

**December 5, 2008 Messianic Service
Reconciliation Encounter
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Torah Portion:

Gen. 50:15-20

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him."
16 So they sent messengers to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying,
17 'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you.'" Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the G-d of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.
18 Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we are your servants."
19 Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of G-d?
20 But as for you, you meant evil against me; but G-d meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

Service Portion:

**1. Be reconciled to G-d
2 Corinthians 5:20**

20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Messiah, as though G-d were pleading through us: we implore you on Messiah's behalf, be reconciled to G-d.

**2. Be reconciled to others.
Luke 19:2 – 9**

2 Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.
3 And he sought to see who Yeshua was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature.
4 So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. 5 And when Yeshua came to the place, He looked up and saw him,[a] and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

6 So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.
7 But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner."
8 Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the L-ord, "Look, L-ord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold."
9 And Yeshua said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham;

Hebrews 2:11-12

11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,
12 saying: I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."

3. Reconcile others to G-d. 2 Corinthians 5:18 -19

18 Now all things are of G-d, who has reconciled us to Himself through Yeshua Messiah, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,
19 that is, that G-d was in Messiah reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 4:3 - 4

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Messiah, who is the image of G-d, should shine on them.

Romans 11:7 - 8

What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded. Just as it is written: "G-d has given them a spirit of stupor, Eyes that they should not see and ears that they should not hear, to this very day."

2 Corinthians 3:14 – 16

But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Messiah. But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. Nevertheless when one turns to the L-rd, the veil is taken away.

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