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Get rid of that which causes you to sin!

השבועות הזה קוראים / This Week's Reading

תורה: Numbers 30:2-32:42

הפטרה: Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

הברית: John 18-19

החדשה

Triennial cycle: Bamidbar / Numbers 30:2-31:54

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This week's reading from Parashat Matot (*Bamidbar / Numbers 30:2-31:54*) the Lord commands the men of Yisrael saying *נְקוּם נְקָמָת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵאֵת מִדְיָן* to assemble to make war against Midian to "avenge the children of Yisrael of the Midianites." The men went and made war with Midian, burning with fire their cities and killing the men but they kept the women and children alive and brought them before Moshe and Eleazar. Moshe was angry with the military officers for keeping the women alive because they were the ones who caused the people to sin against the Lord at Baal Peor on the counsel of Balam. As a result, Moshe commands the people to kill the boys from the children and kill the women who have "known" a man intimately through sexual relations. We are shown here that peace and rest with God is found in a life that is not under bondage to our own lusts and desires but in a life that is surrendered to God's will and purpose according to the Scriptures.

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במדבר 31:13-19

13 וַיֵּצְאוּ מֹשֶׁה וְאַלְעָזָר הַכֹּהֵן וְכָל־נְשֵׂי־אֵל

14 הָעֵדָה לְקִרְיַתְכֶם אֶל־מַחֲוֵץ לְמַחֲנֶה: וַיִּקְצַף מֹשֶׁה עַל

15 פְּקוּדֵי הַחַיִל שְׂרֵי הָאֲלָפִים וְשָׂרֵי הַמְּאוֹת הַבָּאִים מִצִּבְא

16 הַמִּלְחָמָה: וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵיהֶם מֹשֶׁה הַחַיִּיתֶם כָּל־נַקְבָּה:

17 הֵן הִנֵּה הָיוּ לְבָנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּדַבָּר בְּלֹעַם לְמִסְר־מַעַל

18 בַּיהוָה עַל־דַּבַּר־פְּעוֹר וְתָהִי הַמִּנְפָּה בְּעֵדֶת יְהוָה: וְעַתָּה

19 הֲרַגוּ כָּל־זָכָר בַּטָּף וְכָל־אִשָּׁה יָדַעַת אִישׁ לְמִשְׁכַּב וְכָר

20 הֲרָגוּ: וְכָל הַטָּף בְּנָשִׁים אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יָדְעוּ מִשְׁכַּב וְכָר

21 הַחַיִּו לָכֶם: וְאַתֶּם חָנוּ מַחֲוֵץ לְמַחֲנֶה שִׁבְעַת יָמִים כָּל

22 הַיָּג וְנָפֶשׁ וְכָל נֶגַע בַּחֲלָל תִּתְחַטְּאוּ בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי

23 וּבַיּוֹם הַשְּׂבִיעִי אַתֶּם וְשִׁבְיֵיכֶם: וְכָל־בְּגָד וְכָל־בְּלִיעוֹר

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Bamidbar / Numbers 31:12-19

31:12 They brought the captives and the prey and the spoil to Moses, and to Eleazar the priest and to the congregation of the sons of Israel, to the camp at the plains of Moab, which are by the Jordan opposite Jericho. 31:13 Moses and Eleazar the priest and all the leaders of the congregation went out to meet them outside the camp. 31:14 *Moses was angry with the officers of the army, the captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, who had come from service in the war.* 31:15 And Moses said to them, 'Have you spared all the women? 31:16 'Behold, these caused the sons of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to trespass against the Lord in the matter of Peor, so the plague was among the congregation of the Lord. 31:17 *Now therefore, kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman who has known man intimately.* 31:18 'But all the girls who have not known man intimately, spare for yourselves. 31:19 'And you, camp outside the camp seven days; whoever has killed any person and whoever has touched any slain, purify yourselves, you and your captives, on the third day and on the seventh day. (NASB)

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The reason Moshe had the women put to death was so they would not lead the men of Yisrael back in idolatry and sexual sin once more. Rav Shaul (the Aspostle Paul) understood fornication as a sin that was not only against God and His holiness but also against one's own body. Paul realized that sexual sin (immorality) requires the entire involvement of our physical anatomy when he said in *1 Corinthians 6:18* "Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body."

