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Leaders led by G-d

השבועות הזה קוראים / This Week's Reading

תורה: Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25

הפטרה: Isaiah 49:14-51:3

הברית: Hebrews 11:8-13 Romans 8:31-39

החדשה

10 In this week's reading, Parshah Eikev (*Devarim / Deuteronomy 9:6-16*)
Moshe is warning the people against assuming that the Lord is giving them the
Promised Land because of their righteousness. Instead Moshe tells Beni Yisrael
15 (The children of Yisrael) that it is because of the promises made to their fathers
Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov they are entering the land. Moshe supports what
he says by the retelling of the story how Yisrael sinned before the Lord in parsha
Ki Tisa (Chet Haegel, the sin of the golden calf). In this week's study I want to
look at leadership and the role leadership played in causing the people to sin
against the Lord.

20 In the text for this week, Moshe is speaking to the people and the leaders
to consider taking a few steps back, humble themselves, and listen to what the
Lord is trying to teach them. This has huge implications for us today as we
analyze ourselves and our walk before the Lord. What are the characteristics of a
good leader / teacher? According to the Scriptures, leaders are placed into office
25 by G-d. With this perspective, a leader should have a desire to help other people
see the truth found in the scriptures in an easy and simplistic manner. People who
have the gift of teaching that is given from above (from HaShem) have the
following characteristics:

Characteristics

- 30 1. Considerate to other people's opinions (even though they may disagree).
2. Show Kindness to their students.
3. Responds in a Loving way.
4. Does not behave immaturely during a discussion.
- 35 5. Does not become angry when someone disagrees with their interpretation.
6. Does not lash out in anger to people when they disagree and then claim they will not pursue debate to resolve the difference in opinion.
- 40 7. Demonstrate the Gifts of the Spirit: *Galatians 5:22-23, But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law (KJV).*

דברים 9:6-16

6 יְהוָה לֹא־בְחַרְתֶּךָ לְאֲבֹתֶיךָ לְאֲבֹרָתָם לְיִצְחָק וּלְיַעֲקֹב; וַיִּדְעַתָּ כִּי
 לֹא בְצַדִּיקְתֶּךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן לְךָ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ הַטּוֹבָה
 7 הַזֹּאת לְרִשְׁתָּהּ כִּי עִם־קִשְׁי־עַרְףְּ אָתָּה; וְכֹל אֶל־
 תִּשְׁפַח אֶת אֲשֶׁר־הִקְצַפְתָּ אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בַּמִּדְבָּר
 לְמִן־הַיּוֹם אֲשֶׁר־יָצָאתָ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם עַד־בְּאֵפֶס עַד־
 8 הַמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה מִמְרִים הָיִיתֶם עִם־יְהוָה; וּבְחָרְבְּ הִקְצַפְתֶּם
 9 אֶת־יְהוָה וַיִּתְאַנֶּף יְהוָה בְּכֶם לְהַשְׁמִיד אֹתְכֶם; בַּעֲלַתִּי
 הִתְרַדָּה לְקַחַת לֹחַת הָאֲבָנִים לֹחַת הַבְּרִית אֲשֶׁר־
 כָּרַת יְהוָה עִמָּכֶם וְאִשָּׁב בְּהָר אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם וְאַרְבָּעִים
 10 לַיְלָה לֶחֶם לֹא אָכַלְתִּי וּמַיִם לֹא שָׁתִיתִי; וַיִּתֵּן יְהוָה
 אֵלַי אֶת־שְׁנֵי לֹחַת הָאֲבָנִים כְּתוּבִים בְּאֵצְבַּע אֱלֹהִים
 וְעָלִיהֶם כָּכֹל־הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יְהוָה עִמָּכֶם בְּהָר
 11 מִתּוֹךְ הָאֵשׁ בְּיוֹם הַקָּהֵל; וַיְהִי מִקֵּץ אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם
 וְאַרְבָּעִים לַיְלָה נָתַן יְהוָה אֵלַי אֶת־שְׁנֵי לֹחַת הָאֲבָנִים
 12 לְחֹת הַבְּרִית; וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֵלַי קוּם רֵד מֵהַר מִזֶּה
 כִּי שַׁחַת עָמְדָה אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתָ מִמִּצְרַיִם סְרוּ מַהֵר מִן־
 13 הַדֶּרֶךְ אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתֶם עֲשׂוּ לָהֶם מִסֵּכָה; וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה
 אֵלַי לֵאמֹר רְאִיתִי אֶת־הָעָם הַזֶּה וְהִנֵּה עִם־קִשְׁי־עַרְףְּ
 14 הוּא; הֲרַף מִמְנִי וְאֲשִׁמְדֶם וְאִמְחָה אֶת־שְׁמִם מִתַּחַת
 15 הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶעֱשֶׂה אוֹתְךָ לְגוֹי־עַצוּם וְרַב מִמְּנִי; וְאִפֵּן
 וְאָרַד מִן־הָהָר וְהָהָר בַּעַר בְּאֵשׁ וּשְׁנֵי לֹחַת הַבְּרִית
 16 עַל שְׁתֵּי יָדַי; וְאֵרָא וְהִנֵּה חֲטָאתֶם לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם
 עֲשִׂיתֶם לָכֶם עֲגֹל מִסֵּכָה סָרְתֶם מֵהָר מִן־הַדֶּרֶךְ אֲשֶׁר־
 17 צִוָּה יְהוָה אֹתְכֶם; וְאִתְּפֹשׂ בְּשְׁנֵי הַלָּחַת וְאִשְׁלַכְּם

