

Greetings, today our manna is Deut. 30; Psalm 119:73-96; Isaiah 57; Matthew 5.

June 25 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Deuteronomy 30

The children of Israel are given the instructions on how to live a life of blessings or curses. One can't help but read this chapter and sense that they would end up not choosing the good life of blessings.

It talks about 'turning them back' and gathering them from all the peoples in which YHWH had scattered them; even if they were driven to the farthest parts under the heavens. This portion of Deuteronomy 30 seems to reach forward into our day; when YHWH's people would be circumcised of heart by grace through faith in the New Covenant and walk in Covenant Torah.

We know this 'scattering' is what ultimately happened. All 12 tribes were scattered to the furthest parts under heaven and essentially; the 'they' have now become the 'we.' In essence, we are reading about when He will gather us!

Deu 30:1 "And it shall be, when all these words come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you shall bring them back to your heart among all the nations where **יהוה** your Elohim drives you,

Isa 46:8 "Remember this, and show yourselves men; turn it back, you transgressors.

Deu 30:2 and shall turn back to יהוה your Elohim and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your being, you and your children,

Joe 2:12 "Yet even now," declares **יהוה**, "turn to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning."

Joe 2:13 And tear your heart and not your garments, and turn back to יהוה your Elohim, for He shows favour and is compassionate, patient, and of great loving-commitment, and He shall relent concerning the evil.

Deu 30:3 then **יהוה** your Elohim shall turn back your captivity, and shall have compassion on you, and **He shall turn back and gather you from all the peoples where יהוה your Elohim has scattered you.**

Deu 30:4 "If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under the heavens, from there **יהוה** your Elohim does gather you, and from there He does take you.

Deu 30:5 “And יהוה your Elohim shall bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. And He shall do good to you, and increase you more than your fathers.

Deu 30:6 “And יהוה your Elohim **shall circumcise your heart** and the heart of your seed, to love יהוה your Elohim with all your heart and with all your being, so that you might live,

TSK Cross-reference and other commentaries support that this section of Deuteronomy **is speaking of a greater return other than that from the Babylonian captivity.** We read:

As this promise refers to a return from a captivity among all nations, consequently it cannot be exclusively the Babylonish captivity which is intended; and the repossession of their land must be different from that which was consequent on their return from Babylon. Nor at that period could it be said that they were multiplied more than their fathers, or, as the Hebrew imports, made greater than their fathers, when after their return they were tributary to the Persians, and afterwards fell under the power of the Greeks, under whom they suffered much; nor have their hearts, as a nation, yet been circumcised. [TSK Cross-reference Commentary on Deut. 30:4]

Deu 30:7 and יהוה your Elohim shall put all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you.

Zep 3:18 “I shall gather those who grieve about the appointed time, who are among you, to whom its reproach is a burden.

Zep 3:19 “See, I am dealing with all those afflicting you at that time. And I shall save the lame, and gather those who were cast out. And I shall give them for a praise and for a name in all the earth where they were put to shame.

Deu 30:8 “And you shall turn back and obey the voice of יהוה and do all His commands which I command you today.

Deu 30:9 “And יהוה your Elohim shall make you have excess in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground for good. For יהוה turns back to rejoice over you for good as He rejoiced over your fathers,

Deu 30:10 if you obey the voice of יהוה your Elohim, to guard His commands and His laws which are written in this Book of the Torah, if you turn back to יהוה your Elohim with all your heart and with all your being.

Deu 28:11 “And יהוה shall make you to have plenty of what is good, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground, in the land of which יהוה swore to your fathers to give you.

Deu 28:12 “יהוה opens to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. And you shall lend to many nations, but you do not borrow.

Deu 28:13 “And יהוה shall make you the head and not the tail. And you shall be only on top, and not be beneath, if you obey the commands of יהוה your Elohim, which I command you today, to guard and do.

Deu 28:14 “And do not turn aside from any of the Words which I am commanding you today, right or left, to go after other mighty ones to serve them.

The Choice of Life and Death

Deu 30:11 “For this command which I am commanding you today, **it is not too hard for you, nor is it far off.**

Deu 30:12 “It is not in the heavens, to say, ‘Who shall ascend into the heavens for us, and bring it to us, and cause us to hear it, so that we do it?’