ΠΡΟΣ ΚΟΡΙΝΘΙΟΥΣ Α 6:17-20

ὁ δὲ κολλώμενος τῷ κυρίῳ ἐν πνεύμα ἔστιν· φεύγετε τὴν πορνεϊαν πᾶν ἀμάρτημα ὃ ἐὰν ποιήσῃ ἄνθρωπος ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματος ἔστιν ὁ δὲ πορνεύων εἰς τὸ ἴδιον σῶμα ἀμαρτάνει, ἢ οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι τὸ σῶμα τῆμων ναὸς τοῦ ἐν ὑμῖν ἁγίου πνεύματος ἔστιν οὗ ἔχετε ἀπὸ θεοῦ καὶ οὐκ ἐστὲ ἑαυτῶν· ἠγοράσθητε γὰρ τιμῆς δοξάσατε δὴ τὸν θεὸν ἐν τῷ σώματι ὑμῶν καὶ ἐν τῷ πνεύματι ὑμῶν ἅτινά ἐστιν τοῦ θεοῦ.

40 Sexual sin places the entire body at risk. The Torah states that the children of Yisrael participated in immorality and sexual sin at Baal Peor in *Bamidbar / Numbers 25:1*. In the pagan religious worship of Baal (*fertility deity in ancient Middle Eastern cultures common among Canaanites*) and Ashtoreth (*the ancient fertility goddess; identified with Phoenician Astarte, Babylonian Ishtar, and modern day Easter*) is inherently sexual in nature. The people worshiped Baal and Ashtoreth by the means of sexual union with occult prostitutes. Sexual sin is a significant stumbling block for many even today. According to sefer *Bamidbar / Numbers 25* and *26*, the people were struck down who were engaged in this evil form of worship. At Baal Peor, the Scriptures state that 24,000 people died, perishing by a plague because of their immorality. Can you imagine that many people dying because of their sexual immorality? When thinking on this number, it is interesting that today that over 3 million people die from HIV the human immunodeficiency virus related complications. At this point in our history, venereal diseases such as gonorrhea, syphilis, chancroid, lymphogranuloma venereum, granuloma inguinal, nongonococcal, urethritis (chlamydial infection), hepatitis infection, venereal warts, venereal herpes, acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), are running rampant because of sexual sin.

55 It is interesting in the Hebrew translation of *1 Corinthians 6:18*, it says to get away from immorality. The Hebrew word for immorality is "haznut" (הזנות) whose root word is "zonah" (זונה) meaning prostitute. All sin that causes a man to sin is from outside the body but the man that sins sexually, sins against his own body.

וְהוּי שְׁנֵיהֶם לְבֶשֶׁר אֶחָד׃ וְהִנְצַמְדוּ לְאֶדוֹן נְהוּה עִמּוֹ לְרוּחַ אֶחָד׃
נִסְבוּ אִפּוֹא מִן־הַזְנוּת כֹּל־חַטָּא אֲשֶׁר־יַחַטָּא הָאָדָם הוּא מִחוּץ
לְבֶשֶׁרוֹ וְאִישׁ זִנּוּנִים אֶת־חַטָּאוֹ בְּבֶשֶׁרוֹ יִתְנַנּוּ׃ הֲכִי לֹא־יָדַעְתֶּם
כִּי בְשָׂרְכֶם הוּא מִשְׁכַּן רֹחַ הַקֹּדֶשׁ בְּקַרְבְּכֶם אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָכֶם
אֱלֹהִים וְכִי לֹא־שָׁלַכְתֶּם אֹתָם׃ כִּי בְמַחֲרֹ נִקְנִיתֶם עַל־פֶּן בְּבִדּוֹ
אֶת־הָאֱלֹהִים בְּבֶשֶׁרְכֶם וּבְרוּחְכֶם אֲשֶׁר לְאֱלֹהִים הָמָּה׃

1 Corinthians 6:17-20
6:17 But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him. 6:18 Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? 6:20 For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body. (NASB)

65 If we are to understand the scriptures from a Hebraic perspective, then the person
 who sows or works immorality in their lives, he/she is essentially prostituting
 themselves into bondage in sexual sin. The one who commits sexual sin against
 70 his own body, being guilty, not only transgresses the command of God but such a
 person is hurting himself by potentially destroying his own body. The message
 here is that in sexual sin a person sells his or herself into service to sin like a
 prostitute, this sin stands against God who has bought us freedom from sin.

