

TORAH FOR YOU PARASHA #51 TO STUDY

NITZAVIM

"STANDING"DEVARIM (DEUTERONOMY) 29:10 - 30:20





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SUMMARY OF THE PARASHA

Moshe addresses the Israelites, emphasizing the importance of following the Elohim covenant and not worshipping other gods. He describes the process of repentance and the return to YHWH, and emphasizes that the commandments of the Eternal are achievable and "not in heaven." The Nitzavím (firmes) section contains some of the most fundamental principles of the Hebrew faith:

- The union of the people: "All of you are firm today before YHWH, your Elohim, the leaders
 of your tribes, the elders, the officers, all the men of Yisrael; the children, the women, the
 stranger who lives with you; from the lumberjack to the water."
- Future redemption: Moshe warns about the exile and desolation of the earth that will
 occur if the people abandon the Divine laws. However, he then prophesies that, in the
 end, "You will go back to Elohim... Even if your exiles are at the end of heaven, Elohim will
 also gather you from there... and bring you to the earth that your parents possessed."
- The practicality of the Torah: Because this mandate that I prescribe to you today is not beyond you, nor is it far away. It's not in the sky... It's not on the other side of the sea...
 On the contrary, it is very close to you, in your mouth, in your heart, so that you can put it into practice."
- Free will: "Look, I put before you today, life and the good, death and the bad... And you will choose life."