Deu 30:13 “Nor is it beyond the sea, to say, ‘Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it to us, and cause us to hear it, so that we do it?’

Deu 30:14 “For the Word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart – to do it.

Rom 10:8 But what does it say? “**The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart**” Deu 30:14 – that is, the word of belief which we are proclaiming:

Rom 10:9 That if you confess with your mouth the Master יהושע and believe in your heart that Elohim has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved.

Rom 10:10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, and so is saved.

Deu 30:15 “**See, I have set before you today life and good, and death and evil.**

1Jn 5:11 And this is the witness: that Elohim has given us everlasting life, and this life is in His Son.

1Jn 5:12 He who possesses the Son possesses life, he who does not possess the Son of Elohim does not possess life.

Deu 30:16 in that I am commanding you today to love יהוה your Elohim, to walk in His ways, and to guard His commands, and His laws, and His right-rulings. And you shall live and increase, and יהוה your Elohim shall bless you in the land which you go to possess.

Deu 30:17 “**But if your heart turns away**, and you do not obey, and shall be drawn away, and shall bow down to other mighty ones and serve them,

Heb 12:25 Take heed not to refuse the One speaking. For if those did not escape who refused the warning on earth, much less we who turn away from Him from heaven,

Deu 30:18 “I have declared to you today that you shall certainly perish, you shall not prolong your days in the land which you are passing over the Yardēn to enter and possess.

Deu 30:19 “I have called the **heavens and the earth as witnesses today against you**: I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Therefore you shall choose life, so that you live, both you and your seed,

Act 2:39 “For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are far off, as many as יהוה our Elohim shall call.”

Deu 30:20 **to love יהוה** your Elohim, to obey His voice, and to cling to Him – for He is your life and the length of your days – to dwell in the land which יהוה swore to your fathers, to אַבְרָהָם, to יִצְחָק, and to יַעֲקֹב, to give them.”

Col 3:3 For you have died, and your life has been hidden with Messiah in Elohim.

Col 3:4 When the Messiah, who is our life, is manifested, then you also shall be manifested with Him in esteem.

Psalm 119:73-96

In these verses, the psalmist is crying out to YHWH from a point of trial and distress, asking Him to save him.

The following is a story of another man speaking the words of Psalm 119. This man had been in a similar circumstance, only he had been condemned to death. His name was George Wishart, Bishop of Edinburgh in the 18th century. His story follows. How divine and timely these words were as he recited Psalms 119 from memory. Even more miraculous, was the outcome.

...Perhaps the most unusual story of the benefit to memorizing this psalm is the story of George Wishart, Bishop of Edinburgh in the 18th century. He found himself in a difficult spot as he was being condemned to death. He was confident of a pardon that had not yet arrived, even at the moment he stood on the scaffold to meet his fate. Taking advantage of the time-honored tradition of allowing the condemned man to pray a psalm, Wishart chose to recite in prayer the text of the 119th psalm. Before he was finished praying, the delayed pardon arrived and his life was spared. One can only imagine his ill fortune had he not memorized this psalm!

Psa 119:73 **Yod** Your hands have made me and formed me; Make me understand, that I might learn Your commands.

Psa 119:74 Those who fear You see me and rejoice, For I have waited for Your Word.

Psa 119:75 I know, O יהוה, That Your right-rulings are righteous, And in trustworthiness You have afflicted me.

Psa 119:76 Please let Your loving-commitment be for my comfort, According to Your word to Your servant.

Psa 119:77 Let Your compassions come to me, That I might live, **For Your Torah is my delight.**

Psa 119:78 Let the proud be put to shame, For with lies they perverted me; *But* I study Your orders.

Psa 119:79 Let those who fear You turn to me, And those who know Your witnesses.

Psa 119:80 Let my heart be perfect in Your laws, So that I am not put to shame.

Psa 119:81 **Kaph** For Your deliverance my being has pined away, For I have waited for Your word.

Psa 119:82 My eyes have pined away for Your word, Saying, “When would it comfort me?”

Psa 119:83 For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, Your laws I have not

forgotten.

Psa 119:84 How many are the days of Your servant? When do You execute right-ruling
On those who persecute me?

