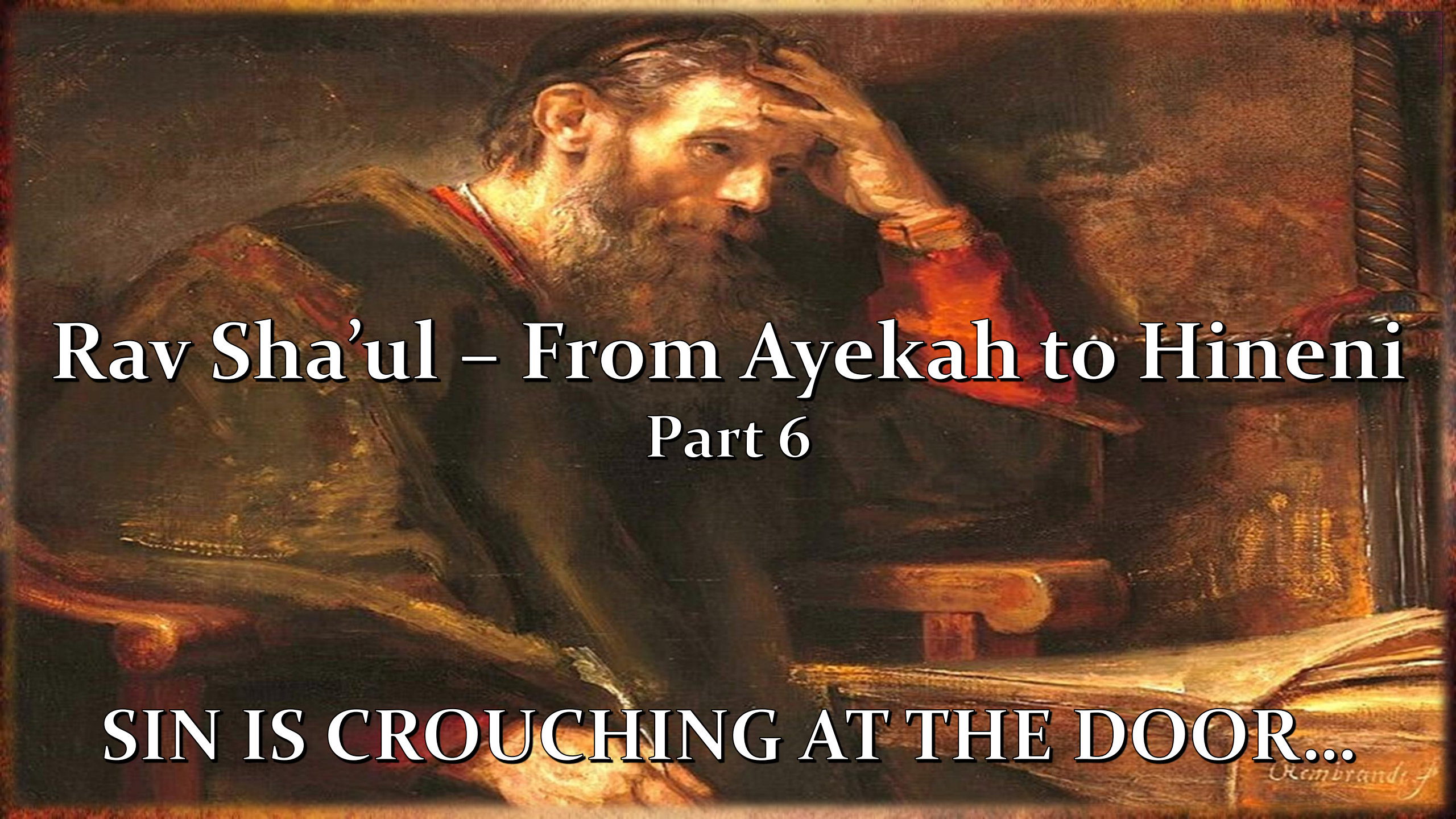


Rav Sha'ul – From Ayekah to Hineni

Part 6

SIN IS CROUCHING AT THE DOOR...


עֵץ הַחַיִּים
עֵץ הַדַּעַת טוֹב וָרָע

Genesis 3

9 *Adonai*, God, called to the man,
"WHERE ARE YOU?"

אַיֶּכָּה

AYEKAH?

אֵיכָה

EICHAH – HOW?

עֵץ הַחַיִּים

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The Questions We Ask Determine The Stories We Tell Ourselves

Have we been delivered from the power of sin?

YES!

How have we been delivered?

Through God's grace – the blood of Yeshua sprinkled on the mercy seat is the Kapporah, the covering, for our sin!

The Questions We Ask Determine The Stories We Tell Ourselves

Since we are not under "legalism" – that is, the requirement to keep the entire law to be free from the penalty of sin – but now under His grace and delivered from sin and death, does that make the Torah obsolete?

Me Genoito!! Heaven Forbid!!

