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Shabbat Message

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Deuteronomy 7:12–11:25

Seeds of Life Series: Torah the Seeds for Life

The Shema Continued

Introduction

As we talked about the Shema in the introduction last week I would like to expound more on the Shema and show you that what we pray every Shabbat during Shabbat service is just a little bit of the Shema. The full Shema are the Scriptures we are going to cover today. Loving Yehovah is not just an intellectual thing but it is a heart thing. We are to love Yehovah with all of our heart, soul and mind. Everything that we have are His and if we are followers of Yeshua He owns us because He purchased us and redeemed us back for HaSatan. There is so much that we owe

Him.

Yehovah Will Send Rain and Harvest

Deuteronomy 11:12-14

1. The beginning of the rainy season in Israel or first rain is in the autumn while spring is the time of the latter rain.
2. This provision of Yehovah for the land indicated HIs care in watching over it from the beginning unto the end of the year.
3. So important is this agricultural cycle that we as Israelites celebrate it during the Spring.

Do Not Serve Other Gods

Deuteronomy 11:16

1. The warning not to serve other gods must be understood in the context of the agricultural motifs I just described.
2. Baal, Asherah, Astarte, and other gods and goddesses were thought to generate and sustain life in soil, livestock and even human beings by their own sexual activity and they became objects of worship often through various fertility rites.
3. Moshe and the prophets constantly condemned such incursions into paganism (2 Kings

17:7-15).

Repetition Is Good

Deuteronomy 11:18-20

1. Elohim's command is a repetition of the instruction given when introducing the Shema (6:4-9), here clearly showing the fact that Elohim's instruction is to be learned and Passover along not just the Shema.
2. Heart is a metaphor of the intellect and soul represents the person as a whole being.
3. Together they are the internalizing of the word of Elohim.

The Days of Your Lives

Deuteronomy 11:21

1. The phrase as the days of heaven upon the earth is a biblical way of expressing the idea of forever.
2. Yehovah promised the land to the patriarchs on the condition of their obedience and the obedience of their descendants.
3. (28:36-37; Gen. 17:9-14; Lev 26:14-33).

Everywhere You Walk

Deuteronomy 11:24

1. Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread is a way of describing conquest and occupation of a territory usually (but not always) by military might.
2. The image occurs in Gen. 13:17 where Abraham was told to "walk through the land" a sign that it would become his as a gift from Yehovah.
3. The area described here is essentially the territory eventually controlled by David (2 Samuel 8:1-3) and promised in ancient times to Abraham (Gen. 15:18-19).

Take Away

1. The full Shema is also a declaration of Yehovah's faithfulness in creation.
2. Repetition in Elohim's Word is not a bad thing it means it's important.
3. Everywhere Abraham walked Yehovah gave to Him.

Application

1. I will have a renewed sense of excitement as I pray the Shema every day.
2. I will continue to praise Yehovah for the Early and the Latter Rains that fall upon the earth.
3. I will be thankful that Yehovah has given us the opportunity one day to live in Israel.

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