

*Greetings, today our manna is Deut. 31; Psalm 119:97-120; Isaiah 58; Matthew 6.*

## *June 26 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **Deuteronomy 31**

It was extremely important that each generation heard and knew YHWH's laws and commandments. Moses is now 120 years old and he is imparting his last words. Moses would not be entering the promise land with Israel. YHWH would be passing over with them, and Joshua would succeed Moses and enter with them into the promise land.

YHWH would destroy the nations before them as He had done to the sovereigns, Sihon and Og. They were to be **strong and courageous**. They would need to walk by faith and not by sight, clinging to YHWH's trustworthiness.

Moses spoke to Joshua before all Israel giving him the charge to lead the people into the promise land as directed by YHWH. There were repetitions of encouraging words to be **strong and courageous; do not fear nor be afraid; YHWH is going with you; YHWH does not fail nor forsake you**; again, **do not fear**.

Why the repetition of these words? Probably, because this was a huge moment and we know the battle first takes place in 'our minds.' They could still remember how the previous generation had listened to the 10 spies with the evil report. How they feared and did not enter the promise land. They could still remember hearing that report of 'giants in the land.'

**When we hear and speak words of life, they strengthen us.** The more we proclaim His words of life and victory, the more the atmosphere changes around us. When we see strength in others; we too gain strength. It doesn't mean 'facing the giants' in our lives is easy. No. What it does mean, is that if YHWH is for us, who can be against us!

### **Joshua to Succeed Moses**

**Deu 31:1** And Mosheh went and spoke these words to all Yisra'ël,

**Deu 31:2** and he said to them, "I am one hundred and twenty years old today. I am no longer able to go out and come in. And יהוה has said to me, 'You do not pass over this Yardēn.'

**Deu 31:3** "יהוה your Elohim Himself is passing over before you. He shall destroy these nations from before you and you possess them. Yehoshua himself is passing over before you, as יהוה has spoken.

**Deu 31:4** "And יהוה shall do to them as He did to Sihon and to Oq, the sovereigns of the

Amorites and their land, when He destroyed them.

Deu 31:5 “And יהוה shall give them over to you, and you shall do to them according to all the command which I have commanded you.

Deu 31:6 “Be strong and courageous, do not fear nor be afraid of them. For it is יהוה your Elohim who is going with you. He does not fail you nor forsake you.”

Deu 31:7 **And Mosheh called Yehoshua and said to him before the eyes of all Yisra’ël,** “Be strong and courageous, for you are going with this people to the land which יהוה has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you are to let them inherit it.

Deu 31:8 “And it is יהוה who is going before you, He Himself is with you. He does not fail you nor forsake you. Do not fear nor be discouraged.”

### The Reading of the Law

Moses completed writing the Book of the Law, and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who bore the ark of the covenant of YHWH, and the elders of Israel. At the end of 7 years, at the appointed time of Sukkot, the festival of Booths, the Law was to be read before all of Israel within their hearing. The seventh year would be the year of release and this feast would be when all Israel would be gathered.

Men, women, children, sojourners within their gates and their children who had not known it; all should be gathered to hear; to learn; to reverently fear YHWH their Elohim and to guard the Words of this Law as long as they lived in the land they were about to possess. This would be how they would live peaceably with YHWH. This is how they would be live a life of blessings and not a life of curses and evil.

We too should teach our generations to understand Covenant Torah, and to study His entire word so we will be blessed. So, that YHWH knows us and will be with us; so, He will gather us; and He will cross over with us into the ultimate promise land in the end of days. We too must be brave and courageous; and stand clothed in the full armor of YHWH. We too must possess and dwell in His Word.

Deu 31:9 And **Mosheh wrote this Torah** [Book of the Law] and gave it to the priests, the sons of Lēwi, who bore the ark of the covenant of יהוה, and to all the elders of Yisra’ël.

Deu 31:10 And Mosheh commanded them, saying, “At the end of seven years, at the appointed time, the year of release, at the Festival of Sukkot,<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Booths.

Deu 31:11 when all Yisra’ël comes to appear before יהוה your Elohim in the place which He chooses, read this Torah before all Yisra’ël in their hearing.

Deu 31:12 “Assemble the people, the men and the women and the little ones, and your sojourner who is within your gates, so that they hear, and so that they learn to fear יהוה your Elohim and guard to do all the Words of this Torah.