In the verses that follow from this week's reading from *Bamidbar / Numbers 31:20-24*, we read *31:20 'You shall purify for yourselves every garment and every article of leather and all the work of goats' hair, and all articles of wood.'* *31:21 Then Eleazar the priest said to the men of war who had gone to battle, 'This is the statute of the law which the Lord has commanded Moses: 31:22 only the gold and the silver, the bronze, the iron, the tin and the lead, 31:23 everything that can stand the fire, you shall pass through the fire, and it shall be clean, but it shall be purified with water for impurity. But whatever cannot stand the fire you shall pass through the water. (NASB)*

20 וּבַיּוֹם הַשְּׂבִיעִי אַתֶּם וּשְׂבִיבֹתֵיכֶם: וְכֹל בְּגָד וְכֹל כְּלִי-עוֹר
 וְכֹל-מַעֲשֵׂה עֵץ וְכֹל-כְּלִי-עֵץ תִּתְחַטְּאוּ:
 21 וַיֹּאמֶר אֶלְעָזָר הַכֹּהֵן אֶל-אֲנָשֵׁי הַצֵּבָא הַבָּאִים
 לְמִלְחָמָה וְאֵת חֲבֹת הַתּוֹרָה אֲשֶׁר-עָשָׂה יְהוָה אֶת-
 22 מֹשֶׁה: אֵךְ אֶת-הַזָּהָב וְאֶת-הַכֶּסֶף אֶת-הַנְּחֹשֶׁת אֶת-
 23 הַבַּרְזֶל אֶת-הַבְּדִיל וְאֶת-הָעֹפֶרֶת: כֹּל דָּבָר אֲשֶׁר-יָבֵא
 בָּאֵשׁ תַּעֲבִירוּ בָאֵשׁ וְטָהַר אֵךְ בְּמַי נִדְּהָ וְתִתְחַטְּאוּ וְכֹל
 24 אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יָבֵא בָאֵשׁ תַּעֲבִירוּ בַמַּיִם: וְכִכְסֹּתֵם בְּגָדֵיכֶם
 בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׂבִיעִי וְטָהַרְתֶּם וְאַחַר הָבֵאוּ אֶל-דַּמְחָתָהּ:

The Hebrew word used for “purify your selves” is “titkhatau” (תתחטאו) taken
 85 from the root word “khata” (חטא) meaning “sin.” The word תתחטאו as spelled is
 used only twice in the entire Tanach found here in *Bamidbar / Numbers 31:19,*
20. It is also interesting that חטא is used in the Tanach 11 times referring to
 “purify” and 8 times referring to “cleans.” Based upon the context of the text in
 90 these instances, חטא referring to sin can mean to “purify from sin” or to “purify
 from uncleanness.” When the apostle Paul was writing about sexual sin, he was
 thinking of the body and ritual purity of the body, we know this based on the
 context of the Greek Manuscript.

ΠΡΟΣ ΚΟΡΙΝΘΙΟΥΣ Α΄ 6:17-20

ὁ δὲ κολλώμενος τῷ κυρίῳ ἐν πνεύμα ἔστιν . φεύγετε τὴν πορ- 17, 18
 νείαν πᾶν ἁμάρτημα ὃ ἐὰν ποιήσῃ ἄνθρωπος ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματος
 ἔστιν ὁ δὲ πορνεύων εἰς τὸ ἴδιον σῶμα ἁμαρτάνει . ἢ οὐκ οἴδατε 19
ὅτι τὸ σῶμα ὑμῶν ναὸς τοῦ ἐν ὑμῖν ἁγίου πνεύματος ἔστιν οὗ

120 ἔχετε ἀπὸ θεοῦ καὶ οὐκ ἐστὲ ἑαυτῶν, ἠγοράσθητε γὰρ τιμῆς
δοξάσατε διὴ τὸν θεὸν ἐν τῷ σώματι ὑμῶν καὶ ἐν τῷ πνεύματι
ὑμῶν ἅτινά ἐστιν τοῦ θεοῦ .

The context following *1 Corinthians 6:18* says *6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? 6:20 For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body. (NASB)* The Greek text says “*egorasthete gar times*” meaning “*for you were bought of value,*” here Paul is saying that we were purchased by a great price, in the blood of Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah; now glorify God in your body. It is because we have Yeshua (Jesus) as our savior and redeemer that our bodies are the temple of the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit). If you are looking at pornography on the internet or television, are you glorifying God in your body? Are you sinning like the children of Yisrael were sinning at Baal-Peor and here in our verses from *Bamidbar / Numbers 31* holding onto sin?

Paul told us to run (flee) from sin and Yeshua told us to get rid of the sin, to literally “cut” it out of our lives in *Matthew 18:7-9*. In fact, Yeshua (Jesus) said that if a member of your body causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it off from your body.