[Absolutely Not!!]

Are the Jews and all they have been given charge over no longer part of God's plan?

Me Genoito!! Heaven Forbid!!

[Absolutely Not!!]

The Questions We Ask Determine The Stories We Tell Ourselves

Since the penalty for sin – death – has been made powerless through Grace, should we "keep on sinning, so that there can be more grace!"

Me Genoito!! Heaven Forbid!!

[Absolutely Not!!]

The Road To The Tree of Life

Everyone, Jew and Gentile alike, stands in need of mercy, and God has provided it through the blood of Yeshua.

Sin remains a usurping king, and grace has come to overthrow it.

Through all of it, the Torah is holy. Israel has been entrusted with keeping and teaching the way to true life, and the love for the One true God. God remains forever faithful to His people.

Gentile believers have been grafted into Israel and have been adopted into the family entrusted with the Torah.

And all along the way, Paul keeps saying ***MĒ GENOITO***: Heaven forbid that anyone call the Torah the problem.

Romans 7

5 For **WHEN WE WERE LIVING ACCORDING TO OUR OLD NATURE**, the passions connected with sins worked through the Torah in our various parts, with the result that **WE BORE FRUIT FOR DEATH**.

6 But now we have been released from **THIS ASPECT** of the Torah, because we have died to that which **HAD US IN ITS CLUTCHES [SIN]**, so that we are serving in **THE NEW WAY PROVIDED BY THE SPIRIT** and not in the old way of outwardly following the letter of the law.

Romans 7

7 Therefore, what are we to say? That the Torah is sinful? **HEAVEN FORBID! [*MĒ GENOITO!!*]**

12 So the Torah is **HOLY**; that is, the commandment is **HOLY, JUST AND GOOD.**

14 For **WE KNOW** that the **TORAH IS OF THE SPIRIT**; but as for me, **I AM BOUND TO THE OLD NATURE, SOLD TO SIN *[HE HAMARTIA] AS A SLAVE***.

Romans 7

8 **BUT SIN, SEIZING THE OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED BY THE COMMANDMENT, WORKED IN ME ALL KINDS OF EVIL DESIRES — FOR APART FROM TORAH, SIN IS DEAD.**

Gr. lambanō aphormē

Taking by force a base of operations

Romans 7

7 ...Rather, the function of the Torah was that without it, **I WOULD NOT HAVE KNOWN WHAT SIN IS**. For example, I would not have become conscious of what coveting is if the Torah had not said, “Thou shalt not covet.”



2 Corinthians 11

3 ...and I fear that somehow your minds may be seduced away from simple and pure devotion to the Messiah, just as Havah was DECEIVED [Gr. EXPATESEN] by the serpent and his craftiness.

11 FOR SIN, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, DECEIVED [Gr. EXPATESEN] ME; and through the commandment, SIN KILLED ME.

Genesis 4

6 Adonai said to Kayin, “Why are you angry? Why so downcast? 7 If you are doing what is good, shouldn’t you hold your head high? And if you don’t do what is good, **SIN IS CROUCHING [*CHATAT ROVETZ*] AT THE DOOR — IT WANTS YOU, BUT YOU CAN RULE OVER IT**.”

V'atah timshol bo – And you must rule over it

Genesis 4

8 Kayin had words with Hevel his brother; then one time, when they were in the field, Kayin turned on Hevel his brother and killed him. 9 Adonai said to Kayin, “Where is Hevel your brother?” And he replied, **“I DON’T KNOW; AM I MY BROTHER’S GUARDIAN?”**

