



Message 2-2-19
Mishpatim-Judgments
Exodus 21:1-24:18
Jeremiah 34:8-22; 33:26-26
1 Corinthians 10:18-22

Introduction

Today's Torah portion insists that our deepest convictions find their way through deeds and behavior. By learning what it is our Creator expects from us, we teach ourselves His values and perspectives. We transfer an aspect of the original peak experience when we first had our encounter with the Messiah. It is a spark from the original flame, and it enters the remotest aspects of our daily lives.

With the light of those sparks, we warm our fellow human beings and ourselves. We shine His light on our lifelong journey, refreshing ourselves along the way and refreshing our relationship with our Creator.

Exodus 24:9-11

9 Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰ and they **saw** the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹ And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they **beheld** God and ate and drank. (ESV)

<07200> רָאָה *raah* (906b)

Meaning: *to see*

<02372> חָזַק *chazah* (302b)

Meaning: *see, behold*

Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. They saw Him, beheld Him, and broke bread with Him. The Hebrew words used in both instances mean see and behold. The miracle was they were not struck down. What was the difference when Moses asked to look upon God and was told that no man could look upon Him and live, and yet here, they are breaking bread with their Creator, or was it the Messiah Yeshua rather than the Father. Perhaps when Moses asked to look upon God, it was the Father He was asking to see, particularly His face which Moses was

not allowed to see. He could only look upon God's back as He passed by him which Moses was protected by the cleft in the rock. Once again, could this also have been Yeshua sent by His Father because Yeshua tells us that to look upon Him is to see the Father as they are one.

Matthew 17:1 Six days later, Yeshua took Kefa, Ya'akov and his brother Yochanan and led them up a high mountain privately. ² As they watched, he began to change form- his face shone like the sun, and his clothing became as white as light. (CJB)

Yeshua went up on the mountain and took Peter, Jacob, and John with Him, and they saw Him change. His face shone like the sun, and His clothing became as white as light. Here He stood in all His glory revealing Himself to His closest *talmidim*. What we do not see in the passage from the Torah portion this week is that we not told God was clothed in His glory in the presence of these leaders of Israel. Therefore, it leads me to believe it was Yeshua who was there with them because He could transcend both planes of existence, the spiritual and the physical to maintain His place by His Father's side and yet be there for His people. Then again, isn't this the responsibility of the *Ruach*? What we see is the possibility of appearances by the Messiah throughout the Bible. Why did He have to do this? Maybe because we needed the physical reinforcement since we tend to be a *doubting Thomas*. It is difficult for us to believe in something we cannot see, and despite our pronouncements of faith, we usually fall short of the mark.

Jeremiah 34:17

17 "Therefore, thus says the LORD: You have not obeyed me by proclaiming liberty, everyone to his brother and to his neighbor; behold, I proclaim to you liberty to the sword, to pestilence, and to famine, declares the LORD. I will make you a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth. (ESV)

Once again, we fall short of the goal because instead of Israel proclaiming liberty to their brothers and neighbors when the Torah and God required it, they didn't! Because we fall short, He proclaims liberty by exposing us to the sword, pestilence, and to famine. We experience today as they have in the past. War is still a reality and getting much closer than it has ever been before. The world seems to be falling apart right before our eyes, but if this is prophecy unfolding then, as bad as it gets, it is a good thing because through this Messiah will come to set things right. The bottom line is, as God's people, we will be made a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth. We don't want to be seen like this. We want the world to see us as His people, who have received redemption through faith in the Messiah Yeshua.

We are a work in progress, each one of us. Some will make it to the end because they lean on the source of our strength – Yeshua! Some will not because they leaned on other men rather than the Lord God Almighty Creator of the universe. We are not gods, no matter what anyone tells you. Sadly, there are those who defy their Creator by claiming there is no God. They even say they will not go to hell for saying there is no God. I believe they are in for a rude awakening much along the same lines as those who say they have faith in God and Messiah. Truthfully, they don't know which road they are on, and if they

don't get back on course, the road they are on will lead them away from the kingdom and closer to a place from which they will never be able to come back.

1 Corinthians 10:18-22

18 Look at the nation Israel; are not those who eat the sacrifices sharers in the altar? ¹⁹ What do I mean then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? ²⁰ No, but I say that the things which the **Gentiles** sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons. ²¹ You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. ²² Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? We are not stronger than He, are we? (NAU)

<1484> ἔθνος *ethnos*

Meaning: a race, a nation, pl. the nations (as distinct from Isr.)

Origin: prob. from a prim. root

Usage: Gentiles (93), nation (30), nations (37), pagans (1), people (2).

The Shaliach Shaul is speaking directly to Gentiles or non-Jews from the nations because the Greek word *ethnos* means nations as well as Gentiles. He is coming at them for still sacrificing to idols, and in this instance, he is very clear that they cannot share in the cup of the Lord or partake from the table of the Lord while sharing the cup and table with demons. The Scripture is very clear about this. This instruction does not apply only to the Gentiles but to the Jewish people as well if they have corrupted their table. The Father calls His people to be a holy, set-apart nation that carries the name of Israel. There is one God, One Messiah, One Ruach HaKodesh, and one nation for all those who partake of the covenant the Father made through Yeshua, His Son.

Now, it is not my job to convert anyone to my way of thinking. I do my best to walk out my faith, the covenant in my life, and pray I can be an example for others seeking the right road to walk. I can tell you I make mistakes in my walk, and what makes me different from others who do not walk in covenant through faith in Yeshua is I ask for forgiveness for what I have done. I am not perfect, my friends, and anyone who tells you they are, I would turn around and walk the other way as quickly as you can.

For those who are seeking to be leaders, you will be called by God to this. It is not an easy path to walk. It is the same for those called to teach. What we teach we must live out in our own lives. If we don't, others will point at us. Be ready to have a servant's heart because that is what it will take for you to follow the path that leads to Yeshua. You will be responsible for others by your teaching and example, but they are responsible for their salvation as this is a one to one experience each one of us goes through when we see the truth of Messiah. He is not a Christian God or a Jewish God. He is the source of all there is, and He holds it in place. Without the Godhead nothing would exist or live. Life comes from God and is a gift in the same way redemption from our sins is. Life everlasting is the goal but is only found through faith in Messiah Yeshua.

2 Corinthians 11:4 For if someone comes and proclaims another Yeshua than the one, we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough. (ESV)

Be careful, my friends. The walk is not easy, and there are mountains and valleys along the way, but if you hold on, the reward is worth the effort.

Torah Man says: “Whenever mankind is ready to uncover their sins, God is always ready to cover them”

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua,

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TORAH: LEARN IT, LOVE IT, LIVE IT AS YESHUA DID! PSALM 119

