

# Yahusha's Crucial Chanukkah Message

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John Ch.10:19-22 is the only place in the Bible where we see the Festival of Chanukkah being celebrated and observed. Yahusha observed this Biblical Festival, shouldn't we?

It was prophesized to \_\_\_\_\_ in Daniel 11:31. The overthrow of the tyrant Antiochus Epiphanes was fulfilled in 165 BC. Verse 32 predicted YHUH's victory over paganism by Judah & The Maacabees over the pagans. (Zeus defeated) Since verse 32 promised that in all generations people who know Yahuah will be strong and action oriented people (like the Maacabees) Yahusha elaborates further on just what kind of people are "Chanukkah Warriors" sons of light.

Those who grasp five principles in the Torah!!!

1) Principle of Walking Close to the Father. v.22, 23 & 24 It is a time to re-examine & re-dedicate our temples to the living Yahuah. Ask Yahuah to cleanse any idols in it. The leaders of Israel were so interested in trapping Yahusha that they missed the intimacy of intimate walking with Yahuah. Yahusha was there to teach relationship, and they were there to argue and debate. He was having a rededication in the Temple with His talmidim!

2) Principle of Shepherding – v. 25-28 You will only receive shepherding if you desire it more than arguing with YHUH. Some believers are so busy trying to bend YHUH's will to their will. (the reverse of prayer), that they miss out on this role as part of YHUH's character. When man attempts to shepherd YHUH this is called praying on YHUH not to YHUH. (v27) Arguers, debaters, double-minded, are spending all their energy questioning Him. (v27) that they are left behind from Yahusha's shepherding care and those he has appointed.

3) Principle of Eternal Life v.28 Chanukkah oil only lasts eight days. Rabbinical Jews have that. On the ninth day they are dry. (Oil is a type of the Ruach HaKodesh). Messianic Yisraelite Bible Believers have been given the heavenly oil of the Ruach that will last for ever. Since this oil is eternal so are those who have received it in their circumcised hearts. We get it by simply believing, following and obeying the Torah of the miraculous giver of this oil. Hebrews1:9

4) Principle of Eternal Security – v. 28 & 29 Yahusha said at Chanukkah, I believe it and that settles it! Why Chanukkah? Because we will live forever in the eternally dedicated Temple in heaven IF WE CONTINUE TO ENDURE & LOVE HIM TO THE END OF OUR LIVES.

5) Principle of the Plurality of Israel's Elohim. V 30 Yahusha chose this occasion to remind us that He is part of the plurality. Furthermore, the word here for one is Échad. He is (numerically & abundantly one) in Greek, the same Hebrew word we use (Echad) in The Shema.

6) Light vs. Darkness. Torah times vs lunar times. Zadokite priesthood vs rabbinical control and illegal office holders! The Temple is still defiled by hey-seus. Pigs are still abiding from the lips and mouths

designated for kadosh praise. Our Temples are temples of light and must not be defiled. We understand that the Menorah represents light the Chanukiah darkness and rabbinical Judaism.