7 וַיִּשְׁקַע בַּמַּצּוּלוֹת יָם: אִי לְעוֹלָם מִפְּנֵי מוֹקְשֵׁיהָ בִּיַּדְמוֹקְשֵׁים
 8 בֹּא יָבֹאוּ אֶל-נֶכּוֹן אֵךְ אִי לְאִישׁ הַהוּא אֲשֶׁר הַמוֹקֵשׁ בֹּא
 9 עַל-יָדוֹ: וְאִם-רִגְדָּה אוֹ רִגְלָה תִכְשִׁילָךְ קַצֵּץ אֹתָהּ וְהִשְׁלִיכָהּ מִמֶּדֶד
 10 טוֹב לָךְ לִבֹּא אֶל-הַחַיִּים קְשׁוּעֵיֶיךָ אוֹ רִגְלֵ מַהוּוֹת לָךְ שְׁתֵּי
 11 יָדַיִם וְשְׁתֵּי רִגְלַיִם וְלִהְשֵׁלְךָ לְאֵשׁ עוֹלָם: וְאִם-עֵינֶךָ תִכְשִׁילָךְ
 12 נִקֵּר אֹתָהּ וְהִשְׁלִיכָהּ מִמֶּדֶד טוֹב לָךְ לִבּוֹא אֶל-הַחַיִּים בְּעֵין אַחַת
 13 מַהוּוֹת לָךְ שְׁתֵּי עֵינַיִם וְלִהְשֵׁלְךָ לְאֵשׁ גֵּיהֵנָם: הַשְׁמֵרוּ לָכֶם

Here Yeshua says “*v'im-yadcha or raglecha tichshiyelcha katzetz otah v'hashliycheha mimecha*” meaning “*if your hand or foot causes you to stumble cut it off and send it away from you.*” Is there a parallel here in the text from *Bamidbar / Numbers 31*? Moshe commanded that the women be killed. Yeshua says that we need to get rid of anything in our lives that cause us to sin. Sin is something we must destroy; sin must be cut off from our lives otherwise our lives will be destroyed by it. Yeshua goes on to say “*v'im-eyncha tachshiyelcha naker otah v'hashliycheha mimecha*” saying that “*if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and send it away from you.*” From the Textus Receptus, the Greek text literally says “*kai ei o opsthalmos sou skandalisei se eseleauton kai bake apo sou*” meaning “*and if your eye stumbles you, take it out and cast it from you.*”

9 χεῖρας ἢ δύο πόδας ἔχοντα βληθῆναι εἰς τὸ πῦρ τὸ αἰώνιον . καὶ
 10 εἰ ὁ ὀφθαλμὸς σου σκανδαλίζει σε ἔξελε αὐτὸν καὶ βάλε ἀπὸ
 11 σου καλὸν σοὶ ἐστὶν μονόφθαλμον εἰς τὴν ζωὴν εἰσελθεῖν ἢ δύο
 12 ὀφθαλμοὺς ἔχοντα βληθῆναι εἰς τὴν γέενναν τοῦ πυρός . ὁρᾶτε

Matthew 18:7-9

18:7 ‘Woe to the world because of its stumbling blocks! For it is inevitable that stumbling blocks come; but woe to that man through whom the stumbling block comes! 18:8 ‘If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; it is better for you to enter life crippled or lame, than to have two hands or two feet and be cast into the eternal fire. 18:9 ‘If your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw it from you. It is better for you to enter life with one eye, than to have two eyes and be cast into the fiery hell. (NASB)

If your eye causes you to stumble looking at pornography, it is better to take it out and send it away from you than to allow your body, your life, and your relationship with God to be destroyed.

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In this week's reading, specifically in *Bamidbar / Numbers 31:13-19*, Moshe commands the people to kill the women who have "known" a man intimately through sexual relations. Were the men of Yisrael holding onto sexual sin in their lives? Lust and sexual feelings are very intense so much so that the men of Yisrael wanted the women from the pagan nations. Today, is your lust, your sexual desire so great that you would risk your relationship with God by

