

“When you go out”

When you go out as an army camp against your enemies, you are to guard yourself from every evil thing. Deuteronomy 23:10



In this week we read detailed commandments (74 out of the 613 commandments in this parsha!) for all kinds of different situations like the mother bird and her young, and those regarding relationships with others including marriage relations, economic transactions, ethical issues including returning lost items to a brother, wearing the appropriate clothing for men and women respectively (Deut. 22:5), and putting a protective fence to prevent injury to neighbors. It may be hard to even imagine in our human minds that the God of creation would care so much as to give us detailed do's and don'ts of so many practical scenarios in everyday living. And yet our God, who is the God of creation, and Maker of all things, is the Father who attends to every detail of our lives!! Why even this morning, I had set my alarm to a certain time, and yet HE woke me an hour earlier to say to get up!!, that there was some place He wanted me to be!!

There is much confusion in our world today. It is easy to be led astray by the darkness all around. The only way back is to live in God's truth. Of significance to note also the specific command mentioned in this parsha, when a man is hanged on a tree, and how Yeshua took the `curse` that was meant for us, as we read of in Deut. 21:22~23.

We are reminded twice in this parsha to remember that we too were slaves in Egypt, so we must treat others with kindness and respect, and keep our hearts pure. The LORD is always walking among us. Yeshua says, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8). When we go out, let us think of what we say and how we say it, of how we present ourselves to others and care for those around us. May we also remember that the enemy is always seeking to steal and destroy. We are to be on guard in the spirit against enemy attacks, and may we never forget to blot out the memory of Amalek from under the heavens!

Praise

But let one who boasts boast in this: that he understands and knows Me. For I am ADONAI who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth. For in these things I delight. It is a declaration of ADONAI.

Jeremiah 9:23~24

Your justice is righteousness forever, and Your Torah is truth.

Psalms 119:142

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your Name in all the earth, Who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens! From the mouths of infants and nursing babes You have established strength, because of Your enemies, to make the enemy and the revengeful cease.

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained —what is man, that You are mindful of him? And the son of man, that you care for him?

Psalms 8:2~5

Confession

Better is a dish of vegetables where love is than a fattened ox served with hatred. Proverbs 15:17

Thanksgiving

Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. Psalms 95:2~3

Intercession

I, the LORD, am’s God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt., Open your mouth wide and I will fill it. Psalm 81:11

May commit whatever he/she does to ADONAI, and may all’s plans succeed. Proverbs 16:3

....., ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and ‘love your neighbor as yourself.’ Matthew 19:19

The LORD is trustworthy. May He strengthen and protect from the evil one. 2Thessalonians 3:3

Leadnot into temptation, but deliver from the evil one. Matthew 6:13

I pray that the eyes of’s heart may be enlightened so that may know what is the hope of His calling, what is the richness of His glorious inheritance in the *kedoshim*, and what is His exceedingly great power toward us who keep trusting in Him—in keeping with the working of His mighty strength. Ephesians 1:18~19



Teachers

For if you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9

Schools

Honest balances and scales are ADONAI’s. All the weights in a bag are His handiwork. Proverbs 16:11

Congregation

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you must love one another. By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

John 13:34~35

Israel

For your maker is your husband—ADONAI Tzva’ot is His Name— the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer. He will be called God of all the earth.

Isaiah 54:5

Though the mountains depart and the hills be shaken, My love will not depart from you, nor will My covenant of peace be shaken, says ADONAI who has compassion you.

Isaiah 54:10

For behold, Your enemies, O LORD, For, behold, Your enemies perish; All who do iniquity will be scattered.

Psalm 92:10

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem— May those who love you be at peace!

Psalm 122:6

Blessing to go

When one’s ways are pleasing to ADONAI, he makes even his enemies be at peace with him. Proverbs 16:7