

HOW TO HANUKKAH – DAY 7

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Hello everyone! happy Hanukkah and I pray that you are enjoying each and every night as much

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as I am tonight is night seven that's right we are almost finished with the entire Festival

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of Lights and I uh I I know I've really enjoyed going night by night with my kids I do it every

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single year and each year honestly I learned something new as we're walking through the

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scriptures because they're alive and we learned something new every single time so a quick review

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of the last six nights is the first night was the light of creation the second night was the

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light of Noah that he was put in the ark with eight people total and kind of like his own arc

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hanakia his own arc of Menorah if you will and then we took over we went over to Abraham as

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being past the light reintroducing the light to Abraham and how he was so obedient and learning

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that obedience is connected to being part of the light that you can't be light or a good

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image of the light if you're not obedient and then we learned that the the light had to be

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introduced by the time that Moses came and Moses was a tremendous representative of the

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light matter of fact God says that he puts Moses in the category of the predecessor of

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the Messiah that there is going to be a prophet like unto Moses an incredible Accolade if there

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ever was one and we talked about the light of the the fire of the burning bush how he

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was reintroduced to Yahweh and then Moses leads them out of Egypt and so on and so forth through

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that whole process teaching them the Commandments of God that if they wanted to walk in the light

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they would have to walk according to God's holy law and then we moved through time all the way

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into the New Testament into the shamas candle Yeshua himself and discovered that he chose to

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start the whole process Over Again by teaching his disciples what light was all about saying that he

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was the light of the world and so from the very beginning if you take that seriously the early

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Jewish writers the early Jewish disciples would have immediately known what he's referencing he's

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referencing the first day of creation the very first day where the light the spiritual light was

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created was Yahweh himself manifested through the the pre-existent Yeshua if you will that was the

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light of creation that was the light of the world it was the spiritual light of the world before the

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sun moon and the stars ever were made on day four God establishes the spiritual comes first

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how amazing that is when Yeshua their Rabbi make such a profound statement connecting all the way

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back to the beginning of the of the scriptures of the Torah when he says I am the light of the world

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I was day one he says and then he begins to pass uh and and Infuse and impregnate his

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disciples with these incredible truths that their job was to pass along to the Gentiles

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that we learned last night and today from the Gentiles Cornelius began the process and then

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sharing with all of his Greek and Roman friends and then that comes 2 000 years later to us we

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are called the light of the world the question becomes what are we going to do with it so you

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pose to your children as you kind of do a review every night what are we going to do with the light

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what are we what does the light mean to you maybe you take a piece of paper and have your

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children everybody at the table writes down what do they believe the light is and how is the Light

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operating through them today maybe answer the question what is one thing that you can change

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that would cause your image to be more in the image of Christ what is one characteristic one

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bad habit one something that we can change to make our light shine brighter you know one of
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the things that I find is uh most often that dims our light is a lack of patience now I know
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I'm hitting some some toes at that moment but it's something that I like to talk about with my
family
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because that's something that I struggle with is a lack of patience I'm I'm not like their mother
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that is uh you know a major major patient person I'm the opposite of patience I'm the reason
why
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many of the scriptures about patience were pinned I'm sure like Paul says I'm the chief of
sinners
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in this area and I'm getting better and better every day especially maybe because I get older
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I get slower but when all things are said and done I do believe that patience really pulls us
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back in that flame back and it's something that we need to talk about because if we can learn
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to be patient and be learned to just be okay in any situation and just trust the father then the
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image of Christ can flow through us because what we're doing is we're saying I trust you
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or because ultimately our light is dependent on how much or I should say the intensity of our
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light is dependent on two things how much that we obey God but more importantly how much
do we
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trust him with our lives what kind of Faith do we live when the scriptures say lean not on your
own
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understanding but in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path Proverbs
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five and six when he says that how much of our ways do we acknowledge Him and everything
that
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we do before we eat after we eat whatever we do when we get our paychecks how much do we
glorify
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God and then how much are we a light to others and what's the best way that we can teach our
children
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to be a light is to not be judgmental about what we experience around us because let's just face it

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our kids today are facing stuff we never dreamed of facing when we were growing up they're facing

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especially if they are in public school they're facing the most hideous and horrible circumstances

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that have really come to us in the United States of America across the world the best way that we

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can is to not be judgmental but share the love and the answers that we have be ready to give an account for the hope that's in us with gentleness and respect I encourage you to have your children

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uh memorize that that scripture it's first Peter 3 15. I'll share it with you one more time

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first Peter 3 15 says this it says uh but sanctify the Lord God in your hearts and always be ready to

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give a defense to everyone who asked for a reason for the hope that's in you with meekness and fear

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in other words with gentleness and respect so first thing you got to do sanctify the Lord in your heart get that light going on the inside and then start learning how to defend what you

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believe so that when people ask you hey why do you believe what you believe you have an answer for

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why you have that hope and then give those answers with gentleness and respect a lot of times I see

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online people defending what they believe uh like like a Roman soldier but not like a Jewish rabbi

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actually Jewish rabbis kind of did it like Roman soldiers too sometimes let me just rephrase that

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how about instead of being a Roman soldier we should be like Christ who gave answers based on meekness gentleness respect the truth is good enough to convict we don't need to be the judge

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to convict people let the truth do its job ladies and gentlemen so spend the time with your family

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tonight talk about what the light looks like what it represents maybe start a new tradition

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like I said of asking questions and maybe this is like your your New Year's resolution during

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the Feast of Hanukkah this is when we rededicate our Temple ask tonight what can we do individually

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to rededicate our Temple and then have a ceremony after the night's over with after your little time

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is over with where you pray and maybe you take those pieces of paper put them in an envelope and

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then put your name on it and mail it to yourself so months from now you'll be able to go back and

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look at it and say did I keep this commitment did I rededicate my simple problem my friends I

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pray that this blesses you and we have one more night left and that and at night eight that's

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tomorrow night until then I'm Jim Staley with passion for Truth Ministries thanks for joining

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my family and we get to be a part of yours show up happy Hanukkah if this video has blessed you

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