# Becoming the Sons of God: 7<sup>th</sup> Day of Unleavened Bread

YeHoVaH declared Israel's Independence from the nation of Egypt on Abib 15th, the 1st Day of Unleavened Bread. The people of Israel, YeHoVaH's firstborn son, had spent the last four hundred years in slavery serving the Pharaoh and his gods, but overnight was birthed as an independent nation whose God is YeHoVaH.

YeHoVaH called Israel His firstborn son, but becoming the sons of God was years in the making.

In this Teaching, we will look at the process of Israel becoming the sons of God then, and we becoming the sons of God now!

The first time the phrase "sons of God" is used is in reference to Genesis and Job. The teachings abound with no credible source other than the imagination of men reading into the Word something that is not there and reliance on books outside the recognized Books of the Bible.

Regardless to all of that, YeHoVaH referred to Israel as His Firstborn.

## "Israel is my firstborn son."

<sup>Ex 4:22</sup> And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith YeHoVaH, Israel *is* my son, *even* my firstborn:

YeHoVaH's firstborn was captive in Egypt serving Pharoah and his gods, not YeHoVaH, the One True Living and Only Wise Elohim.

#### Becoming the Sons of God requires renewing the mind.

Being in Egypt all those years took its toll on YeHoVaH's people. They seemed to have adopted a survival mentality looking to the Egyptians to provide for them and serving them with hard labor. A subservient people tend to try to appease their masters, not make waves, and bow to the status quo set by their oppressors.

The pattern, plan, and purpose of Israel becoming the Sons of Elohim was initiated by YeHoVaH. This was done at the calling and commissioning of Moses to confront Pharaoh to release His people and let them go so they could serve YeHoVaH.

<sup>Ex 4:23</sup> And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may <u>serve</u> me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, *even* thy firstborn.

#### Serve – **05647 עַב**ד `abad {aw-bad'}

**Meaning:** 1) to work, serve 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to labour, work, do work 1a2) to work for another, serve another by labour 1a3) to serve as subjects 1a4) to serve (God) 1a5) to serve (with Levitical service) 1b) (Niphal) 1b1) to be worked, be tilled (of land) 1b2) to make oneself a servant 1c) (Pual) to be worked 1d) (Hiphil) 1d1) to compel to labour or work, cause to labour, cause to serve 1d2) to cause to serve as subjects 1e) (Hophal) to be led or enticed to serve **Usage:** AV - serve 227, do 15, **till 9**, servant 5, work 5, worshippers 5, service 4, **dress 2**, labour 2, ear 2, misc 14; 290

The first time we see this Hebrew word for serve in the Bible is in reference to Mr. and Mrs. Adam in the garden. "Till"

<sup>Ge 2:5</sup> And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for YeHoVaH God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and *there was* not a man to till the ground.

## Dress

<sup>Ge 2:15</sup> And YeHoVaH God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

# Becoming the Sons of YeHoVaH requires entering into a Covenant with YeHoVaH that He initiates.

After YeHoVaH delivered His people from Egypt to serve Him, He initiated the Covenant with them that they said they would obey.

<sup>Ex 19:4</sup> Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and *how* I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

<sup>Ex 19:5</sup> Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth *is* mine:

<sup>Ex 19:6</sup> And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

<sup>Ex 19:7</sup> And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which YeHoVaH commanded him.

<sup>Ex 19:8</sup> And <u>all the people answered together, and said, All that YeHoVaH hath spoken we will</u> <u>do.</u> And Moses returned the words of the people unto YeHoVaH.

YeHoVaH brought the people to Himself to reveal His Covenant with them. They had to be sanctified.

<sup>Ex 19:10</sup> And YeHoVaH said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes,

<sup>Ex 19:11</sup> And be ready against the third day: for the third day YeHoVaH will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

<sup>Ex 19:12</sup> And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, *that ye* go *not* up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death:

<sup>Ex 19:13</sup> There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether *it be* beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.

<sup>Ex 19:14</sup> And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.

<sup>Ex 19:15</sup> And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: come not at *your* wives. <sup>Ex 19:16</sup> And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so

that all the people that *was* in the camp trembled.

<sup>Ex 19:17</sup> And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.

