



Congregation Notes Torah Portion Re'eh
The Power of Obedience
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Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17; Isaiah 54:11-55:5; John 6:35-51

***Deuteronomy 11:26-28** See, I present before you today a blessing and a curse. The blessing; when you listen to the commandments of HaShem, your God, that I command you today. And the curse if you do not listen to the commandments of HaShem.

***Numbers 13:27-29 & 31** Then they told him, and said: We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. Nevertheless, the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover, we saw the descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan.... But the men who had gone up with him said, We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we. And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.

***Genesis 50:19-22** Joseph said to them, Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

***Deuteronomy 12:1-2** These are the statutes and judgments which you shall be careful to observe in the land which the Lord God of your fathers is giving you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth. You shall **utterly destroy** all the places where the nations which you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree.

***Deuteronomy 12:3** And you shall **demolish** their altars, **break** their sacred pillars, and **burn** their wooden images with fire; you shall **cut down** the carved images of their gods and **destroy their names** from that place. You shall not worship the Lord your God with such things.

***I Kings 11:33** I will do this because they have forsaken me and worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Molek the god of the Ammonites, and have **not walked in obedience to me**, nor done what is right in my eyes, nor kept my decrees and laws as David, Solomon's father, did.

***I Kings 12:10-11** The young men who had grown up with him replied, This is how you should answer these people who said to you, Your father made our yoke heavy, but you should make it lighter. This is what you should tell them: My little finger is thicker than my father's waist! **Whereas my father burdened you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke.** Whereas my father scourged you with whips, I will scourge you with scorpions.

***I Kings 12:26-30** Jeroboam said in his heart, Now the kingdom will return to the house of David. If this people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will return to their lord, even to Rehoboam king of Judah; and they will kill me and return to Rehoboam king of Judah. So **the king consulted, and made two golden calves, and he said to them, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; behold your gods, O Israel, that brought you up from the land of Egypt.** He set one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. **Now this thing became a sin, for the people went to worship before the one as far as Dan.**

***Revelation 7:5-8** Out of the tribe of **Judah** twelve thousand having been sealed, out of the tribe of **Reuben** twelve thousand, out of the tribe of **Gad** twelve thousand, from the tribe of **Asher** 12,000, from the tribe of **Naphtali** 12,000, from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000, from the tribe of Simeon 12,000, from the tribe of **Levi** 12,000, from the tribe of **Issachar** 12,000, out of the tribe of **Zebulun** twelve thousand, out of the tribe of **Joseph** twelve thousand, out of the tribe of **Benjamin** twelve thousand having been sealed.

***Deuteronomy 12:4** Do not worship HASHEM, your God with idols.

***Deuteronomy 12:5** **Instead, you must seek** דָרַשׁ **the place the LORD your God will choose** from among all your tribes to establish as **a dwelling for His Name,** and **there you must go.**

***Deuteronomy 11:28** And the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, **but turn aside from the way** which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known.

***Deuteronomy 12:6** There you shall take your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, your vowed offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks. And there you shall eat before the Lord your God, and **you shall rejoice in all to which you have put your hand, you and your households, in which the Lord your God has blessed you.**

***Matthew 5:2, 17** Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

***John 3:1-16** Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Yeshua at night and said, Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him. ³ Yeshua replied, Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again. ⁴ How can someone be born when they are old? Nicodemus asked. Surely, they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born! ⁵ Yeshua answered, Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, You must be born again. ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.

⁹ How can this be, Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ You are Israel's teacher, said Yeshua, and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things, and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

***Matthew 5:11-12** Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

***Deuteronomy 12:6** There you shall take your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, your vowed offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks. And there you shall eat before the Lord your God, and you shall rejoice in all to which you have put your hand, you and your households, in which the Lord your God has blessed you.

***Matthew 5:21-24** ²¹ You have heard that it was said to those of old, You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment. ²² But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire. ²³ Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

***Matthew 5:28-29** You have heard that it was said to those of old, **You shall not commit adultery**. But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her **has already committed adultery with her in his heart**.

***Proverbs 4:23** Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

***Deuteronomy 6:6** Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

***Deuteronomy 12:2a-3** You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations which you shall dispossess served their gods,..... And you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and burn their wooden images with fire; you shall cut down the carved images of their gods and destroy their names from that place.

***Deuteronomy 12:30** Beware of being lured into their ways [of the people inhabiting the land].....

***Psalm 119:18** Open my eyes so that I may see the wonders of Your Torah.

***Deuteronomy 12:28b** ...that it may go well with you and with your children after you forever, when you do what is good and right in the sight of the LORD your God.