Yetzer Hara – The Evil Inclination

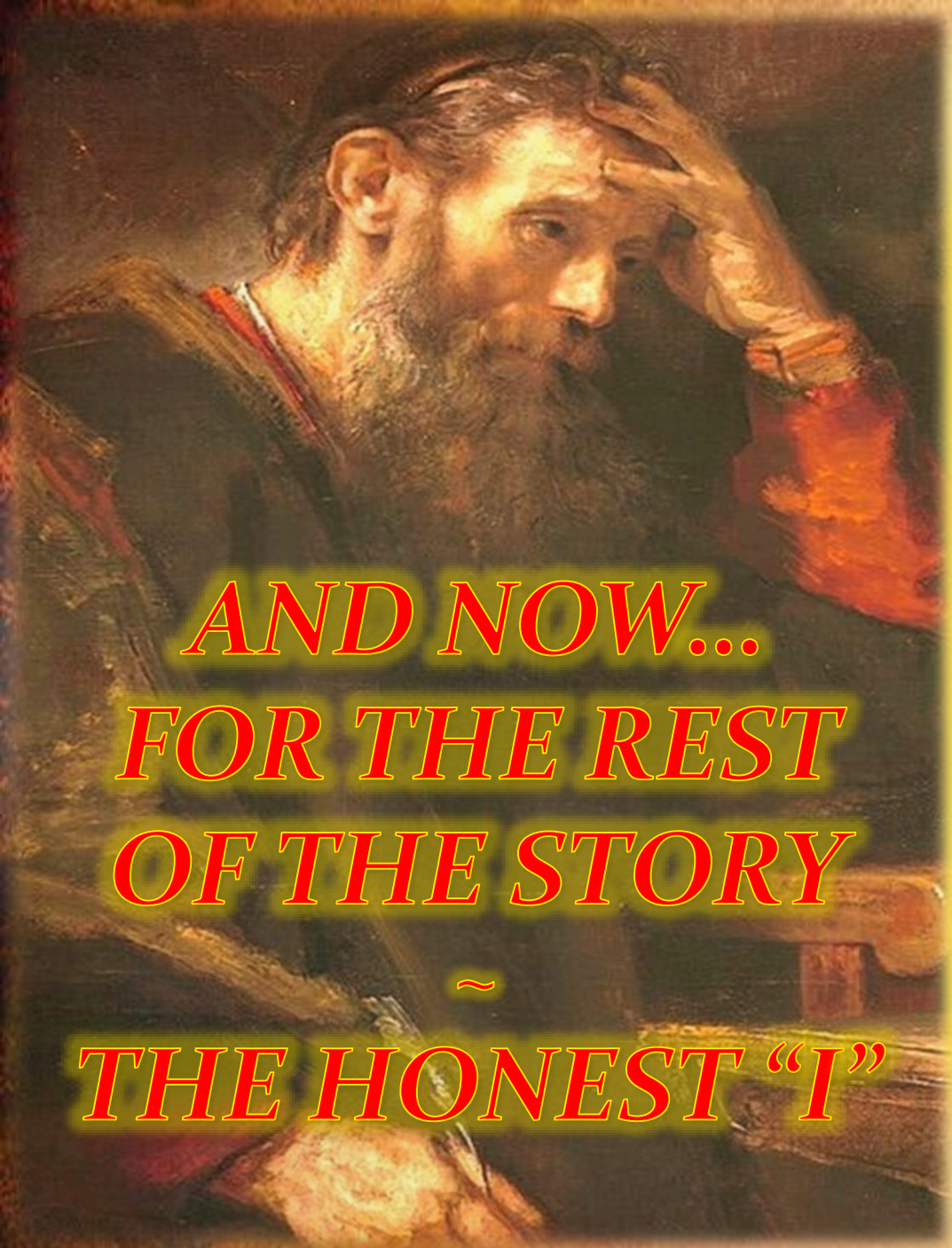
Genesis 8:21

…since the **IMAGININGS** [yetzer – inclination] of a person's heart are **EVIL** [rah] from his youth.

Yetzer Hara – The Evil Inclination

Talmud Bavli, Kiddushin 30b

"So, the Holy One, blessed be He, said to Israel: "My children, I created the evil inclination, and I created Torah as its antidote [Heb. *Tavlin* – spice]. If you occupy yourselves with Torah, you will not be handed over into its power, as it is said, 'If you do well, will you not be lifted up?' But if you do not occupy yourselves with Torah, **YOU WILL BE HANDED OVER [Heb. *Nimsarim b'yado*] INTO ITS POWER**, as it is said, 'Sin crouches at the door.'"



AND NOW...
FOR THE REST OF THE STORY
~
THE HONEST "I"



Romans 7

12 So the Torah is holy; that is, the commandment is holy, just and good.



Romans 7

13 Then did **SOMETHING GOOD** [Torah] become for me the source of death?
HEAVEN FORBID! [*MĒ GENOITO!!*].
Rather, **IT WAS SIN** working death in me **THROUGH SOMETHING GOOD**, so that **SIN MIGHT BE CLEARLY EXPOSED AS SIN**, so that **SIN** through the commandment might come to be experienced as **SINFUL BEYOND MEASURE**.

Romans 7

14 For we know that **THE TORAH IS OF THE SPIRIT**; but as for me, **I AM BOUND TO THE OLD NATURE, SOLD TO SIN AS A SLAVE**.



Romans 7

15 I don't understand my own behavior — **I DON'T DO WHAT I WANT TO DO; INSTEAD, I DO THE VERY THING I HATE**!



Philippians 3

4 ...If anyone else thinks he has grounds for putting
confidence in human qualifications, I have better grounds:
5 b'rit-milah on the eighth day,
by birth belonging to the people of Isra'el,
from the tribe of Binyamin,
a Hebrew-speaker, with Hebrew-speaking parents,
in regard to the Torah, a Parush,
6 in regard to zeal, a persecutor of the Messianic Community,
IN REGARD TO THE RIGHTEOUSNESS DEMANDED BY LEGALISM [TORAH], BLAMELESS.

Romans 7

16 Now if I am doing what I don't want to do, **I AM AGREEING THAT THE TORAH IS GOOD**.

17 But now it is no longer "the real me" doing it, but the sin housed inside me.