## YeHoVaH Spoke His Covenant

Ex 20:1 And God spake all these words, saying,

Ex 20:2 I *am* YeHoVaH thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Ex 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

<sup>Ex 20:4</sup> Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth:

#### Becoming the Sons of God is for the purpose of serving YeHoVaH.

<sup>Ex 20:5</sup> Thou shalt not **bow down** thyself to them, **nor serve them**: for I YeHoVaH thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;

Bow down – 07812 שָׁחָה shachah {shaw-khaw'}

**Meaning:** 1) to bow down 1a) (Qal) to bow down 1b) (Hiphil) to depress (fig) 1c) (Hithpael) 1c1) to bow down, prostrate oneself 1c1a) before superior in homage 1c1b) before God in worship 1c1c) before false gods 1c1d) before angel

Usage: AV - <u>worship 99</u>, <u>bow 31</u>, <u>bow down 18</u>, <u>obeisance 9</u>, <u>reverence 5</u>, fall down 3, themselves 2, stoop 1, crouch 1, misc 3; 172

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<sup>Ex 20:6</sup> And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. <sup>Ex 20:7</sup> Thou shalt not take the name of YeHoVaH thy God in vain; for YeHoVaH will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

<sup>Ex 20:8</sup> Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

<sup>Ex 20:9</sup> Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

<sup>Ex 20:10</sup> But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of YeHoVaH thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates:

<sup>Ex 20:11</sup> For *in* six days YeHoVaH made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore YeHoVaH blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. <sup>Ex 20:12</sup> Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which YeHoVaH thy God giveth thee.

<sup>Ex 20:13</sup> Thou shalt not kill.

Ex 20:14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Ex 20:15 Thou shalt not steal.

Ex 20:16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

<sup>Ex 20:17</sup> Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbour's.

<sup>Ex 20:18</sup> And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw *it*, they removed, and stood afar off. <sup>Ex 20:19</sup> And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

#### Becoming the Sons of God means serving only YeHoVaH.

<sup>Mt 4:9</sup> And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. <sup>Mt 4:10</sup> Then saith Yeshua unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship YeHoVaH thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

<sup>Mt 4:11</sup> Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

YeHoVaH delivered His people from Egypt to serve Him, not to serve another.

#### The Old Testament Pattern

<sup>Heb 11:24</sup> By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

#### The Moses – Messiah Connection:

Moses, like Messiah, loved YeHoVaH more than his earthly family.

Moses loved YeHoVaH more than his mother, he had known, and his grandfather, the most powerful man on earth at the time.

<sup>Heb 11:25</sup> Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

<sup>Heb 11:26</sup> Esteeming the reproach of Messiah greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

#### Moses forsook what he had known as his homeland, his place of birth.

<sup>Heb 11:27</sup> By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

<sup>Heb 11:28</sup> Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

<sup>Heb 11:29</sup> By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry *land:* which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

#### The New Testament Pattern

<sup>Heb 5:7</sup> Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

<sup>Heb 5:8</sup> Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; <sup>Heb 5:9</sup> And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

Heb 5:10 Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

Heb 5:11 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.

<sup>Heb 5:12</sup> For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

<sup>Heb 5:13</sup> For every one that useth milk *is* unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. <sup>Heb 5:14</sup> But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

## Moses was the mediator of the First Covenant.

<sup>Dt 5:1</sup> And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them. <sup>Dt 5:2</sup> YeHoVaH our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.

<sup>Dt 5:3</sup> YeHoVaH made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, *even* us, who *are* all of us here alive this day.

Dt 5:4 YeHoVaH talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire,

<sup>Dt 5:5</sup> (**I stood between YeHoVaH and you at that time**, to show you the word of YeHoVaH: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount;) saying,

<sup>Dt 5:6</sup> I *am* YeHoVaH thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

#### Messiah is mediator of the New Covenant. We are the Called-out ones of Messiah the Firstborn.

<sup>Heb 12:23</sup> **To the general assembly and church of the firstborn**, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

<sup>Heb 12:24</sup> And to Yeshua the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel.

Heb 12:25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more *shall not* we *escape*, if we turn away from him that *speaketh* from heaven:

<sup>Heb 12:26</sup> Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

<sup>Heb 12:27</sup> And this *word,* Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

Heb 12:28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace,

whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

Heb 12:29 For our God *is* a consuming fire.

Becoming the sons of God is a done deal in YeHoVaH's eyes, but we must walk in His ways. The temptation to return to the world, and the life that YeHoVaH brought us out of, will call out for us when we face difficulty and trials. The world, and past, we left behind will follow after us like Pharoah's army came after Israel, but as Moses said to the Israelites:

<sup>Ex 14:13</sup> And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of YeHoVaH, which he will show to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

<sup>Ex 14:14</sup> YeHoVaH shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

## Becoming begins with believing.

<sup>Jn 1:12</sup> But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:

## The Sons of God do without murmuring or disputing and shine as the light of the world.

Phil 2:14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

<sup>Phil 2:15</sup> That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

<sup>Phil 2:16</sup> Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Messiah, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

# The Sons of God are led by the Spirit of God.

<sup>1Jn 3:1</sup> Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

<sup>1Jn 3:2</sup> Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

- Becoming the Sons of God requires **renewing the mind**.
- Becoming the Sons of YeHoVaH requires entering into a Covenant with YeHoVaH that He initiates.
- Becoming the Sons of God is for the purpose of **serving YeHoVaH**.
- The Sons of God live as the Son of God lived.

Firstfruits Offering Prayer Deuteronomy 26: 5-10