, the King of Kings, makes a way for the lame to approach the Throne of God! NO MORE LIMP!
- 2. All Things; All Needs; Lacking Nothing
 - (a) You are perfect and complete, lacking nothing
 - (b) His divine power has given to us all things to lead a godly life
 - (c) You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you.
 - (d) You have all you need.
 - (e) Ask, Seek & Knock—but, do so with the right motives.
 - (f) You are His workmanship created for good works.
 - (g) Every spiritual blessing and all power are ready for the taking!
 - (h) Jacob's limp was a testimony of overcoming.
 - (i) Your limp is a testimony of unbelief.
- 3. You are perfectly sound; are you still walking with a limp?
 - (a) Spiritual Hip replacement Surgery—it's time to get rid of the limp!
 - 1) Y'shua is the Great Physician
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- 5) Greater Works you will do.
- 6) Why? You are a New Creature!
- 7) What are you waiting for? Act Immediately! "Yes you have all you need to live a godly life; you are prefect and complete, lacking nothing; you are blessed with every spiritual blessings; and you are imbued with the power that raised Christ from the grave! Now take off those graveclothes and start living like it! Come out—pick up your bed, leap, jump up and down, your limp is gone!"

REFERENCE GUIDE

2. Other Important Teachings and Key Scripture References for Leviticus 21-24

A. Acceptable Conduct of a Priest

- (1) No Defects!
 - (a) "Whatever has a defect, you shall not offer, for it shall not be acceptable on your behalf." Leviticus 22:20 NKIV
 - (b) "And whoever offers a sacrifice of a peace offering to the LORD, to fulfill his vow, or a freewill offering from the cattle or the sheep, it must be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no defect in it." Leviticus 22:21 NKJV

- (c) ""Speak to Aaron and his sons, that they separate themselves from the holy things of the children of Israel, and that they do not profane My holy name by what they dedicate to Me: I am the LORD." Leviticus 22:2 NKJV
- (2) Malachi
 - (a) Read Malachi Chapter 2!
- (3) Jeremiah
 - (a) See: <u>Destructive Doctrines PART I</u>

B. Let the Dead Bury the Dead

- (1) None shall defile himself for the dead
 - (a) "And the LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, and say to them: 'None shall defile himself for the dead among his people," Leviticus 21:1 NKJV
 - (b) "He who is the high priest among his brethren, on whose head the anointing oil was poured and who is consecrated to wear the garments, shall not uncover his head nor tear his clothes; nor shall he go near any dead body, nor defile himself for his father or his mother; nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the

anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the LORD." Leviticus 21:10-12 NKJV

- (2) Let the Dead Bury the Dead
 - (a) "And when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side. Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." Then another of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead."" Matthew 8:18-22 NKJV

C. The Feasts of Yahweh

- (1) Leviticus 23: The Great Feast Chapter
 - (a) ""Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts." Leviticus 23:2 NKJV
 - (b) "So Moses declared to the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD." Leviticus 23:44 NKJV
- (2) See The Beginning of the End in last year's teach on this Torah Portion:
 - (a) Here: My Father's Business

- (3) The Feasts of Yahweh.
 - (a) See the <u>Feast Resource Center</u> on our Website to learn about all the Feasts of Yahweh.

D. Care for the Tabernacle

- (1) The Bread for the Priests
 - (a) "And you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes with it. Two-tenths of an ephah shall be in each cake." Leviticus 24:5 NKJV
 - (b) "And it shall be for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place; for it is most holy to him from the offerings of the LORD made by fire, by a perpetual statute."" Leviticus 24:9 NKJV
- (2) See the Great Bread Controversy in last year's teaching...
 - (a) Here: My Father's Business

E. The Penalty for Blasphemy

- (1) The penalty for Blasphemy
 - (a) "And the Israelite woman's son blasphemed the name of the LORD and cursed; and so they brought him to Moses. (His mother's name was Shelomith the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan.) Then they put him in custody, that the mind of the LORD might be shown to them." Leviticus 24:11-12 NKJV

- (b) ""Then you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying:

 'Whoever curses his God shall bear his sin. And

 whoever blasphemes the name of the LORD shall surely
 be put to death. All the congregation shall certainly

 stone him, the stranger as well as him who is born in
 the land. When he blasphemes the name of the LORD,
 he shall be put to death." Leviticus 24:15-16 NKJV
- (c) "Then Moses spoke to the children of Israel; and they took outside the camp him who had cursed, and stoned him with stones. So the children of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses." Leviticus 24:23 NKJV
- (2) Blasphemy
 - (a) See a full teachings about Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit...
 - 1. Here: <u>Darkness You Can Feel</u>
 - 2. And here: The Sin that Leads to Death

F. An Eye for an Eye

- (1) So shall it be done to him...
 - (a) "'If a man causes disfigurement of his neighbor, as he has done, so shall it be done to him—fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; as he has caused disfigurement of a man, so shall it be done to him." Leviticus 24:19-20 NKJV

- (2) The Sermon on the Mount...
 - (a) ""You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also. And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away." Matthew 5:38-42 NKJV
 - (b) ""You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect." Matthew 5:43-48 NKJV

G. One Law One People

- (1) One Law!
 - (a) "You shall have the same law for the stranger and for one from your own country; for I am the LORD your God.'" Leviticus 24:22 NKJV
- (2) One People—"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10 NKJV
 - (a) "Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands— that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might

reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit." Ephesians 2:11-22 NKJV

- (3) We are **One** people with **One** set of commands to obey. Lawlessness is the common factor that allows lies to be propagated by the enemy upon mankind...
 - (a) See: <u>Blood, Law, & Love</u>

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

- 1. Aaron was instructed by Moses to not allow any priest with a defect to make an offering before Yahweh:
 - A. How is this remedied in Christ?

- B. Compare the favor that Jonathan's lame son Mephibosheth found in the eyes of King David with the favor we've found in the presence of our King when we came before Him with our defects.
- C. What does it mean to eat at the King's table?
- D. How might King David's treatment of Mephibosheth be prophetic of Y'shua as the "Son of David"?
- 2. What are the six perfect signs Y'shua named when John asked, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"
 - A. Give biblical examples of each.
- 3. What is the common timing that we see in so many miracles about healing?
 - A. The lame walk, the blind see, the deaf hear, the lepers are cleansed, the demon possessed are freed, the dead are raised...
 - B. What does this teach you about your call and destiny?

4. Discuss what the following ideas mean to you:

- A. You are perfect and complete, lacking nothing.
- B. His divine power has given you all things that pertain to life and godliness.
- C. You can do all things through Christ's strength.
- D. God shall supply all your needs.
- E. Greater works than what Y'shua did you will do.

F. Ask, but don't ask with selfish motives.

5. Discuss these ideas relative to "perfect soundness":

- A. What kind of surgery does the Great Physician perform?
- B. What is His surgical instrument?
- C. What is the most effective five-word prayer for your faith?
- D. You are a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.