Psa 119:85 The proud have dug pits for me, Which is not according to Your Torah.

Psa 119:86 All Your commands are trustworthy; They have persecuted me with lies;
Help me!

Psa 119:87 They almost made an end of me on earth, But I, I did not forsake Your orders.

Psa 119:88 Revive me according to Your loving-commitment, That I might guard the
witness of Your mouth.

Psa 119:89 **Lamed** Forever, O יהוה, Your word stands firm in the heavens.

Psa 119:90 Your trustworthiness is to all generations; You established the earth,
and it stands.

Psa 119:91 According to Your right-rulings They have stood to this day, For all are
Your servants.

Psa 119:92 If Your Torah had not been my delight, I would have perished in my
affliction.

Psa 119:93 Let me never forget Your orders, For by them You have given me life.

Psa 119:94 I am Yours, save me; For I have sought Your orders.

Psa 119:95 The wrong have waited for me to destroy me; I understand Your
witnesses.

Psa 119:96 I have seen an end of all perfection; Your command is exceedingly broad.

Isaiah 57 Surrounded by Sorceries

Isa 57:1 The righteous one has perished, and no one takes it to heart. And committed men are
taken away, while no one understands that the righteous one is taken away from the presence
of evil.

Isa 57:2 he enters into peace. They who walk in integrity rest on their beds.

Isa 57:3 “But come here, you sons of the sorceress, you offspring of the adulterer and
the whore!

Isa 57:4 Against whom are you sporting? Against whom do you make a wide mouth and stick
out the tongue? **Are you not children of transgression, offspring of falsehood,**

This verse should make people think twice before posing [opening the mouth and sticking out the tongue] in such a manner. The movie and music industries are the worst to entice talented men and women to sell their souls to Satan. Pray that those ensnared repent and sincerely turn to Yahusha. The only unforgiveable sin is to reject the Ruach HaKodesh, the Holy Spirit. While a person still has breath, there is still hope through sincere repentance; but only YHWH knows the heart. Very dangerous territory.



Isa 57:5 being inflamed with mighty ones under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys, under the clefts of the rocks?

Isa 57:6 “Among the smooth stones of the stream is your portion; they, they, are your lot! Also to them you have poured a drink offering, you have offered a grain offering. Am I comforted in these?”

Isa 57:7 “On a high and lofty mountain you have set your bed. There, too, you went up to slaughter a slaughtering.

Isa 57:8 “Also behind the doors and their posts you have set up your remembrance. For you have departed from Me, and have gone up to them. You have made your bed wide and made a covenant with them. You have loved their bed, where you saw their hand.

Isa 57:9 “And you went to the sovereign with ointment, and increased your perfumes. And you sent your messengers far off, and lowered yourself even to She’ol.

Isa 57:10 “You have wearied yourselves with your many wanderings, yet you did not say, ‘I give up!’ You have found the life of your hand, therefore you were not grieved.

Isa 57:11 “And of whom have you been afraid, or feared, that you have lied and not remembered Me, nor taken it to your heart? Have I not been silent, even from of old, and you have not feared Me?”

Isa 57:12 “Let Me declare your righteousness and your works, for they do not profit you.

Isa 57:13 “**When you cry out, let your collection of idols deliver you.** But the wind shall bear them all away, a breath take them. **But he who takes refuge in Me shall inherit the land, and possess My set-apart mountain.**”

Mat 16:26 “For what is a man profited if he gains all the world, and loses his own life? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his life?”

Comfort for the Contrite

Isa 57:14 And one shall say, “Heap it up! Heap it up! Prepare the way, take the stumbling-block

out of the way of My people.”

Isa 57:15 For thus declares the high and exalted One who dwells forever, whose Name is set-apart, “I dwell in the high and set-apart place, **with him who has a bruised and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of bruised ones.**

Isa 57:16 “For I would not strive forever, nor am I wroth forever, for the spirit would grow faint before Me, even the beings I have made.”

Isa 57:17 “For the crookedness of his unfair gain I was wroth and I struck him. I hid Myself and was wroth, and he went on backsliding in the way of his heart.

Isa 57:18 “I have seen his ways, **but now I heal him, and I lead him, and restore comforts to him and to his mourners.**

Isa 57:19 creating the fruit of the lips: peace, peace to him who is far off and to him who is near,” said יהוה, “and I shall heal him.”

