

SHABBAT SERVICE

*“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
Six days you shall do all your work, but the
seventh day is a sabbath of the Lord your God...
For in six days the Lord made the heavens and
the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and
rested on the seventh day and made it holy.”*

Ex. 20:8-10



SHABBAT SHALOM

“Sabbath Peace”

The Spirit of God is stirring the Body of Christ around the world to return to the Biblical Sabbath. More than just a day off, believers are rediscovering that the Sabbath is a holy and sanctified day unto the Lord. Sabbath is also listed as an appointed time of the Lord along with His seven feasts (Lev. 23).

The principal of Shabbat is to rest on the seventh day after six days of work. This is a beautiful pattern of God’s Kingdom that He Himself modeled for us when He created the heavens and the earth. Man, being created in God’s own image, is commanded to rest in the same way (image) as God.

To New Covenant believers, Shabbat is a weekly picture of entering into God’s rest through the finished work of Messiah Jesus, and serves as a rehearsal for entering into (Olam Haba) the new heavens and the new earth.

New Covenant Shabbat Service
General Order and Approximate Times

Scripture, Prayer and Shofar (5 min)

The one who is leading the service should begin with an opening scripture called the V’SHAMRU. The traditional scripture is Ex. 31:16-17, but other Scriptures in the Tenach (Old Testament) and the Brit Hadashah (New Testament) can and should be used as the Lord leads. After this, pray the Sh’ma and ask God’s blessing on the Sabbath. Then, blow the shofar to announce the beginning of the Sabbath.

Praise and Worship (15 min)

Praise and worship the Lord with live or recorded music. Use whatever music the congregation is comfortable with, but music with a Hebrew flavor works the best.

Candle Lighting (5 min)

Traditionally a woman lights the candle. This offers her the opportunity to teach her daughters their responsibility as women by way of example. It is also good, from time to time, to let a daughter light the candles as a practical exercise in ministry to the Lord. After lighting the candle, the woman traditionally covers her eyes and then uncovers them to signify that through Eve the light went of the world, but through Mary, the light came back into the world in Jesus our Messiah. Then she should pray along the lines of how God is light, and that Jesus came to us as the light of the world, after which, He sent us out to be the light to the world.

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Kiddush and Offering (10 min)

The Kiddush is the part of the service where the wine and the bread (challah) are sanctified unto God. The traditional Hebrew blessings, or something along the same lines, are best used here. This is also a good time to receive the offering. When everyone comes forward to receive the wine and the bread they can bring their Shabbat offerings.

Blessing of Marriages (5 min)

A husband and wife minister a blessing to each other. First, the man recites the traditional *Aishet Khayeel*, The Virtuous Woman prayer of Pr. 31:10-31 over his wife. Personalizing it by inserting her name into the scripture adds to the blessing. Next the woman recites Ps. 1:1-3 over her husband, also personalizing it by inserting his name. Although this two scriptures are traditional, other scriptures can also be be personalized and used in the marriage blessing.

Blessing of the Children (5 min) After the husband and wife bless each other, they call all the children forward and bless them. Traditional they read a scripture and then pray over them.

The Tzedakah (5 min) After the blessing of the children, the husband and wife guide the children in collecting everyone's spare change for the *Tzedakah* (offerings for widows and orphans). The money of the *Tzedakah* is put into a large container, and, when it's full, the children take it and give it to the widows and/or orphans. This allows the children to participate in practical ministry.

Scripture Readings

All scripture portions should be studied out, and the people teaching them prayed up. Most scripture portions are somewhat long and cover a multitude of subjects. Unless it only covers a single event, this makes it difficult to minister on the entire portion within the time allotted. Therefore, it's recommended that you only try to cover one or two main points from your designated portion. You should try and use other scriptures to support your points, and when possible, tie it into the other designated Shabbat Scriptures.

Brit Hadashah — New Testament Scripture (10 Min)

Haftarah — The Prophets (10 min)

Torah — The Law (40 min)

Midrash, Ministry and Fellowship (10 min)

When the teaching is finished, open the meeting up to a Midrash (discussion of other insights, questions, etc.). After this, as the Lord leads, minister to those in need and close by praying the Aaronic Blessing over the congregation. Then release everyone to food and/or fellowship.

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Other Options

Torah Study: An in depth study of the Torah portion in a classroom style with class participation can be substituted.

Teaching: A special teaching or time of ministry can also be substituted as the Lord leads.

TRADITIONAL PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

Sh'ma

SH'MA YISRAEL ADONAI ELOHAENU, ADONAI ECHAD

*"Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, is one Lord."***Blessing Over the Wine**BARUCH ATAH ADONAI, ELOHAENU MELECH HA-OLOM,
BORAY P'REE HA-GAFEN; AMEN*"Blessed art Thou, Lord our God, King of the universe that
creates the fruit of the vine."***Blessing over the Bread**BARUCH ATAH ADONAI, ELOHAENU MELECH HA-OLOM,
HA-MOTZEE LECHEM MIN HA-ARETS; AMEN*"Blessed art Thou, Lord our God, King of the universe that
brings forth bread from the earth."***Aaronic Blessing**Y'VAREH'KHAH ADONAI V'YISHM'REKHAH.
YA'ER ADONAI PANA V'ELEKHAH VEE-KHUNEKHAH.
YEESAH ADONAI PANA V'ELEKHAH, V'YAHSAYM L'KHAH
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Torah Portion For May 6, 2000**Kedoshim “Holy”****Torah:** *Leviticus 19:1—20:2***Haftarah:** *Amos 9:7—15***I. Lev. 19:1-2 BE HOLY AS GOD IS HOLY****A. How Does One Walk Holy Like God**

1. **Vs. 3** Honor mother and father
and keep the Sabbath
2. **Vs. 4** No other gods or idols
3. **Vs. 5-8** Give an acceptable offering
 - a) Acceptable from the heart
 - b) If From The Heart, it will be done right
 - c) If Not, it becomes nothing more than a means
to gratify ones appetite
 - d) Becomes a “Piggul” or “Rejected Offering”

B. Israel’s “Piggul”

1. **Is. 1:10-17** Mechanical Offerings From The Flesh
 - a) **Vs. 16-17** Rejected for disobedience

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**“Tell the sons of Israel to
raise a contribution for
Me; from every man
whose heart moves
him...”**

— Ex 25:2

II. Is. 1:21-22 DISHONEST WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

- A. Silver became *dross* — debauched the currency
1. Unjust gain through unjust weights and measures
- B. Lev. 19:35-36 No Wrong In Judgment
“In Measurement Of Weight”
1. Directed at the market place
 2. Torah links business person as a judge
 - a) Dishonest weights is a perversion of justice
 3. Heavy and light weights is an abomination
- C. Amos 8:4-6 Cheat With Dishonest Scales
1. Larger Shekel: Increase in money supply = *inflation*
 2. Smaller Bushel: Loss of purchasing power
 3. Vs. 7-10 Result of dishonest scales in the last days
- D. “Fractional Reserve Banking Is The Modern Day Equivalent Of Dishonest Weights And Measures
1. *Refer to audio or video*
- E. The Sin Of Dishonest Weights Is The Cause Of All The World’s Financial Chaos.
1. Fractional Reserve Banking is unholy,
but we are to be holy as God is holy
 2. Therefore, we must come out from being *of* the world system

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Deut. 25:13-15

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