וְאִלֵּא כַּפְתָּאִים
 אֲבִינָהּ בְּפָנִים נֶעַר חֶסֶד לָבָּ:
 עֵבֶר בְּשׂוּק אֶצֶל פְּנֵיהָ
 וְהָרָדָּ בֵּיתָהּ יֵצֵעַד:
 בְּנִשְׂוֵי־בַעֲרָב יוֹם
 בְּאִשׁוֹן לַיְלָה וְאֶפְלָה:
 וְהִנֵּה אִשָּׁה לִקְרָאתָהּ
 שֵׁת זֹזָה וְנִצְרַת לָבָּ:
 הַמִּיָּהּ הִיא וְסוּרְרַת
 כְּבֵיתָהּ לֹא־יִשְׁכְּנוּ רַגְלֶיהָ:
 פֶּעַם בַּחוּץ פֶּעַם בְּרַחֲבוֹת
 וְאֶצֶּל כָּל־פְּנֵיהָ תֵּאָרֵב:
 וְהִחְזִיקָהּ בּוֹ וְנִשְׁקָהּ לוֹ
 הֵעֵזָה פְּנֵיהָ וְהִתְאַמְרָה לוֹ:
 וְכִי שְׁלָמִים עָלַי
 הַיּוֹם שְׁלַמְתִּי נְדָרַי:
 עַל־כֵּן יֵצְאֵתִי לִקְרָאתָהּ
 לְאַחַר פְּנֵיהָ וְאֶמְצָאָהּ:
 מִרְבָּדִים רַבְרָדִי עֲרִשִׁי
 חֲטֹבוֹת אֲטוֹן מִצָּרִים:
 נִפְתִּי מִשְׁכְּבִי
 מִן אֱהָלִים וּקְנָמוֹן:
 לָכֵה נְרוֹה דָדִים עַד־הַבְּקָר
 נִתְעַלְסָה בְּאֵהָבִים:
 כִּי־אֵין הָאִישׁ בְּבֵיתוֹ
 הָלַךְ בְּדַרְדָּר מִרְחוֹק:

holding onto these images of immorality in your heart? The young man King Solomon is speaking of in *Mishley / Proverbs* chapter 7 choose foolishly, Solomon says 7:8 *Passing through the street near her corner; And he takes the way to her house, (NASB)* Have you ever chosen to be with a prostitute like Solomon spoke of in *Mishley / Proverbs 7:8*? Do you realize that by looking at pornography you participate in this very thing, passing near the corner and taking the way to her house and looking upon her, a prostitute? Solomon made a significant effort to describe the nature of sexual sin; it leads to death and hell (see *Mishley / Proverbs 2:18-19, 5:5, 7:27, and 9:18*). The message we are to take home here, is that God wants us to understand that sexual sin ruins reputations, destroys the soul, binds one in the cords of sexual addiction, corrupts family trees, introduces disease to the healthy, causes jealous rage, damns, sears scars, burns, brands, and scorches the conscience, and takes you to hell, to the grave a place that is separate from God.

Yeshua (Jesus) said that it is better to pluck out your eye, cut off your hand, or cut off your feet if these things cause you to sin sexually. Moshe said to destroy the objects of sin, the women that led the people to commit a great sin at Baal-Peor. It is interesting here that the "husband" who is not at home is a type of man that parallels our Father in Heaven, the Lord God. Have you said in your heart that "I have made right with God, I have paid my vows in blood." in the blood of Yeshua. Now I can go, sin, and enjoy life? If you choose to go

to the places that lead to sexual sin, you are essentially pitching your tent toward

Mishley / Proverbs 7:7-19

7:7 And I saw among the naive, And discerned among the youths A young man lacking sense, 7:8 *Passing through the street near her corner; And he takes the way to her house,* 7:9 In the twilight, in the evening, In the middle of the night and in the darkness. 7:10 And behold, a woman comes to meet him, Dressed as a harlot and cunning of heart. 7:11 She is boisterous and rebellious, Her feet do not remain at home; 7:12 She is now in the streets, now in the squares, And lurks by every corner. 7:13 So she seizes him and kisses him And with a brazen face she says to him: 7:14 *'I was due to offer peace offerings; Today I have paid my vows.* 7:15 'Therefore I have come out to meet you, To seek your presence earnestly, and I have found you. 7:16 'I have spread my couch with coverings, With colored linens of Egypt. 7:17 'I have sprinkled my bed With myrrh, aloes and cinnamon. 7:18 *'Come, let us drink our fill of love until morning; Let us delight ourselves with caresses.* 7:19 *'For my husband is not at home, He has gone on a long journey;* (NASB)

Sodom (*Bereshit / Genesis 13:12*) as Lot did choosing to live close in immorality and sin.