Isa 57:20 But the wrong are like the troubled sea, for it is unable to rest, and its waters cast up mud and dirt.

Isa 57:21 “There is no peace,” said my Elohim, “for the wrong.”

Matthew 5

The Sermon on the Mount

Mat 5:1 But when He saw the crowds, He went up on a mountain. And when He was seated His taught ones came to Him.

The Beatitudes

Mat 5:2 And having opened His mouth, He was teaching them, saying,

Mat 5:3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, because theirs is the reign of the heavens.

Luk 4:18 “The Spirit of יהוה is upon Me,^c because He has anointed Me to bring the Good News to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to send away crushed ones with a release,

Footnote: ^cSee [Isa 61:1-3](#).

Mat 5:4 “Blessed are those who mourn, because they shall be comforted.

2Co 7:9 I now rejoice, not that you were made sad, but that you were saddened into repenting. For you were made sad according to Elohim, so that you suffered no loss from us.

2Co 7:10 For sadness according to Elohim works repentance to deliverance, not to be regretted, but the sadness of the world works death.

Mat 5:5 “Blessed are the meek, because they shall inherit the earth.”^a [Psa 37:11](#).

Footnote: ^a [Psa 37:9](#), [Psa 37:11](#), [Psa 37:22](#), [Psa 37:29](#), [Psa 37:34](#).

Isa 60:21 “And **your people, all of them righteous**, shall inherit the earth forever – a branch of My planting, a work of My hands, to be adorned.

 Rom 4:13 For the promise that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham or to his seed through the Torah [the Book of the Law], **but through a righteousness of belief.**

Mat 5:6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for **righteousness**,^b because they shall be filled. Footnote: ^b [Isa 55:1-2](#), [Mat 4:4](#), [Joh 6:48-51](#).

Joh 7:37 And on the last day, the great *day* of the festival, **יהושע** stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me, and let him who believes in Me drink.

Mat 5:7 “Blessed are the compassionate, because they shall obtain compassion.

1Pe 2:10 who once were **not a people**,^f but now the **people of Elohim**;^f who had **not obtained compassion**,^f but now **obtained compassion**.^f [Hos 1:9-10](#), [Hos 2:23](#). Footnote: ^fAlso see [Isa 65:1](#), [Hos 1:9](#), [Isa 63:16](#), [Isa 64:8](#), [Rom 9:25-26](#).

Mat 5:8 “Blessed are the clean in **heart**,^c because they shall see Elohim. Footnote: ^c [Psa 24:3-4](#).

Heb 12:14 Pursue peace with all, and *pursue* apartness without which no one shall see the Master.

Heb 12:15 See to it that no one falls short of the favour of Elohim, that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, by which many become defiled,

Heb 12:16 **lest there be anyone who whores, or profane one, like Ėsaw, who for a single meal sold his birthright.**^b Footnote: ^b [Gen 25:32-33](#).

Heb 12:17 For you know that afterward, when he wished to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it with tears.

Mat 5:9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, because they shall be called sons of Elohim.

Mat 5:10 “Blessed are those persecuted for **righteousness’ sake**,^d because theirs is the reign of the heavens. Footnote: ^d [1Pe 3:14](#).

Jas 1:12 Blessed is the man who does endure trial, **for when he has been proved, he shall receive the crown of life which the Master has promised to those who love Him.**

Mat 5:11 “Blessed are you when they reproach and persecute you, and falsely say every wicked word against you, for My sake.

Mat 5:12 “Rejoice and be glad, because your reward in the heavens is great. For in this way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

1Pe 1:14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts in your ignorance,

1Pe 1:15 instead, as the One who called you is set-apart, so **you also should become set-**

apart in all behavior.

1Pe 1:16 because it has been written, **“Be set-apart, for I am set-apart.”** [Lev 11:44](#), [Lev 19:2](#).

Salt and Light

Mat 5:13 **“You are the salt of the earth**, but if the salt becomes tasteless, how shall it be seasoned? For it is no longer of any use but to be thrown out and to be trodden down by men.

2Pe 2:20 For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of the Master and Saviour **יהושע** Messiah, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the first.