Deu 31:13 “And their children, who have not known it, should hear and learn to fear יהוה your Elohim as long as you live in the land you are passing over the Yardēn to possess.”

### Joshua Commissioned to Lead Israel

Deu 31:14 **And יהוה said to Mosheh, “See, the days have drawn near for you to die.** Call Yehoshua, and present yourselves in the Tent of Appointment, so that I command him.” And Mosheh and Yehoshua went and presented themselves in the Tent of Appointment.

Deu 31:15 And יהוה appeared at the Tent in a column of a cloud, and the column of a cloud stood above the door of the Tent.

YHWH imparts sad news.

Deu 31:16 **And יהוה said to Mosheh, “See, you are about to sleep with your fathers. And this people shall rise and whore after the mighty ones of the strangers of the land into the midst of which they shall enter, and forsake Me and break My covenant which I have made with them.**

Deu 31:17 “Then **My displeasure shall burn against them in that day, and I shall forsake them and hide My face from them, and they shall be consumed. And many evils and distresses shall come upon them, and it shall be said in that day, ‘Is it not because our Elohim is not in our midst that these evils have come upon us?’**

Deu 31:18 “And **I shall certainly hide My face in that day, because of all the evil which they have done, for they shall turn to other mighty ones.**

Moses is instructed by YHWH to write down a song that would stand as a witness against the children of Israel.

Deu 31:19 “And now **write down this song** for yourselves, and teach it to the children of Yisra’el. Put it in their mouths, so that this song is to Me for **a witness against the children of Yisra’el.**

Deu 31:20 “And I shall bring them to the land flowing with milk and honey, of which I swore to their fathers, and they shall eat and be satisfied and be fat, then **they shall turn to other mighty ones, and they shall serve them, and scorn Me and break My covenant.**

Deu 31:21 “And it shall be, **when many evils and distresses come upon them, that this song shall answer before them as a witness.** For it is not to be forgotten in the mouths of their seed, for I know their thoughts which they are forming today, even before I bring them to the land of which I swore to give them.”

Deu 31:22 And **Mosheh wrote this song the same day, and taught it to the children of Yisra’el.**

Deu 31:23 And **He commanded Yehoshua son of Nun,** and said, “Be strong and courageous, for you are to bring the children of Yisra’el into the land of which I swore to them, and I Myself am with you.”

Moses completes the writing of the Book of the Law and instructs the Levites to put it **BESIDE** the Ark of the Covenant.

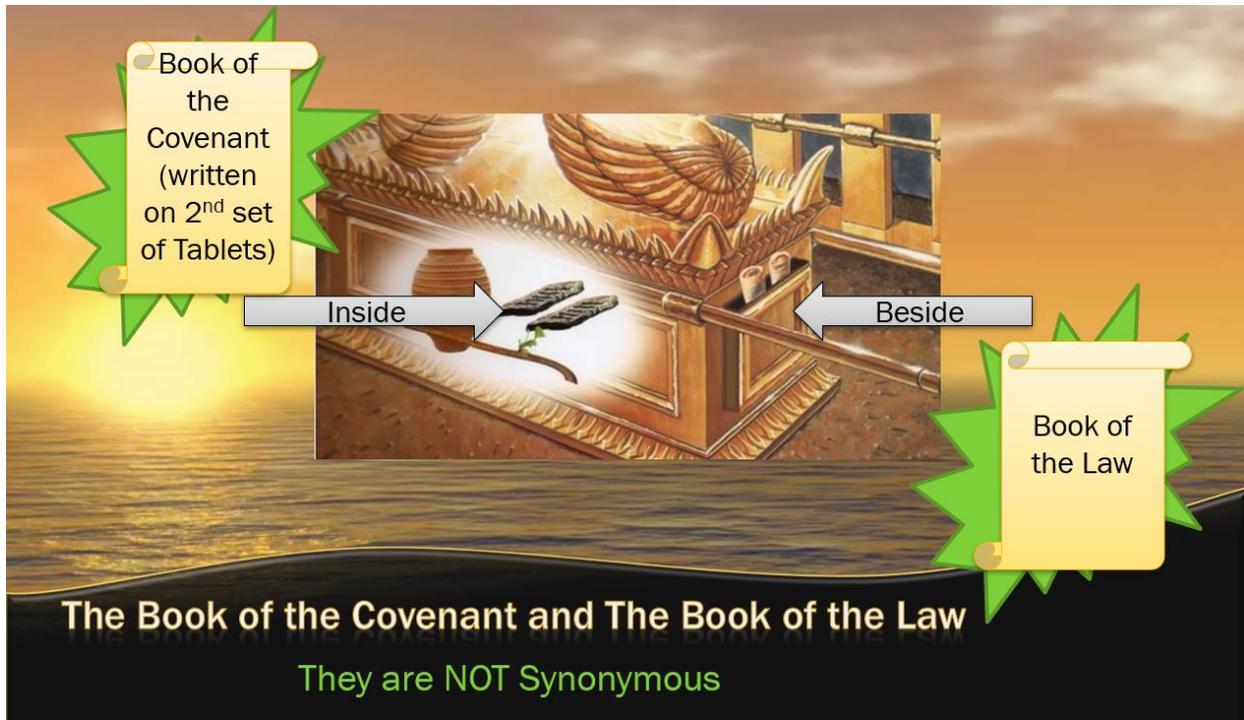
Deu 31:24 And it came to be, when **Mosheh had completed writing the Words of this Torah**

