

HOW TO HANUKKAH – DAY 6

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[Applause]

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[Music]

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and welcome back to our how to Hanukkah

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Series tonight is night six I'm Jim

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Staley Passion For Truth Ministries I'll

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be your host for the next few minutes as

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I have been the previous five nights I

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pray that this year's Hanukkah whether

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this is your first or your 10th that

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you're getting some ideas just some

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simple ideas from the Staley house and

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are the Traditions that we do and and I

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pray that uh that they make an impact

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into your life get you started and if

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you do have your own traditions and

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things that you've come up with put them

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in the comment section uh below because

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uh other people might want to know what

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you do as traditions for Hanukkah uh so

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we let's just back up first night we

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talked about the light of creation and

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how God illuminated himself into the
0:51
Dark Void of Earth before or the
0:54
universe before the Earth was even
0:55
created and that primordial light was
0:58
Yeshua himself that shows up all the way
1:01
back in Genesis 1 and then finds himself
1:03
transported in John 1 one and then and
1:06
the creation account in the beginning
1:09
was the word and that was word was made
1:11
flesh in verse 14. so in the very
1:14
beginning was the light of God and that
1:16
light uh became the light of men and
1:18
that's what we're doing is going through
1:20
the Journey of how light was transferred
1:22
down through time how it was lost and
1:24
then how it was reintroduced and
1:26
eventually it's going to hit us today
1:27
but light uh number one was the light of
1:31
creation then we moved to light number
1:32
two or night number two and that candle
1:35
represented Noah and how Noah was chosen
1:38
to be the light of the world and how
1:40
inside of the the ark there was how many
1:44

people eight people I find that very
1:46
interesting there was eight plus the
1:48
spirit of the Messiah the servant candle
1:50
and there you have a hanakia built right
1:52
into Noah's Ark himself and so praise
1:56
God for Noah and The Obedience that he
1:58
had and you know oftentimes I think
1:59
about this I share this with my kids
2:01
just tonight that when we deal with the
2:04
page three arcs or the biblical
2:06
characters it's incredible that almost
2:09
none of these Biblical characters knew
2:11
that they were they were Bible
2:12
characters they did no idea that the
2:15
decisions that they would make would
2:16
impact billions of people throughout
2:19
time and that just goes to show you like
2:22
I was teaching my children that every
2:24
decision that we make is impactful
2:26
whether we make a good decision or a bad
2:29
decision it's going to impact people
2:31
around us and the ripple effect goes
2:32
throughout time and it just makes us
2:35

puts a gravity to the things that happen
2:37
in our life all right so then we moved
2:39
on to Candle number three night number
2:41
three which is Abraham and we talked
2:43
about the significance of Abraham being
2:45
our father him too having no idea that
2:47
he was going to be the patriarch of all
2:50
of Israel but God said that from your
2:52
loins at your age I'm going to bring
2:54
forth the Sun and you're going to have
2:55
the children that are going to be like
2:57
the Sands of the sea the stars of the
2:59
sky
3:00
that's exactly what happened so we
3:02
talked about that in Genesis 15 and how
3:04
God introduced himself and then also uh
3:08
Mount Moriah when he was told to
3:10
sacrifice his only begotten son after
3:12
been given this incredible promise
3:14
Abraham trusted the the Covenant of the
3:18
pieces that God made with him he trusted
3:20
that ancient Eastern Covenant that said
3:23
that God can't break his promise so even
3:25

if I kill my son I know that God has to
3:28
raise him from the dead or do something
3:30
because he cannot break his promise I
3:33
have to be given children as stars of
3:35
this of this of the sky and Sands of the
3:38
sea that was part of the Covenant
3:40
promise and so we talked about that then
3:42
on the next night night of four we we
3:46
went over to Moses and we talked about
3:49
Moses being the anti-type to the Messiah
3:53
and how he was the light and he was
3:56
given the light we learned that through
3:58
Moses who kept the Commandments of God
4:00
through the experienced incredible
4:03
experience that he had of coming out of
4:05
Egypt being reintroduced at the burning
4:07
bush and then given the Commandments of
4:09
Yahweh that that was the light this was
4:11
the light to their path was the
4:14
Commandments it was the guard rails to
4:16
life and we talk about that and then how
4:19
from Moses it moves over to the
4:23
disciples in night number five that is
4:26