2Pe 2:21 **For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness**, than having known it, to turn from the set-apart command^e delivered unto them.

Footnote: ^eThe singular “command” often means “commands” – see [1Ti 6:14](#), [Deu 17:20](#), [Psa 19:8](#).

2Pe 2:22 For them the proverb has proved true, **“A dog returns to his own vomit,”** [Pro 26:11](#) and, “A washed sow *returns* to her rolling in the mud.”

Mat 5:14 “You are the light of the world. It is impossible for a city to be hidden on a mountain.

Mat 5:15 “Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it shines to all those in the house.

Mat 5:16 “Let your light so shine before men, so that they see your good works and praise your Father who is in the heavens.

Messiah Came to Fulfill the Law

Mat 5:17 “Do not think that I came to destroy the [Torah or the Prophets](#).^e I did not come to destroy but to complete. Footnote: ^eThe Law and the Prophets is a term used for the pre-Messianic Scriptures.

Yahusha was born under the [Book of the Law](#), the ‘schoolmaster’ or ‘tutor’ that was implemented to spare the lives of the Israelites, UNTIL Yahusha would come. Only He was able to fulfill the [Book of the Law](#) requirements without fail. By fulfilling the requirements of the Law, he became our [Kinsman Redeemer](#) to adopt us as sons.

We must remember when Abraham asked YHWH for [a guarantee](#) to His promise in [Gen. 15](#), there was a **‘death penalty’ condition attached**; signified by the flaying of the animals. Afterwards, if this **conditional arm** of the promise was broken, someone would have to die.

Previously, in **Gen. 12**, YHWH had given His Word, His **unconditional** promise, to Abraham to make Him a great nation.

We know the **promised covenant** made at Mt. Sinai, approximately 400 years later, was broken within 40 days with **the sin of the golden calf**. YHWH relented from wiping the people out because Moses interceded. This did not do away with the fact that the death penalty **conditional arm** still needed to be fulfilled.

- Yahusha chose to lay down His own life for our redemption, and take it back up again. In doing so, He fulfilled the Book of the Law requirements.
- He had properly followed the priestly transference by being mikvah'd by the TRUE High Priest of the Aaronic Priesthood, **John the Immerser**. Thus, the priesthood was transferred from the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood; back to the reigning Melchizedek Priesthood. With a change of priesthood comes a change in law. [Heb. 7:12]
- The corrupt 'temple system' in Yahusha's day, chose the 'man-appointed' High Priest Caiaphas, who ends up disqualifying himself as 'high priest' by ripping His priestly garment. This clears the way for Yahusha to oversee His own crucifixion as High Priest after the order of Melchizedek. Yahusha, the spotless Lamb of Elohim, would offer His blood on the earthly altar and heavenly altar; then He sat down at the right hand of the Father. It was finished!

There would be no further need for any more blood sacrifices of bulls or goats for He made His atoning sacrifice **once and for all** for those that receive Him.

The priesthood and law transference had been completed. We are now under **the New Covenant Torah and are under the Melchizedek Priesthood**. Yahusha connected us back to the **unconditional** promise YHWH gave to Abraham! Praise Yah!

Gal 4:4 But when the completion of the time came, Elohim sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under Torah,

Gal 4:5 **to redeem those who were under Torah**, in order to receive the adoption as sons.

Mat 5:18 "For truly, I say to you, till the heaven and the earth pass away, **one yod or one tittle shall by no means pass from the Torah till all be done.**^f Footnote: ^f Luk 16:17.

Mat 5:19 **Whoever, then, breaks one of the least of these commands, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the reign of the heavens; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the reign of the heavens.**

Mat 5:20 "For I say to you, that unless your **righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees,**^g you shall by no means enter into the reign of the heavens. Footnote:

⁹See also [Mat 23:28](#), [Mat 15:3-9](#), [Mar 7:7-13](#), [Joh 7:19](#), [Act 7:53](#), [Rom 2:23-27](#), [Gal 6:13](#).

If someone disregards the finished work of Yahusha and rejects His New Covenant and still wants to hold on to the Book of the Law once administered under the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood, they diminish Yahusha’s work on the crucifixion tree, and end up trampling on His blood by returning to the ‘Book of the Law’ animal sacrifices.

