

Spitting On Manmade Rules

At Hanukkah, Yeshua — the “Light of the World” — healed a man born blind. Yeshua had healed many people at this point in his ministry, but what made this healing so significant was when and how he did it.

For starters, it was the Sabbath. It was also the first day of Hanukkah, the 25th day of the 9th month, also known as Saturday, December 13, 27 CE. This alone would have made healing forbidden on that day, not according to the Torah, but according to the manmade Rabbinic rules (aka “takanot”) of the Pharisees. On top of that, John 9:6-7 tells us, “...he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay and said to him, ‘Go, wash in the pool of Shiloach (the Sent one).’ He went his way, and washed, and came back seeing.”

Rabbinic takanot absolutely forbade the mixing of water and dust on the Shabbat because that constituted creating something (mud), in other words, it was considered work. Rabbinic rules also expressly forbade putting saliva on the eyes on the Shabbat (Talmud, tractate Shabbat 108b). Furthermore, Yeshua then commanded the blind man to walk more than a Shabbat day’s journey to wash his eyes when water was readily available on the Temple Mount; a Sabbath’s day journey is a Rabbinic-prescribed walking distance not to be exceeded on the Sabbath (2,000 cubits, about 3,437 feet – Baba Metzia 32a).

Yeshua didn’t do things according to the Pharisees. In fact, he made a point of doing the opposite, commanding the man to break the man-made laws of the Pharisees before he pronounced him “whole.” Manmade laws that complicate the simplicity of the Torah get in the way of doing the work the Almighty has called us to do.

So, be like Yeshua. If you have to spit on man’s religious rules to fulfill YeHoVaH’s Torah, do it.

See you when the smoke clears,



Michael J. Rood

Time Is Ticking... Can We Count On You?

Throughout 2023, YeHoVaH's message through A Rood Awakening! International has sparked transformation in the lives of countless individuals as they have come to understand the profound truths found in the Scriptures and the teachings of Yeshua (Jesus). Your generous contributions have made it possible for us to reach a global audience and share the message of redemption, restoration, and reconciliation.

We are humbled and grateful for your dedication to the ministry of A Rood Awakening! International. Your partnership allows us to continue our mission of making the truth of the Messiah known to all.

Even while Michael continues to heal, new people are having their lives changed through this ministry — thanks to YOU — every day! But how much more we do (and how long we can do it) is up to you.

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