

Title: "The Light of His Presence"

A devotional based on these verses for Chanukah can explore the themes of Yah's presence dwelling within us, holiness, and the fruit of the Spirit. Each passage highlights different aspects of Yah's indwelling presence and His desire to be with His people. By reflecting on these scriptures, you can draw parallels between the significance of the Festival of Lights and how we, as believers, are called to reflect Yah's light in the world.

Scripture Focus:

1 Corinthians 3:16: "Do you not know that you are Yah's temple and that Yah's Ruach dwells in you?"

1 Corinthians 6:19: "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Ruach haKodesh within you, whom you have from Yah? You are not your own."

Leviticus 26:12: "And I will walk among you and will be your Elohim, and you shall be my people."

Ezekiel 37:27: "My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be my people."

Jeremiah 32:38: "And they shall be my people, and I will be their Elohim."

Galatians 5:22-23: "But the fruit of the Ruach is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

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Chanukah, also known as the Festival of Lights, is a time to celebrate the rededication of the Holy Temple and the miraculous presence of Yah. For eight days, we celebrate the light of the menorah, a symbol of Yah's provision and His presence with His people. However, Chanukah also reminds us of an even greater truth: Yah's light is not just something that was contained in a building, but something that now dwells within us as believers.

God Dwells in Us

The opening scriptures from 1 Corinthians remind us of a powerful truth: we are the temple of Yah. In the Tanach/OT, Yah's presence dwelled in the Tabernacle and later the Temple in Jerusalem. But through the work of Yeshua haMashiach, Yah's presence now dwells within us. In 1 Corinthians 3:16, Paul asks, "Do you not know that you are Yah's temple and that Yah's Ruach dwells in you?" This truth should cause us to pause and reflect on the profound nature of Abba's relationship with us. Just as the Temple in Jerusalem was set apart as holy, we are also called to be holy vessels that carry His Spirit. This is a message of hope and encouragement, especially during Chanukah, a

festival that celebrates the dedication of a physical temple. We are reminded that our bodies are now His temple, and His light shines within us.

God's Desire to Be with His People

Throughout the Scriptures, Abba expresses His desire to dwell with His people. In Leviticus 26:12, He says, "I will walk among you and will be your Elohim, and you shall be my people." This promise is reiterated in both Ezekiel 37:27 and Jeremiah 32:38, where Abba declares His intention to be in fellowship with His people. During Chanukah, we remember that Abba is not distant or far off. His desire to be with His people was so strong that He sent His Son, Yeshua /Jesus, to dwell among us (John 1:14). Now, through the Holy Spirit, He continues to be with us. His presence is not confined to a building, but is active in our hearts and lives.

Reflecting the Light

Just as the menorah in the Temple shone brightly, we, as believers, are called to reflect Abba's light in the world. In Galatians 5:22-23, we find the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These qualities are the "lights" that shine through us when we live according to the Spirit. Chanukah reminds us to rededicate our lives to Yah, to allow His light to shine in us and through us, just as the menorah symbolized the light of Abba's presence in the Temple. The light of the Spirit can illuminate the darkness around us, offering hope, peace, and love to a world in need.

A Call to Holiness and Dedication

As we light the menorah each night of Chanukah, let it serve as a reminder of our call to be holy and dedicated to Yah. Leviticus 26:12 speaks of Abba walking among His people, a promise fulfilled through Yeshua and the Holy Spirit. Just as the Temple was rededicated during Chanukah, let this season be a time of rededicating ourselves to Yah, remembering that we are His holy temple, called to live in His presence and reflect His light to the world.

Closing Prayer:

Abba, we thank You for the light of Your presence that dwells in us. As we celebrate Chanukah and remember the miracles of the past, help us to reflect Your light in our lives. May we be a living temple, set apart for Your glory, and may the fruit of your Ruach shine brightly through us. Help us to walk in holiness, love, and dedication to You, so that the world may see Your light and come to know You as their Father. In Yeshua' name, Amen.

This devotional weaves together the significance of the Chanukah celebration with the deeper spiritual truths about Yah's presence and our call to reflect His light in our lives.

It serves as both a reminder and a call to live as holy temples where Abba's Spirit dwells.

Here's a short prayer for each fruit of the Spirit to be prayed while lighting the candles each night of Chanukah. Each prayer aligns with the specific fruit of the Spirit for the day, and for the final night, we focus on self-control, as it is the base that holds the rest together.

Day 1 - Love (1st Candle)

“Abba, as we light the first candle tonight, we ask that Your love would be manifest through our lives. May Your love shine brightly in our hearts, so that we may love others as You have loved us. Fill us with a love that is patient, kind, and unconditional, reflecting Your perfect love to the world. Amen.”

Day 2 - Joy (2nd Candle)

“Abba, as we light the second candle, we pray for the joy of the Adonai to fill our hearts. Let this joy be our strength, regardless of circumstances. May our lives radiate the joy that comes from knowing You, and may that joy overflow to those around us. Amen.”

Day 3 - Peace (3rd Candle)

“Sar Shalom, as we light the third candle, we ask that Your peace, which surpasses all understanding, would guard our hearts and minds. May we be instruments of Your peace in a troubled world, bringing reconciliation and comfort wherever we go. Amen.”

Day 4 - Patience (4th Candle)

“Yeshua, as we light the fourth candle, we pray for patience to endure trials and challenges with grace. Help us to be slow to anger and quick to show compassion. May Your Spirit empower us to be patient with others, as You are patient with us. Amen.”

Day 5 - Kindness (5th Candle)

“Abba, as we light the fifth candle, we ask that Your kindness flow through us. May we show chesed to those around us, especially to those who are difficult to love. Help us to be a reflection of Your gentle, compassionate nature. Amen.”

Day 6 - Goodness (6th Candle)

“Abba, as we light the sixth candle, we pray that Your goodness would be evident in our actions and words. Let our lives be marked by integrity, honesty, and a desire to do what is right in Your eyes. May we reflect Your goodness in all that we do. Amen.”

Day 7 - Faithfulness (7th Candle)

“Abba, as we light the seventh candle, we pray for a spirit of faithfulness. Help us to remain faithful to You, to our calling, and to those You have placed in our lives. Strengthen us to stand firm in faith, trusting that You are faithful to fulfill Your promises. Amen.”

Day 8 - Gentleness (8th Candle)

“Abba, as we light the eighth candle, we pray for a heart of gentleness. May we respond to others with humility and tenderness, reflecting the gentleness of Messiah. Let our words and actions be filled with care and consideration for others. Amen.”

Base of the Menorah – Self-Control (this may be added daily with the other prayers if you desire)

“Father of Lights, as we look at the base of the menorah, we recognize that all the fruit of the Spirit is held together by self-control. Help us to exercise self-control in every area of our lives, so that we may walk in alignment with You. Strengthen us to resist temptation and live according to Your will. May all the fruit of the Spirit be evident in our lives as we live in self-discipline and surrender to You. Amen.”


