

Hanukkah is a good time each year to rededicate ourselves to God



19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price. Therefore glorify God with your body. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Rededicating Our Temple

As many of us celebrate Hanukkah this year, one of the themes is rededicating ourselves (our temples) to God. In the time of the Macabbees, after three years of the temple being defiled by the army of Antiochus, the small guerilla band of Israeli freedom fighters finally made their way back to Jerusalem and rededicated the altar in the temple on Kislev 25, 165 BCE. It had been a long fight against overwhelming odds and numbers, but God had proven faithful as His people stood up against tyranny.

As the Israelis rededicated their temple, so we too have an opportunity to reconsecrate ourselves to Yah during the Hanukkah celebration. We all have need of a greater dedication of ourselves to Him. Here are some questions that can help us:

Do you have consistent daily times to worship and talk to Yeshua? What is He impressing to you and what do you need to do about this?

Is there anything that you feel God wants you to do that you haven't been doing or not to do that you've been doing?

Is there anyone who you've wronged or where there is friction in your relationship? What can you do to help mend this relationship?

In closing, I would encourage each of us to find time during this festival to have a set apart time to be quiet and alone with Yah. Then, ask Him what's on His heart and commit to act on the things that He brings up.

Living God, just as the Maccabees of old needed to rededicate the temple, so too do I need to rededicate myself to Your service. Holy Spirit blow through this temple and bring the change that is needed and that You desire. I yield myself afresh to You and Your will. Daily give me strength, tenacity, and wisdom to present myself more completely to You. In Yeshua's Name I pray.