in a book, until their completion,

Deu 31:25 that Mosheh commanded the Lēwites, who bore the ark of the covenant of יהוה, saying,

Deu 31:26 **“Take this Book of the Torah, and you shall place it beside the ark of the covenant of יהוה your Elohim, and it shall be there as a witness against you.”**

Deu 31:27 **for I myself know your rebellion and your stiff neck. See, while I am still alive with you today, you have been rebellious against יהוה, then how much more after my death?**



Deu 31:28 “Assemble unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, so that I speak these words in their hearing and call the **heavens and the earth to witness against them.**

Deu 31:29 **“For I know that after my death you shall do very corruptly and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you. And evil shall come to you in the latter days, because you do what is evil in the eyes of יהוה, to provoke Him through the work of your hands.”**

### The Song of Moses

Deu 31:30 So Mosheh spoke in the hearing of all the assembly of Yisra’ēl the words of this song till their completion:

### Psalm 119:97-120

No matter what age you are, wisdom comes through His Word.

Pro 4:7 “The beginning of wisdom is: Get wisdom! And with all your getting, get understanding.

Pro 4:8 “Exalt her, and let her uplift you; She brings you esteem when you embrace

her.

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 Pro 8:11 “For wisdom is better than rubies, And all delights are not comparable to her.  
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Pro 16:16 How much better it is to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is preferable to silver.

Psa 119:97 **Mem** O how I love<sup>b</sup> Your Torah! It is my study all day long. Footnote: <sup>b</sup>See also [Psa 119:113](#), [Psa 119:119](#), [Psa 119:127](#), [Psa 119:163](#), [Psa 119:165](#), [Psa 119:167](#).

Psa 119:98 Your commands make me wiser than my enemies; For it is ever before me.

Psa 119:99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your witnesses are my study.

Psa 119:100 I understand more than the aged, For I have observed Your orders.

Psa 119:101 I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I might guard Your word.

Psa 119:102 I have not turned aside from Your right-rulings, For You Yourself have taught me.

Psa 119:103 How sweet to my taste has Your word been, More than honey to my mouth!

Psa 119:104 From Your orders I get understanding; Therefore I have hated every false way.

Psa 119:105 **Nun** Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

Psa 119:106 I have sworn, and I confirm, To guard Your righteous right-rulings.

Psa 119:107 I have been afflicted very much; O יהוה, revive me according to Your word.

Psa 119:108 Please accept the voluntary offerings Of my mouth, O יהוה, And teach me Your right-rulings.

Psa 119:109 My life is in my hand continually, And Your Torah I have not forgotten.

Psa 119:110 The wrong have laid a snare for me, But I have not strayed from Your orders.

Psa 119:111 Your witnesses are my inheritance forever, For they are the joy of my heart.

Psa 119:112 I have inclined my heart to do Your laws Forever, to the end.

Psa 119:113 **Samek** I have hated doubting thoughts, But I have loved Your Torah.

Psa 119:114 You are my hiding place and my shield; I have waited for Your word.

Psa 119:115 Turn away from me, you evil-doers, For I observe the commands of my Elohim!

Psa 119:116 Support me according to Your word, That I might live; And put me not to shame Because of my expectation.

Psa 119:117 Sustain me, that I might be saved, And always look to Your laws.

Psa 119:118 You have made light of all those Who stray from Your laws, For falsehood is their deceit.