it trans there's a lot of time that gets
4:28
uh transitioned there all the way to the
4:31
time of the Messiah and the Messiah the
4:33
shamash candle as we pass the shamas
4:36
candle in the middle of the hanakia now
4:39
from the servant candle Yeshua he begins
4:42
to light the disciples the hand-picked
4:45
representatives one from each of the
4:47
tribes of Israel if you will to
4:49
represent the tribes in all 12 tribes of
4:51
Israel and it's their job as the
4:53
captains of the ship to take the light
4:55
to tonight's night which is the sixth
4:58
night and that represents the light of
5:00
the going or the Gentiles those that
5:02
were of the Nations you see the original
5:04
intent from Yahweh from the very
5:07
beginning was for Israel to be a light
5:09
to the Nations that was their job they
5:12
just weren't very good at their job they
5:14
weren't very good captains they wanted
5:16
to kind of hold things themselves and
5:17
then they wanted the Nations to be a
5:19

part of them and they assimilated the
5:21
the cultural uh nuances and idolatry
5:24
into uh the Hebrew uh Hebrew religion
5:28
and it didn't come out very well for
5:30
them they got taken into captivity
5:31
multiple times lots of drama so God said
5:35
look I'm going to start over I'm going
5:36
to choose the captains of this ship
5:38
again and uh and I'm gonna I'm gonna
5:40
build Israel all over from scratch using
5:44
the original Israel root the Hebrew root
5:47
and so we learned that God told uh
5:50
excuse me operated through Yeshua and
5:53
explained to the disciples that they
5:54
were the light of the world and in their
5:56
job was to be a light to everyone around
5:58
them first to the Jew then to the
6:01
Gentile and that's where we land tonight
6:03
so that was a long kind of review
6:04
hopefully it was helpful but tonight is
6:07
where we begin our story in Acts chapter
6:10
10. and so we'll read Acts chapter 10
6:12
and I'm just going to read the first few
6:14

verses to kind of give you a little bit
6:16
of background and then get you to the
6:17
punch line and you can read it all on
6:19
your own with your family or if you
6:22
don't have kids you can read it have a
6:24
Bible study over it ask yourself deep
6:26
thought-provoking questions as we walk
6:28
through here says there was a certain
6:30
man in caesarea called Cornelius a
6:32
centurion of what was called an Italian
6:34
regiment a devout man and one who feared
6:37
God with all his household who gave
6:39
alms generously to the to to the
6:41
people and prayed to God always so this
6:43
was a centurion a Roman Centurion that
6:47
was a proselyte meaning that he was in
6:49
the process of converting to Judaism
6:51
this is not something that happened very
6:53
often but this is a significant Moment
6:55
In Time
6:56
and uh and he is in the process of about
7:00
to get a knock on his spiritual door
7:03
from the Holy Spirit about the ninth
7:06

hour of the day he saw clearly in a
7:08
vision an angel of God coming in and
7:10
saying to him Cornelius
7:12
and when he observed him he was afraid
7:14
and said what is it Lord
7:16
so he said to him your prayers and your
7:18
alms have come up to for a memorial
7:20
before God now send men to Joppa and
7:23
send for Simon whose surname is Peter
7:26
he's lodging with Simon a Tanner whose
7:28
house is by the Sea he will tell you
7:30
what you must do and when the Angels who
7:32
spoke to him had departed Cornelius
7:34
called two of his household servants and
7:36
devout soldier from among those who
7:38
waited on him continually so when he had
7:40
explained all these things to him he
7:42
sent them to Joppa so Cornelius has his
7:44
vision an angel tells him you need to go
7:46
find Peter God's heard your cry he goes
7:49
they find a Peter but before they get
7:51
there Peter himself has a vision and it
7:54
goes like this in verse 9 the next day
7:56

as they went on their journey and Drew
7:58
near the city Peter went up on the
8:00
housetop to pray about the sixth hour
8:01
then he became very hungry and wanted to
8:04
eat but while they were made ready he
8:06
fell into a trance so he falls into a
8:08
deep sleep and he saw heaven opened and
8:10
an object like a great sheep bound at
8:13
the Four Corners descending to him and
8:15
letting down to the Earth and it were
8:17
all kinds of four-footed animals on the
8:19
Earth wild beasts creeping things in
8:21
birds of the air
8:22
and a voice came to him saying Peter
8:24
arise kill and eat
8:27
but Peter said in verse 14 no so Lord
8:30
not going to happen
8:31
he says I've never eaten anything common
8:34
or unclean
8:35
and a voice spoke to him again saying
8:37
the second time what God has cleaned you
8:39
must now call you must not call Common
8:42
this was done three times and the object
8:44

