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G-d's Eternal Plan

השבועות הזה קוראים / This Week's Reading

תורה: Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11

הפטרה: Isaiah 40:1-40:26

הברית: Matthew 23:31-39 Mark 12:28-34

החדשה

10 The final verses of our parashah (*Devarim / Deuteronomy 5:1-6:25*) make clear the covenant of the Torah has the Land as its focal point saying *“that you may live and that it may be well with you and that you may prolong your days in the land which you will possess.”* As a result, in history, it is understandable how our hearts are more and more turned to Yisrael since it is from Zion that the word of the Lord goes forth, from Jerusalem.

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דברים 5:27-30

לְעַלְמָם: לֵךְ אָמַר לָהֶם שׁוּבוּ לָכֶם לְאֵהְלִיכֶם: וְאָתָּה 27
פֹּה עֹמֵד עִמָּדִי וְאֵדְבַרְהָ אֵלֶיךָ אֵת כָּל־הַמִּצְוָה וְהַחֲקִים 28
וְהַמִּשְׁפָּטִים אֲשֶׁר תִּלְמָדֵם וְעָשׂוּ בְּאֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי נֹתֵן
לָהֶם לְרִשְׁתָּהּ: וּשְׁמַרְתֶּם לַעֲשׂוֹת כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה 29
אֱלֹהֵיכֶם אֲתֶכֶם לֹא תִסְרוּ יָמִין וּשְׂמֹאל: בְּכָל־הַדָּרֶךְ 30
אֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם אֲתֶכֶם תֵּלְכוּ לְמַעַן תַּחְיוּן וְטוֹב
וּלְכֶם וְהִאֲרַכְתֶּם יָמִים בְּאֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר תִּירְשׁוּן: וְזֹאת

20 Here the Lord makes a clear emphatic teaching regarding the eternal nature of the written scriptures. In the land you shall walk in all the ways the Lord your G-d has commanded you. I believe this is true whether in the land (Yisrael) or out of the land (Diaspora) the lives of the believers should produce evidence being followers of the Most High G-d. Yeshua came to further help us

25 to live in the ways of righteousness and He enables us through the indwelling of the Ruach Hakodesh (the Holy Spirit). Thus, with the help of Yeshua, and the Ruach Hakodesh, we will be able to live righteously before G-d, meaning our conduct will conform to the standard G-d has established.

30 Just as the people of Yisrael are reminded of the need to obey the Lord and to walk in His ways all the days of their lives in the Promised Land, we too need reminding. If you believe in Yeshua the Messiah, you have entered into a

Devarim / Deuteronomy 5:31-33

5:31 'But as for you, stand here by Me, that I may speak to you all the commandments and the statutes and the judgments which you shall teach them, that they may observe them in the land which I give them to possess.' 5:32 'So you shall observe to do just as the Lord your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right or to the left. 5:33 'You shall walk in all the way which the Lord your God has commanded you, that you may live and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you will possess. (NASB)

blood covenant relationship with G-d. The verses of our parsha reiterate an important concept; we are instructed to learn and guard to do what is written in the Torah and all of Scripture. We learn in order that we might do, and this also impacts the way we learn. Throughout the scriptures it is evident that our sanctification is a partnership with G-d. Here in our text we see this partnership working out in the in the lives of His followers by continuing in His ways in obedience to the Torah. Today G-d is working in us, enabling us to live out the salvation in which we have been called. We must engage in the process of sanctification. We engage in this process by setting our minds upon things above and putting to death the deeds of the flesh by disciplining ourselves to learn and to live out these truths in G-d's words. Prior to our rebirth we had only the evil inclination, however after our rebirth we are given a good inclination that is a desire for righteousness that motivates us to walk away from our sinful lives. It is by the power of the Ruach Hakodesh we are then enabled to overcome and live lives of righteousness unto the Lord. So, in these few verses in the Torah, we find G-d's eternal plan for redemption, in that we are called to be conformed to the image of Yeshua. Scripture says this is our final destiny in *1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. (NASB)* We are destined to be like Him, Yeshua. If the scriptures are correct, and we believe the scriptures, is it possible now to live in a life of sin and walk before a Holy G-d without fooling ourselves? It is time to get your life straightened out. Rebellion is a primary characteristic of one who is not born from above. The beginning of sanctification is the process by which the redeemed sinner is more and more conformed to be like Yeshua. If you are not consciously pursuing His ways of righteousness you will continue to fall along the wayside and come short of where the Lord would have you to be.

Be Blessed in Yeshua 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