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Shabbat Message

Ki Tetze / When You Go / כִּי־תֵצֵא

[Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19 \(TLV\)](#)

Seeds of Life Series: Torah the Seeds for Life

Watch the Little Things!

Introduction

In this portion you see Moses speaking about what we call a potpourri of different commandments for the Yehovah's people to do to mainly protect us and to have order in the community. In this portion it is listed who can be in the assembly and who cannot. How to treat sexual immorality. Laws concerning hanging and impairment so we call that capital punishment. We see things about equal weights and measures to how to handle levirate marriage which is still practiced in some Orthodox Jewish communities. This week I want to speak about some

other various commandments or what I call more obscure but can still affect our lives.

Various Mitzvot

Deuteronomy 22:1-4

1. Brotherly responsibility in Israel was a further application of the principle of oneness inherent in a covenant community.
2. If a person saw a fellow citizen's ox or sheep go astray he was obligated to return it if the owner was known. Otherwise he must keep it as one of his own until the owner came to claim it.
3. The principle here is that all lands and properties in a sense belonged to all the people collectively as the inheritance of Yehovah. The early Messianic Community adopted this spirit, at least for a time (Acts 4:32).

Mixed Gender Clothing

Deuteronomy 22:5

1. For a woman to wear male clothing and man a woman's garment (cross dressing or transvestism).
2. This is wrong because among other things it violates the principle of separation that Elohim has built into the created order.

3. It goes back to the Heavenly Garden of Eden that Yehovah made Male and Female all the way back to Genesis.

Birds and Roofs

Deuteronomy 22:6-8

1. The principle here seems to be that of not mixing life with death.
2. A mother bird the source of life must not be taken along with her chicks and eggs because she would no longer be able to generate life.
3. The flat roofs of houses were used for sleeping and storage. A railing or low wall (battlement) helped to prevent accident.

Planting Vineyards

Deuteronomy 22:9

1. To plant a vineyard with two types of seed makes the point even more clearly that the mixture of unlike things is harmful. (vs. 5).
2. Similarly Israel would be defiled if she mingled with the pagan nations. (7:3-4).
3. All through out the Torah the teaching is life and death, profane and holy, clean and unclean. It's either right or wrong there is no middle ground.

Oxen and Donkeys

Deuteronomy 22:10

1. To hitch an ox and a donkey up as a team was to invite all kinds of difficulty because of their different natures and habits.
2. Rabbi Paul chose this commandment to illustrate how believers especially (Torah Obedient Believers) must not marry outside the faith. (2 Cor 6:14-18).
3. Which one of those two animals do you resemble? An Ox who is a faithful and strong worker at the plow that isn't stubborn or are you the Donkey or Ass that likes to be stubborn and rebellious when Yehovah or even your earthly authorities tell you do something. Do you look back when you are the plow? Yeshua gives a warning about that (Luke 9:62).

Take Away

1. Our job as brothers and sisters is to take care of each other including watching our for each others homes etc. However we aren't that close any more.
2. Mixing opposite things invites all kinds of evil in the house and in the community.
3. Yehovah cares about everything in our lives including all the way down to how we handle birds.

Application

1. I will make a more conscious effort to look out for my brother and sister in the faith.
2. I will strive to distance myself from mixing sin from holy living.
3. I pray Yehovah makes me more faithful like an ox and to stubborn like a donkey.

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