was taken up into heaven again so to
8:46
paraphrase what's happening is Cornelius
8:49
has a vision to go find uh Peter in the
8:52
process Peter is having a dream about
8:54
this four cornered sheet that's got
8:56
these unclean animals on it and God
8:59
apparently tells Peter to arise and eat
9:01
these unclean animals
9:04
and Peter doesn't understand the vision
9:05
so God has to give it three times now
9:07
the dead giveaway that this is not God
9:09
trying to get him to eat unclean animals
9:12
is that God has to give him the dream
9:14
three times because he didn't get it
9:16
right uh the first three times the first
9:19
two times and so he he didn't even get
9:21
it right the third time these dreams are
9:24
connected they're actually one in the
9:25
same dream
9:27
Cornelius has a dream being told to go
9:30
find Peter and Peter is actually having
9:32
a dream preparing him to go find
9:35
Cornelius this is the same dream the
9:38

problem is is that if we don't
9:40
understand first century idioms or
9:42
culture we're really going to mess this
9:43
up because uh the the the unclean
9:47
animals are just what they call the
9:49
Gentiles and and Peter just didn't get
9:51
it so God's not telling him and eat
9:53
unclean animals he's telling them hey
9:55
the Gentiles are clean now you guys call
9:57
them unclean but I'm going to clean them
10:00
I'm bringing the blood of my son into
10:02
their houses how do we know that and I
10:05
take my take my family to verse 28 and
10:07
it's a dead giveaway because Peter
10:10
finally shows up and recognizes what's
10:13
really happening and he interprets his
10:15
own dream this way
10:17
verse 28 then he said to them you know
10:19
how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to
10:22
keep company with or go to one of
10:25
another Nation to a gentile's home but
10:27
God has shown me that I should not call
10:29
any man common or unclean see God wasn't
10:33

one stroke of of a pen saying that hey
10:36
you can eat whatever you want that's
10:38
unclean yeah go eat the you know a bat
10:40
or a snake or or what have you no he's
10:44
he's letting them know he's just using a
10:46
metaphor so that Peter could understand
10:48
the way that you guys are viewing these
10:50
Gentiles is unclean is no longer proper
10:53
I want you to accept them into my home
10:55
now through the blood of Yeshua the two
10:57
become one
10:58
so anyway I wanted to go over that a
11:01
little bit theologically hopefully that
11:03
wasn't a little bit too deep but it was
11:05
just meant so that you could understand
11:07
that this is where it started this was
11:09
the light that was given to the Gentiles
11:11
Cornelius has said to be the very first
11:13
Gentile that ever accepted the gospel
11:16
and from there it became the thousands
11:19
and then tens of thousands and then
11:20
hundreds of thousands and of course
11:22
millions and billions over time but it
11:25

all started with Peter having a vision
11:27
that God said look it's time that you
11:30
stop looking at people the way that you
11:32
do can we ask a question to ourselves do
11:35
we look down on other groups of people
11:37
because of their belief system do we
11:39
look at people through a lens that is an
11:43
uncleanness that we look at them from
11:45
but we don't really look through the
11:48
eyes of God where all men are clean
11:51
through Christ if they accept Christ and
11:53
so they may be dirtying at the moment
11:55
but if we look at past the dirt in into
11:59
that beautiful human being that the
12:01
father created and we see their need for
12:03
Christ we will have the same compassion
12:05
that Yeshua had on every single person
12:08
that he met that's why he could look
12:10
past the sin and see Into the Heart of
12:13
that Sinner and the need for him and so
12:16
I encourage you one of the best ways
12:18
that you can spread the light this
12:20
season this Hanukkah is to rededicate
12:22

yourself and challenge yourself that
12:24
you're not going to judge people in your
12:26
heart any longer the way that you do
12:29
that we're not going to look at people
12:31
sideways and judge them for how they
12:34
practice their faith or how they don't
12:37
practice their faith or even if they
12:39
have no faith at all that we're going to
12:41
see people that are just simply at
12:44
different places in their spiritual
12:45
journey and in different needs that they
12:47
have at that moment let's pray for
12:49
people let's love people let's be the
12:52
light that we claim to be the image
12:54
bearers of the most high God my friends
12:57
I'm Jim Staley I pray that you will be
12:59
blessed this night on the sixth night of
13:02
Hanukkah and we will see you tomorrow on
13:04
night seven happy Hanukkah in shalom
13:07
if this video has blessed you I
13:09
encourage you to watch this video and
13:11
this video as well and make sure you
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subscribe to our YouTube channel and
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turn on those notifications so you don't
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miss a single video that we put out here
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at Passion For Truth until then I'm Jim
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Staley and I'll see you in the next
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video