Heb 10:14 For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are being set apart.

Heb 10:15 And the Set-apart Spirit also witnesses to us, for after having said before,

Heb 10:16 **“This is the covenant that I shall make with them after those days, says יהוה, giving My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I shall write them,”**^a [Jer 31:33](#).

Footnote: ^aSee also [Heb 8:8-12](#).

Heb 10:17 and, **“Their sins and their lawlessnesses I shall remember no more.”** [Jer 31:34](#).

Heb 10:18 Now where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer a slaughter *offering* for sin.

The Full Assurance of Faith

Heb 10:19 So, brothers, having boldness to enter into the Set-apart Place by the blood of יהושע,

Heb 10:20 **by a new and living way which He instituted for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,**

Heb 10:21 and *having* a High Priest over the House of Elohim,

Heb 10:22 let us draw near with a true heart in completeness of belief, having our hearts sprinkled from a wicked conscience and our bodies washed with clean water.^b Footnote: ^b[Eze 36:25](#).

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our expectation without yielding, for He who promised is trustworthy.

Heb 10:24 And let us be concerned for one another in order to stir up love and good works,^c

Footnote ^c[Mat 16:27](#).

Heb 10:25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging, and so much more as you see the day coming near.

Heb 10:26 For if we **sin purposely** after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a slaughter *offering* for sins,^d Footnote: ^dSee also [Heb 6:6](#). **This type of sinning is in contrast with sinning ignorantly** – [Heb 9:7](#), [Num 15:15-28](#).

Heb 10:27 but some fearsome anticipation of judgment, and **a fierce fire which is about to consume the opponents.** [Isa 26:11](#).

Heb 10:28 Anyone who has disregarded the Torah of Mosheh dies without compassion on the witness of two or three witnesses.

Heb 10:29 **How much worse punishment do you think shall he deserve who has trampled the Son of Elohim underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was set apart as common, and insulted the Spirit of favour?**

Heb 10:30 For we know Him who has said, **“Vengeance is Mine, I shall repay, says יהוה.”** And again, **“יהוה shall judge His people.”** [Deu 32:35-36](#).

Heb 10:31 **It is fearsome to fall into the hands of the living Elohim.**

Heb 7:11 Truly, then, if perfection were through the Lēwitical priesthood – for under it the people

were given the Torah – why was there still need for another priest to arise according to the order of Malkitsedeq, and not be called according to the order of Aharon?

Heb 7:12 For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also.

Heb 7:13 For He of whom this is said belongs to another tribe, from which no one had attended at the slaughter-place.

Anger

Mat 5:21 “You heard that it was said to those of old, ‘**You shall not murder,**’ Exo 20:13, Deu 5:17. and whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.

Mat 5:22 “But I say to you that whoever is wrath with his brother without a cause shall be liable to judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raka!’ shall be liable to the Sanhedrin. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be liable to fire of GëHinnom.

The standards of the New Covenant raised the bar in many respects. For all of us have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of YHWH. It is only by grace through faith that we receive forgiveness by the washing of the blood of the Lamb and making our garments white. Knowing this, we should be mindful to love and forgive others as He has loved and forgiven us.

Yahusha ushered in YHWH’s promise to Abraham with great esteem. The New Covenant cost Him His life. Now, we are to walk in love and forgiveness as He did for mankind; while we were all yet sinners!

Mat 5:23 “If, then, you bring your gift to the slaughter-place, and there remember that your brother holds whatever against you,

Mat 5:24 leave your gift there before the slaughter-place, and go, first make peace with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Mat 5:25 “Be well-minded with your opponent, promptly, while you are on the way with him, lest your opponent deliver you to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.

Mat 5:26 “Truly, I say to you, you shall by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.

Lust

Mat 5:27 “You heard that it was said to those of old, ‘**You shall not commit adultery.**’ Exo 20:14, Deu 5:18.

Mat 5:28 “But I say to you that everyone looking at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Again, the standard of the New Covenant raised the bar when it came to adultery. Now, by looking at someone with lustful eyes would equate to committing adultery in one's heart.

Though standards in many respects were raised by having the 'mind of Yahusha' and doing the 'will of the Father', the new Covenant ushered in forgiveness through grace by repenting when a person fell short. When we recognize those things unpleasing to YHWH; we turn from them and move forward in our walk of sanctification.