Psa 119:119 You have made to cease All the wrong of the earth, like dross; Therefore I have loved Your witnesses.

Psa 119:120 My flesh has trembled for fear of You, And I am in awe of Your right-rulings.

## Isaiah 58

### True and False Fasting

**Isa 58:1** “Cry aloud, do not spare. Lift up your voice like the shophar. Declare to My people

**their transgression, and the house of Ya'aqob their sins.**

Isa 58:2 “Yet they seek Me day by day, and delight to know My ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and did not forsake the right-ruling of their Elohim. They ask of Me rulings of righteousness, they delight in drawing near to Elohim.

Isa 58:3 *They say*, ‘Why have we fasted, and You have not seen? Why have we afflicted our beings, and You took no note?’ “Look, in the day of your fasting you find pleasure, and drive on all your laborers.

Isa 58:4 “Look, you fast for strife and contention, and to strike with the fist of wrongness. You do not fast as you do this day, to make your voice heard on high.

Isa 58:5 “Is it a fast that I have chosen, a day for a man to afflict his being? Is it to bow down his head like a bulrush, and to spread out sackcloth and ashes? **Do you call this a fast, and an acceptable day to יהוה?**

Isa 58:6 **“Is this not the fast that I have chosen: to loosen the tight cords of wrongness, to undo the bands of the yoke, to exempt the oppressed, and to break off every yoke?”**

Isa 58:7 **“Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; when you see the naked, and cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh?”**

The fast YHWH has chosen was to:

- Loosen the tight cords of wrongness
- Undo the bands of the yoke
- Exempt the oppressed
- Break off every yoke
- Share bread with the hungry
- Bring to your house the poor who are cast out
- When you see the naked, cover him and not hide yourself from your own flesh.

By living with a heart pleasing to YHWH then:

Isa 58:8 “Then **your light would break forth like the morning, your healing spring forth speedily.** And **your righteousness shall go before you,** the **esteem of יהוה would be your rear guard.**

Isa 58:9 “Then, **when you call, יהוה would answer; when you cry, He would say, ‘Here I am.’** “If you **take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and the speaking of unrighteousness,**

Isa 58:10 **if you extend your being to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted being, then your light shall dawn in the darkness, and your darkness be as noon.**

Isa 58:11 “**Then יהוה would guide you continually, and satisfy your being in drought, and strengthen your bones.** And **you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.**

Isa 58:12 “And **those from among you shall build the old waste places. You shall raise up the foundations of many generations. And you would be called the Repairer of the Breach, the Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.**

His Sabbath is extremely important! We are to bring esteem to YHWH on His set-apart day! Sabbath is all about resting in Him; communing with Him; speaking His Words; and delighting ourselves in Him through praise and worship.

**Isa 58:13** “If you do turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on My set-apart day, and shall call the Sabbath ‘a delight,’ the set-apart day of יהוה ‘esteemed,’ and shall esteem it, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words,

**Isa 58:14** then you shall delight yourself in יהוה. And I shall cause you to ride on the heights of the earth, and feed you with the inheritance of Ya'aqob your father. **For the mouth of יהוה has spoken!”**

## Matthew 6

### Giving to the Needy

Out of the overflow of our grateful hearts, we do kind deeds for others because that is pleasing to YHWH. We do not do kind deeds in order to receive esteem from man. We are His royal ambassadors, His kingdom of priests, and we do our reasonable priestly duties in order to intercede for and reach the lost. We are to bring esteem to YHWH and to Him only. We carry out His Great Commission by proclaiming His Covenant Confirming Gospel message. Deeds done in secret will be openly rewarded by Him.

**Mat 6:1** “Beware of doing your kind deeds before men, in order to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in the heavens.

**Mat 6:2** “Thus, when you do a kind deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do, in the congregations and in the streets, to be praised by men. Truly, I say to you, they have their reward.

**Mat 6:3** “But when you do a kind deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

**Mat 6:4** so that your kind deed shall be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret shall Himself reward you openly.

### YHWH's Prayer

Pray without ceasing throughout the day; have devoted times of prayer in a quiet room; offer up prayers that ascend before His throne as a sweet incense that is pleasing to YHWH. Again, this too is a priestly privilege to be able to enter His courts with thanksgiving, praise, and prayers.

He knows what we need before we even ask but He loves us and wants us to come to Him. He wants that relationship with us, and He wants us to reflect His love for others thereby drawing more people toward Him. We are not to be religious repellants.