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According to the Scriptures, one of the key aspects of G-d is His
 50 longsuffering and patience towards each of us. As a child of the Most High G-d,
 we should also be longsuffering with others. Patience becomes a significant
 necessity during discussions over the scriptures and especially if there is a
 disagreement of some sort. Additionally, one needs to be longsuffering in the
 55 pursuit of spiritual truth. This includes studying to show yourself approved
 unto G-d (2 *timothy 2:15*) so when an opportunity arises for sharing the

Devarim / Deuteronomy 9:6-16

9:6 'Know, then, it is not because of your righteousness that the Lord your God is giving you this good land to possess, for you are a stubborn people.
 9:7 'Remember, do not forget how you provoked the Lord your God to wrath in the wilderness; from the day that you left the land of Egypt until you arrived at this place, you have been rebellious against the Lord.
 9:8 'Even at Horeb you provoked the Lord to wrath, and the Lord was so angry with you that He would have destroyed you.
 9:9 'When I went up to the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant which the Lord had made with you, then I remained on the mountain forty days and nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water.
 9:10 'The Lord gave me the two tablets of stone written by the finger of God; and on them were all the words which the Lord had spoken with you at the mountain from the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly.
 9:11 'It came about at the end of forty days and nights that the Lord gave me the two tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant.
 9:12 'Then the Lord said to me, 'Arise, go down from here quickly, for your people whom you brought out of Egypt have acted corruptly. They have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them; they have made a molten image for themselves.'
 9:13 'The Lord spoke further to me, saying, 'I have seen this people, and indeed, it is a stubborn people.
 9:14 'Let Me alone, that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven; and I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they.'
 9:15 'So I turned and came down from the mountain while the mountain was burning with fire, and the two tablets of the covenant were in my two hands.
 9:16 'And I saw that you had indeed sinned against the Lord your God. You had made for yourselves a molten calf; you had turned aside quickly from the way which the Lord had commanded you.

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60 gospel of Yeshua Hamoshiach one is able to skillfully and accurately teach
the word in Truth. If one never studies the scriptures they are unskillful in
the word of righteousness. I have met quite a few people who are unskilled
in the word of G-d. A few examples include discussions over whether
65 Yeshua sinned by healing on the Shabbat. In this instance, not only is there
an unskilled use of the word of G-d, but there is also a lack of discernment
between rabbinical and biblical teaching.

Hebrews 5:12-14

65 *5:12-14, For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that
one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God;
and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For
every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he
is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even
70 those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both
good and evil.(KJV)*

75 In conclusion, no matter where we are at spiritually, or where we
may think we are spiritually, we need to continue to seek the Lord by
drawing near to him through studying his word and in prayer and most of
all humbling ourselves before G-d. The Lord has laid the path before us in
the scriptures *Tehilim / Psalms 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path. (KJV)* so I challenge you to remain in his word,
and study to show thyself approved unto G-d and continue to teach G-d's
80 truth in light of the characteristics of being representatives of G-d here on
Earth.

85 **Be Blessed in Yeshua our Messiah!**

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