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Shabbat Message

Ki Tavo / When You Come / כִּי־תָבוֹא

Deuteronomy 26:1–29:9

Seeds of Life Series: Torah the Seeds for Life

The Mountain of Blessing and the Mountain of Cursing

Introduction

This portion is what I call the Blessing and Cursing portion of the Scripture here we see Deuteronomy 28 the famous lists of blessings and cursing. A lot of people who do not follow Torah take this chapter to use it to say see what the Law does? They don't stop and read the whole context that this is if you don't obey Yehovah however our obedience is not robotic it is out of extreme love for our Elohim.

Israel to Build and Altar

Deuteronomy 27:6-7

1. The burnt offerings provided a means of dealing with sins and trespasses, thus opening the way to fellowship with Yehovah.
2. The peace offerings were essential to the making and reaffirmation of the covenant relationship (Exod 24:3-8).
3. This was a place of meeting between Elohim and His people. Sacrifice and Forgiveness.

Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal

Deuteronomy 27:11-13

1. Referring again to the upcoming covenant renewal conclave at Shechem (v. 4), Moshe instructed the people upon their arrival there to divide into two groups, by tribes, half on mount Gerizim, and half on mount Ebal.
2. Like a great antiphonal chorus the tribes on Mount Gerizim would shout out the blessings and the tribes on Mount Ebal would shout the curses of the covenant commitments in the hearing of the Levites in the valley below.
3. Mount Gerizim was mentioned by Yeshua in Yochanan 4 and Mount Ebal was just identified in Israel within the last 3 years.

A List of Curses

Deuteronomy 27:15

1. The list of curses began with a word of judgement against anyone who made any graven or molten image, a violation of the Second Commandment (5:8-10).
2. The other curses flowed out of this.
3. All of them pertain to interpersonal relationships and other directly to a persons relationship with Yehovah.

Curses is Everyone Who dishonors His Parents

Deuteronomy 27:16

1. The KJV uses to set light by some is to dishonor them. (5:16).
2. The person who underestimates the role of parents disrespects the honor and glory of Elohim whom parents represent.
3. The Brit Chadashah says Children obey your parents in the Master of for this is right. Colossians 3:20.

God's Justice or Social Justice?

Deuteronomy 27:17-19

1. The sin of moving a neighbor's landmark was property theft, a violation of the eight commandment and also it betrayed a lack of satisfaction with what Elohim had allotted a person in life.
2. Social justice must be rooted in Elohim's care for vulnerable people in society.
3. The person who denies justice to such helpless people goes against the nature of Yehovah who inspired commandments to regulate such matters (24:17) and who in the person of Messiah identified with those most in need of justice. (Phil 2:5-11; 2 Cor 8:9).

Take Away

1. Israel built an altar for burnt offerings and peace offerings and to have a place to meet with Him.
2. Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal were mountains that were to be mountains of declaration
3. The commandments that we went over today are just a few of the practical commandments that Yehovah has given us to help us in our lives.

Application

1. I will Praise Yehovah that our altar right now is the altar of our hearts where we can commune with the Father any time we want.
2. I will make continue by the power of the Ruach HaKodesh to keep the commandments that He has given to us.

3. I will defend those who cannot defend themselves not for my own ego but because I love Yehovah with all my heart and want to see people helped.

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