When we don't know how to pray, He hears the moaning of our hearts; and He has also given us a model prayer that follows.

**Mat 6:5** “And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the congregations and on the corners of the streets, to be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have their reward.

**Mat 6:6** “But you, when you pray, go into your room, and having shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place. And your Father who sees in secret shall reward you openly.

**Mat 6:7** “And when praying, do not keep on babbling like the nations. For they think that they shall be heard for their many words.

**Mat 6:8** “Therefore do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

**Mat 6:9** **“This, then, is the way you should pray:** ‘Our Father who is in the heavens, let Your Name be set-apart,

**Mat 6:10** let Your reign come, let Your desire be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Mat 6:11** Give us today our daily bread.

**Mat 6:12** And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

**Mat 6:13** ‘**And do not lead us into trial,<sup>a</sup>** but deliver us from the wicked one – because Yours is the reign and the power and the esteem, forever. Amēn.’ **Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See [Mat 26:41](#).**

Forgiveness is essential! Always be forgiving. Guard against taking offense. This does not mean that a person should tolerate mental or physical abusive relationships. At times, some toxic people must be loved and prayed for ‘long distance.’

**Mat 6:14** **“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father shall also forgive you.**

**Mat 6:15** **“But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither shall your Father forgive your trespasses.**

## Fasting

When we fast and pray, this too should be done in secret, and not be flaunted before men to be viewed by them as a display of being ‘holy.’ There is power in prayer and fasting when done in the right way and for the right reasons. Fasting also has many health benefits.

**Mat 6:16** “And when you fast, do not be sad-faced like the hypocrites. For they disfigure their faces so that they appear to be fasting to men. Truly, I say to you, they have their reward.

**Mat 6:17** “But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face,

**Mat 6:18** so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place. And your Father who sees in secret shall reward you openly.

## Lay Up Treasures in Heaven

There is a saying that goes, ‘the only thing you can take with you, is that which you have given away!’ We should store up our treasures in heaven. It is giving of oneself and letting Yahusha live in us and through us that accomplishes His will. We freely give Him control of our time, our hands, our feet, our mouths etc. and let His will be done. These are the treasures that are stored up in heaven. Give away love; do acts of kindnesses that touch hearts; pray for those in need and for those in prison. Giving requires **time, energy, risks, and love. Be doers of His Word and not hearers only.**

Do not major in the minor things of life by focusing on the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life. Yes, enjoy YHWH’s provisions but do not elevate or serve any ‘person, place or thing’ before Him.

**Mat 6:19** “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,

**Mat 6:20** but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

**Mat 6:21** “For where your treasure is, there your heart shall be also.

**Mat 6:22** “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, all your body shall be enlightened.

**Mat 6:23** “But if your **eye is evil,<sup>b</sup>** all your body shall be darkened. If, then, the light that is within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! **Footnote: <sup>b</sup>This is a Hebrew idiom – a good eye means to be generous, while an evil eye means to be stingy.**

**Mat 6:24** “**No one is able to serve two masters, for either he shall hate the one and love the other, or else he shall cleave to the one and despise the other. You are not able to serve Elohim and mammon.<sup>c</sup>** **Footnote: <sup>c</sup>Personification of wealth.**

## Do Not Be Anxious

Seek Him first. Never forget Him as your first love and He will never forget or forsake you. Rest and trust in Him. Enter His rest.

**Mat 6:25** “Because of this I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you shall eat or drink, or about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than the food and the body more than the clothing?”

**Mat 6:26** “Look at the birds of the heaven, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into storehouses, yet your heavenly Father does feed them. Are you not worth more than they?”

**Mat 6:27** “And which of you by worrying is able to add one cubit to his life’s span?”

**Mat 6:28** “So why do you worry about clothing? Note well the lilies of the field, how they grow. They neither toil nor spin,

**Mat 6:29** and I say to you that even Shelomoh in all his esteem was not dressed like one of these.

**Mat 6:30** “But if Elohim so clothes the grass of the field, which exists today, and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more you, O you of little belief?”

**Mat 6:31** “Do not worry then, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’”

**Mat 6:32** “For all these the nations seek for. **And your heavenly Father knows that you need all these.**”

**Mat 6:33** “But seek first the reign of Elohim, and His righteousness, and all these shall be added to you.”

**Mat 6:34** “Do not, then, worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow shall have its own worries. Each day has enough evil of itself.”

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