In the Tanach, we have seen many lives devastated by addition to sexual sin that led to idolatry and death. These problems are not unique to the lives of the people in the Bible; these sins are common to all mankind today. If there is sexual sin in your life, the first step is to understand and admit to God what you have done. Have you given yourself to sexual fantasies and pornography? Yeshua said in *Matthew 5:27-28* that lusting for a woman is as having committed the act of adultery. Grasp the seriousness of this action; you have broken a mitzvah (Commandment) of God. The interesting thing is that it is not just one mitzvah (command) that you have broken, you have broken mitzvot (commandments) many commandments of God, adultery, fornication, covetousness, and idolatry to name all in one. Confessing before God is admitting our weakness and seeking God's help. Ask the Lord to help you live a life of purity, accept your own failure and inadequacy and admit that you cannot overcome sin on your own. Next, ask Yeshua to come into your life, to become involved in this spiritual battle, to help overcome temptation and to save your soul if you have never placed your faith in Yeshua (Jesus) before. When we come under the authority of God completely surrendering our lives to Him, Yeshua the Messiah totally and completely delivers us from sin and addiction. Finally, devote yourself to prayer and the memorization of Scripture. David wrote in *Tehilim / Psalms 119:11* saying "*Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*" The Scriptures state over and over again on the importance of prayer and on studying the scriptures. God's Word is one of the greatest weapons against sin and the dangers of temptation. When sin is conceived in the heart, the best way to overcome that temptation is to take your mind off of the sin. When we memorize scripture, we learn to think as God thinks and we adjust our lives to revolve around, to be centered upon the kingdom of God. Find accountability with others; find someone who you can talk too that can help you to stay away from sexual sin. In our verse this week, Moshe commanded the people to remove the women involved in causing the children of Yisrael to commit sexual sin and idolatry. Yeshua said that if your hands, feet, or eyes cause you to stumble, cut them off or pluck them out. We must take action on our part to remove the thing that causes us to sin. Block internet pornography; get rid of your computer or television if that is what it takes. Solomon said "guard your heart with all diligence in *Mishley / Proverbs 4:23*. Do not let the demonic realm

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influence your thought life (see *Ephesians 6:12-20*) and do not give into sinful fantasies and pursuits that will make you their slave (see *Romans 6:16*). Ask the lord

to "*Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word*" (*Tehilim / Psalms 119:37*) again we see the preservation of our lives is according to the Word of God, by the Word of God we can change our habits, change the things that lead to temptation. Job said in *Job 31:1* that "*I have made a covenant with my eyes; How then could I gaze at a virgin?*" Have you made a covenant with your eyes to not look and sin? Come; let's pray together right now to seek God's help in our lives for overcoming sin and specifically, sexual sin.

Heavenly Father,

230 I recognize the depth and wickedness of the sin within my heart. I have
 sinned many times, and now I find myself trapped and in bondage. I take the first
 steps in faith, I realize, understand, and acknowledge that I have sinned; I have
 broken your mitzvot (commandments). I believe that You sent Your Son to make
 and everlasting covenant in His blood for me. Please have mercy on me Lord;
 please forgive me of my sins because of what Yeshua has done on my behalf. I
 235 believe Yeshua died for my sins and that He is the promised Messiah! Cleanse
 me from all sin Lord in Yeshua's name. Yeshua please come into my heart, help
 me set my feet on the path of righteousness and walk in the spirit by the help of
 Your Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit). I want to be filled with all of You Lord. I
 am tired of being filled with wickedness and tired of filling my heart with
 240 wickedness. Lord, beginning today I make a covenant with my eyes like Job
 made a covenant with his eyes in *Job 31:1*. Help me to keep this covenant of
 purity, help me to live according to Your will as it is laid out in the Bible. I no
 longer want to defile this body, the holy place of God. Sanctify me in Your Word
 Lord and in Your Son Yeshua. Thank You Lord for everything You have done
 245 for me. I give You the glory, the honor, and the praise forever and ever.

In Yeshua's (Jesus') Name I pray!

Amen

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What to pray:

- *Ask the Lord to help you to change bad habits and to take a different path, one that does not lead to temptation and then sexual sin.*
- *Ask the Lord to help you to set your feet on the path of righteousness, and to begin walking in the spirit by the power of His Holy Spirit.*
- *Thank the Lord for lifting this burden of sin and revealing His truth in your heart.*

Be Blessed in Yeshua, Christ our Messiah!

הללויה לאדוננו מורנו ורבינו ישוע מלך המשיח לעולם ועד:
 Hallelujah for our Lord, our Teacher, our Rabbi,
 "Yeshua" King Messiah forever and ever