

HOW TO HANUKKAH – DAY 3

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Hello everyone.

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Jim Staley, Passion for Truth Ministries.

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And welcome to Night three of the Festival of Lights,

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the Feast of Dedication, or better known as Hanukkah.

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I hope you are enjoying this week

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as I am with my kids and my family.

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And I pray that each and every night you not only learn

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something new yourself that your kids,

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your family enjoys the fellowship and the fun and the power

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of the Word of God through light.

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Because that's what this is all about.

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It's about transferring light from one generation

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to the next generation, creating new traditions and new reality

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for what this season of the year looks like.

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So without further ado,

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let's dive in.

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We talked about on day one the light of creation.

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And we talked

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about the whole story of Hanukkah and how Hanukkah was passed

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The Festival of Lights was inaugurated by a single man who felt

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desire and the zeal to stand up for righteousness.
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And that is really a theme through this entire festival,
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is righteousness doing the right thing, following
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God's Divine Commandments is what deacons means.
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There's dictionary in the Greek, which is what righteous means.
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So we're going to try to let the light shine inside of us
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in such a way that God will be glorified through our deeds.
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and the best way we can do that is to transfer
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these ideas, these paradigms into the next generation.
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So the first night was the light of creation.
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We talked about that and how that was supposed
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to be passed down through Adam, but he blew it.
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God has to reintroduce himself into the next generation.
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He does that through Noah.
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And so Noah carried that light and thank God that he did that.
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He was a righteous man, more than anybody in his generation.
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The Father
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chose him to save all of humanity, quite frankly, the world.
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The first petting zoo
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was on Noah's Ark, seven by seven, two by two, and they came
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and repopulated the earth and the light was passed down.
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That was night two.
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Tonight is night three.
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And we're going to talk about Abraham.
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Who could be better at transferring the light
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or taking that torch from Noah's hand, if you will, than Abraham?
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Abraham is the father of many nations, right?
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Our father, Abraham, who had many sons.
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And I am one of them. And so are you.
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So let's just praise the Lord, shall we?
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And as the old song goes.
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And so we're going to talk about Abraham tonight.
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So what do we do when we...when we're sitting down with our kids?
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You know, of course,
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you can play a dreidel game, you can put on some worship music.
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It just really depends on the ages of your kids, your family.
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You can have a Bible study
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if you're older and you don't have small ones.
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You can think of different ideas of how you can
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illustrate how we're supposed to walk in the light.
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And so tonight
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with the story
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of Abraham, one of the things that you can do
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is you can read out of Genesis chapter 15.
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That's the story where God introduces Himself to Abraham
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in a dramatic and a cinematic
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way, where He...this is the
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covenant of the pieces, where He asked Abraham
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to bring animals to Him, cuts them in half,
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and then He has to walk in between the pieces.
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That's the ancient Eastern Covenant.
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The problem is, is that God doesn't let Abraham
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even be awake during this time period, he makes him fall asleep.
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And then there is a burning torch
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and a pot that is of a flame that is going
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through these pieces, representing God himself.
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And then, of course,
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The Word of God, which ends up manifesting himself as YHWH
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Tzeva'ot, or the Lord of Hosts, the Angel of the Lord
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and English, which ends up being Yeshua Himself.
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Yeah, eventually as the Word becomes flesh.
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And so this is a beautiful picture you can begin to talk about
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to your kids, that this is where the covenant began and...and
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then you can talk about how covenants are created, that
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there's a meal that's instituted and people,
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they trust one another and they eat each other's
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part of each other's meal in representation that 'I'm
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going to eat part of your half.
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You're going to eat my half' and together that makes a whole.
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It's very much like a marriage ceremony.

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It's a very 'marriage' type of covenant.

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So you can talk about covenant and you can talk about promises

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and contracts and commitments and oaths,

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and you can make

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that part of being a light is always telling the truth

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and making sure that you keep your end of the deal

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when you make a covenant with God.

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And every time that you're taking communion,

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are you taking the bread and the wine on Shabbat, then you are...

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that little one

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piece of bread, is representing the entire covenant.

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That's how Eastern covenants work.

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So you can begin to explain that, that when you say that you love

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YHWH, you love God, and you want to follow Him,

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that means that you want

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to keep His whole covenant the best way that you can.

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And so from the heart, the Father begins to teach us

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His ways, His truths, His decrees, His commandments

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and His image, which is ultimately the most important thing.

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So on night three, you can focus on the beginning of

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covenant is keeping oaths, keeping promises,

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and you can read through Genesis 15 or you might decide, Hey,

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you know what, I'm going to talk about the
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whole story of Abraham
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having to sacrifice his only begotten son, Isaac,
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which comes a little bit after that.
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So you can you can go to that story
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and you can read
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that to your children, and you can show the parallel
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when it says it took them three days journey
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and then he looked off and he saw Mount Moriah,
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the very place where the Messiah was going to be crucified.
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That very place where the temple is, was where
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Isaac was going to be sacrificed.
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And you can talk about how Isaac was the light,
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the transfer of the light from Abraham to Isaac.
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And because of Abraham's obedience,
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God used him in an extraordinary way to progeny
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an entire nation that would carry the light
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for literally billions of people throughout time.
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And so we can talk about how single decisions affect
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generations and how important it is to make the right decision
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every single time that you're faced with something important.
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And so there's a lot of different ways that you can do it.
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You can tell, maybe,
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there was another story of Abraham that you really enjoy.
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I encourage you not to make it super long if you have small kids,
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but if you just adults,
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have a Bible study on Abraham and ask yourself 'what kind of
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character did Abraham have and what parts of his character
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do I have, and what parts do I not have?'
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And then ask the father to help you be like Father Abraham,
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to trust Him with your heart, mind, soul and strength.
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To have the faith of Abraham that no matter what you face,
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no matter what you're going through in your life,
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that you can be sure that you will trust Him,
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that you will walk forward, you'll get in the water,
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that the Father begins to say, 'Hey, I want you to do this.
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begins to say, Hey, I want you to do this. .
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I want you to sacrifice this.' You'll say, 'Father,
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thank you so much for the ability to sacrifice this for You.
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It is an honor and a privilege
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to sacrifice my life, if You need me to,
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because you are infinite and I'm finite,
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and this world is very temporal.' So anyway, that's night three.
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You can edit some worship songs if you want, maybe some dancing,
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who knows?
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But I pray that God blesses you on this night.
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This is a beautiful night,

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ladies and gentlemen, take advantage of this.

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If you've got kids

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or grandkids, it's an incredible time to start new traditions.

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Maybe you bake some pastries or something,

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or that you'll make some sugar cookies, you know,

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some Hanukkah cookies or dreidel cookies.

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We've done that before.

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And just get in the kitchen, do something, make a craft,

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spend the time.

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Let this be almost like a kids' camp, each and every night,

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where you get to enjoy that time with your family.

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So again, I'm Jim Staley, Passion for Truth Ministries,

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Happy Hanukkah and we'll see you tomorrow night.

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Until that, I'm Jim Staley, and I'll see you in the next video.