

To whom much is given, much is required. To Israel MH gave the promised land in exchange for our obedience to His laws. Once we did enter the promised land, and every tribe was given it's portion, Levi's lot was different. Deuteronomy 10 explains that Most High was their portion, and so they were allotted land, cattle, and other staples by each tribe. In turn, they dedicated themselves to the worship of Most High on behalf of Israel. Levites are also the lawgivers. During the first covenant, they brought sacrifices before Most High to atone for the sins of our people. What a heavy role Most High gave to the tribe of Levi. Even to this day, the ephod, incense, sacredness, and priesthood come to mind when this tribe comes up,

So what happened? What happened to the tribe whose inheritance was the Most High? In Judah and Benjamin we have seen a semblance of the blessings prophesied; what happened to Levi? This question was heavy, and so I reached out to Officer Elrad (20) from the tribe of Levi for a peek at the answer.

"The Most High made a covenant with Aaron and his sons who are Levites to be the lawgivers to the nation of Israel, and they broke the covenant by committing multiple sins."

One particular way that Levi displeased the Most High was with the sacrificing of blemished offerings which the book of Malachi chapter 1 describes.

The officer continued, "As stated in Malachi 2:1-10, TMH was angry with the tribe of Levi and punished them even to this day more than the rest of the twelve tribes for breaking His covenant as the lawgivers and causing the nation to turn away from God's commandments."

What can we learn from this judgment? I'd say that it is the same lesson repeated tirelessly in MH's word. It's the same lesson we see in the story of Cain and conversely in Christ: giving the best you have to offer to the Most High is the only way to please Him. Anything less than your best is sin.

Sis Chauna Israel House of Officer Rosh

- 2 celery sticks

Apple

Drink

- 1 large apple (or 2 sm)
- 2 cups of spinach
- 3 & ½ tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 tbsp. lime juice
- 1 banana
- 2 tbsp. almond or cashews
- 1 cup 100% orange juice
- ¼ cup 100% cranberry juice
- 1 cup water
- ¼ in nub fresh ginger
- ¼ tsp ginger powder
- 3 sprigs of parsley
- 2-4 tbsp. raw honey
- 2 tsp flax seed (opt.)

Wash all of the fruits & vegetables. With your parent's help, cut the apple & celery into large chunks. Put all ingredients into a blender & puree. Strain the juice through a fine mesh strainer. Press all the juice from the pulp. Pour it into a container & enjoy.







"Beep, beep," Moriyah stared at the fish in the fish tank. It's mouth was moving, but she couldn't ever remember hearing a fish say, "Beep, beep". She couldn't remember hearing a fish speak for that matter. "Beep, beep, beep", something seemed out of place as Moriyah realized that the fish wasn't saying beep. I'm dreaming, she thought, and I need to wake up. "Beep, beep, beep," the cupcakes! She started to open her eyes to the smell of charred cupcakes, and smoke.

"Oh no," she whispered as she ran downstairs to the kitchen, "My, cupcakes!" She flung open the oven, and was slightly relieved. The cupcakes were burned, but they still had a nice color. Maybe with a little help from the frosting and edible décor, she could still pass them off as edible.

After cooling, the cupcakes were even harder than before! What would people say about the cupcakes? Maybe if she placed them in cute pink boxes, brothers and sisters wouldn't notice until they got home. Worried, and murmuring under her breath, the young daughter of Sarah unknowingly furrowed her brow.

Sis Meira knew her daughter would be nervous about her first bake sale, but Moriyah had been doing great when allowed to cook at home. So when she opened the front door to the smell of burnt pastries on the counter, she was confused. Maybe she had made a bad batch. Sis Meira dismissed her concern and began her Sabbath prep.

Sabbath morning, Sis Meira rose before the rest of the house, and enjoyed her fruit in the kitchen. The smell of burnt cake was still very strong, too strong for a batch of burnt cupcakes that had been discarded. Something told her to check the neatly decorated pink boxes that Moriyah was planning to sell after Sabbath class. When she opened one of the boxes, she was disappointed. She and Moriah would need to have a talk.

"Mom, have you seen the cupcakes for the bake sale," Moriyah asked as she ran downstairs. Sis Meira turned; she had been waiting to have this conversation with her daughter. She hadn't been quite sure how to start it, but there was a spiritual lesson to be learned.

"Moriyah, you weren't really going to take those chargrilled cupcakes and sale them at a fundraiser for the Most High's work, were you? Baby, these are useful gifts! They can be used as incense holders and to scour pots, but they aren't edible treats for the Most High's chosen." Sis Meira paused as she remembered to consider her daughter's feelings and her own struggle with taming her tongue. "Sweetheart, whenever we do something related to Israel, it must be our best work! Remember that Deuteronomy 6:7 says we are above all people. Isaiah 13:12 compares our brothers to the finest gold of Ophir, and Psalm 144:12 says that as sisters, we will be like brightly polished palace cornerstones. If you believe the Bible daughter, you won't not less than your best."

Moriyah knew her mother was right. "But more than that mama, And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men. I'm going to call my big sis and let her know what happened.

All praises, Sis Meira rejoiced silently. Hearing her daughter submit humbly to the word tasted better than any cupcake ever could.

Tribe of Levi Word Search

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