

## “and He called”

The LORD called to Moses and spoke to him from the Tent of Meeting, saying:  
Leviticus 1:1



We are beginning the book of Leviticus! In Hebrew, this book is called “Vayikra” which means “and He called”. When God “called” to Moses, Moses always had ears to hear! Yeshua often said to His disciples, “for those who have ears to hear.”

Did you know that Orthodox Jewish children learn Torah by starting in the book of *Vayikra*, the book of Leviticus! Not in Genesis or Exodus, which we might think would be the place they would start. Why is this? It is because their hearts are pure, therefore the *midrash* says, “let them study laws of purity” (Leviticus Rabbah 7:3). The book of Leviticus is all about purification, holiness, cleanliness and atonement, coming to God and drawing near Him from a pure heart. It gives “instructions” how to do that in the times of the Tabernacle, when they would be dwelling so near to a Holy God. Amazingly, a child who begins Torah could enter this book of *Vayikra* with their pure heart and uncluttered mind.

Yeshua said we have to be like children to enter the Kingdom (Matthew 18:3, Luke 18:16). It is not the size of our offering or tithe or the sacrifice God is looking for. It is our hearts!! We have been cleansed by the blood of the Lamb, our Messiah Yeshua. May we hear Him as He calls to us. May we and our loved ones draw near to Him, pray near to Him, dance near to Him, live fully a life of worship to Him. And may He draw near to us!!

*Praise*

O you who hear prayer, to You all flesh will come. Psalm 65:3

With burnt offerings I will come to Your house, fulfilling my vows to You. Psalm 66:13

The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. Psalm 145:18

For by one offering He has perfected forever those being made holy. Hebrews 10:14

*Confession*

I have blotted out your transgressions like a thick cloud and your sins like a mist. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you.

Isaiah 44:22

*Thanksgiving*

Come and listen, all you who fear God. I will tell what He has done for my soul.

Psalm 66:16

### Intercession

May ..... draw near to God and He will draw near to ..... . Cleanse your hands, ....., from sin. Purify your hearts, ..... and don't be double -minded!  
from James 4:8

May God rescue ..... from the dominion of darkness and bring .....into the Kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom .....will have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.  
Colossians 1:13~14

May ..... press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Messiah Yeshua.      Philippians 3:14

Now may our Lord Yeshua the Messiah Himself and God our father, who loves ..... and by grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort and strengthen .....’s heart in every good deed and word.      2 Thessalonians 2:16



### Teachers

Repent then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,      Acts 3:19

### Schools

Thus says ADONAI, Israel's King and his Redeemer, ADONAI-Tzva'ot: "I am the first, and the last, and there is no God beside Me.      Isaiah 44:6

### Congregation

So let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and body washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the unwavering confession of hope, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love\* and good deeds.      Hebrews 10:22 ~24  
\*AHAVA!

### Israel

Sing, O heavens, for ADONAI has done it! Shout, depths of the earth! Break forth in to singing, mountains, forest, and every tree in it! For ADONAI has redeemed Jacob and will be glorified throughout Israel.      Isaiah 44:23

Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer, nor His lovingkindness from me.  
Psalm 66:20

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem—  
May those who love you be at peace!  
Psalm 122:6

### Blessing to go

He called you to this salvation through our proclaiming the Good News, for you to gain the glory of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah.      2Thessalonians 2:14