In other words, we clearly see that it is **ONLY by grace through faith** that we are saved. It is only by the blood of the Lamb that our sins are removed as far as the east is from the west. It is only through the Door, Yahusha, that we can be saved and become His kingdom of priests of every tribe, tongue, people, and nation. We are to be His set-apart people and above all show love! At the same time, we are to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. Exercise wisdom!

Mat 5:29 "And if your right eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw it away from you. For it is better for you that one of your members perish, than for your entire body to be thrown into GëHinnom.

Mat 5:30 "And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away from you. For it is better for you that one of your members perish, than for your entire body to be thrown into GëHinnom.

Divorce

Mat 5:31 "And it has been said, '**Whoever puts away his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.**' [Deu 24:1](#).

Mat 5:32 "But I say to you that whoever puts away his wife, **except for the matter of whoring,^h makes her commit adultery**. And whoever marries a woman who has been put away commits adultery. **Footnote:** ^hSee also [Mat 19:9](#) and [Deu 24:1](#).

Oaths

Mat 5:33 "Again, you heard that it was said to those of old, '**You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to יהוה.**' [Lev 19:12](#), [Num 30:2](#), [Deu 23:21](#).

Mat 5:34 "But I say to you, do not swear [**vainly**]ⁱ at all, neither by the heaven, because it is Elohim's throne; **Footnote:** ⁱShem Tob texts include 'vainly'= Hebrew: Shaw'.

Mat 5:35 nor by **the earth**, for it is His **footstool**; [Isa 66:1](#) nor by Yerushalayim, for it is **the city of the great Sovereign**; [Psa 48:2](#).

Mat 5:36 nor swear by your head, because you are not able to make one hair white or black.

Mat 5:37 “But let your word ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ be ‘No.’ And what goes beyond these is from the wicked one.

We should think before we speak. We should bring our thoughts under submission to Him. We should determine if the thought is in accordance to YHWH; in accordance to our own fleshly desire; or being influence by Satan. Our spoken or written words should be guided by His Word.

Therefore, we should listen twice as much as we speak; and when we do speak, we should carefully consider the words we choose. By staying in His Word, we will see that our thoughts, words, and deeds becoming more and more in line with His.

Retaliation

Mat 5:38 “You heard that it was said, ‘**An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth,**’^j Exo 21:24. Footnote: ^jThis was the principle for the judges to follow, while **יהושע** speaks in the next verse of our personal conduct.

Mat 5:39 but I say to you, do not resist the wicked. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.

Mat 5:40 “And he who wishes to sue you and take away your inner garment, let him have your outer garment as well.

Mat 5:41 “And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two.

Mat 5:42 “Give to him who asks of you, and from him who wishes to borrow from you, do not turn away.

There is no need to retaliate. YHWH will right all the wrongs. Vengeance belongs to Him.

Love Your Enemies

Mat 5:43 “You heard that it was said, ‘**You shall love your neighbour** Lev 19:18 and hate your enemy.’^k Footnote: ^k*Hate your enemy* was “said,” not “written.”

Mat 5:44 “But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those cursing you, do good to those hating you, and pray for those insulting you and persecuting you,

Mat 5:45 so that you become sons of your Father in the heavens. **Because He makes His sun rise on the wicked and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.**^l Footnote: ^l Luk 6:35, Act 14:16-17.

Mat 5:46 “For if you love those loving you, what reward have you? Are the tax collectors not doing the same too?

Mat 5:47 “And if you greet your brothers only, what do you do more *than others*? Are the tax collectors not doing so too?

Mat 5:48 “Therefore, **be perfect,**^m as your Father in the heavens is perfect. Footnote: ^m Gen 17:1, Psa 119:1, 1Jn 2:5, Heb 6:1.

Love covers a multitude of sins! While Yahusha hung on the crucifixion tree, He said, 'Father forgive them for they know not what they do.' Yahusha set the highest of all standards. Praise Yah for all that He has done! He is worthy! Walk faithful in Covenant Torah.

Luk 23:34 And יהושע said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." **And they divided His garments and cast lots.** [Psa 22:18](#).

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