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A Heart to Know – The Gift (Internalizing the Message of YHVH; Mankind's Potential for Good and Bad; Choose You This Day; A Different Covenant Besides the Covenant at Sinai; Guard the Words of This Covenant and Do Them; YHVH – He is God; Don't Forget YHVH Your God; A Covenant with Those Not Standing Here This Day; A Prophetic Exile from the Promised Land; The Words of YHVH is Near You – In Your Mouth and in Your Heart to Do Them; YHVH's Gift – A Heart to Know, Eyes to See, and Ears to Hear)

**February 2, 2019 – Ross Nichols**  
**A Heart to Know – The Gift**

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**TEACHING NOTES**

-Last week we were in Torah Portion Yitro and we talked on the Ten Words and our class was called "Two Tablets – On Stone & Flesh". I concluded with, these words were never to be engraved on stone to remain forever there. Rather they were to be internalized in the hearts and inward parts of a people especially chosen by YHVH, they were to be guarded, and they were to be shared. Truly, the message, must be written on the heart.

We must internalize the message of YHVH first. We are not to downplay the significance of external actions, and living and walking out and doing things that are relative to faith. However, the outward demonstration in order to be real in the eyes of God must begin on the inside. Walking according to YHVH's way requires an inner conversion, not approved by an earthly panel or one that will cost you money, this is informal in the eyes of man and can happen in an instant. It's something that takes place on the inside, a transformation event that begins in the heart. True faith is an inside job. The potential for mankind is great in a positive way. We are talking about the potential good and greatness of humanity.

-Psa 8:3-5 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

-Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

-Psa 82:6 I said, "You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you;

-We see great goodness in the world through humanity and we see great badness in the world through humanity.

-Gen 8:21 And when YHVH smelled the pleasing aroma, YHVH said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done.

-Humanity has within us two possibilities, the potential for bad or good. Torah and scripture in general presents man with a choice, choose you this day. Choose between

good and blessing and life and bad and cursing and death. How many times did Moses say, I set before you this day, good, blessing, and life, on the other hand, bad, cursing, and death. Choose Life! We must choose. Scripture notes, before a child knows to do good or bad, lets us know that we have not inherited a sinful nature. Some passages in scripture give us pause about the heart of man, the heart condition, and its potential for bad.

-Gen 6:5 YHVH saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

-Jer 17:9-10 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? "I YHVH search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."

-We can have a heart to know. In Deuteronomy chapter 5 he is recalling that great thing and by the time we get to Deuteronomy 29 there is another covenant which is different than that covenant. The covenant we are talking about today is not the covenant at Sinai, which is the ten words, written on two stone tablets with the finger of God. We are not talking about that covenant. Today we will talk about a covenant that God made with the people besides that covenant.

-Deu 29:1 These are the words of the covenant that YHVH commanded Moses to make with the people of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant that he had made with them at Horeb.

-Deu 29:2-3 And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them: "You have seen all that YHVH did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, the great trials that your eyes saw, the signs, and those great wonders.

-Deu 29:4 But to this day YHVH has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear.

-These three things are lacking in the group which saw the great signs and wonders and destruction of Egypt and Pharaoh. They lack a heart to know, eyes to see, and ears to hear. The journey through the wilderness was for a very specific reason and led them to this point.

-Deu 29:5-6 I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn off your feet. You have not eaten bread, and you have not drunk wine or strong drink, that you may know that I am YHVH your God.

-These people experienced miracles, they were fed miraculously, manna from heaven, and they saw great miracles and things. The reason for all of that was so that they might know and then Moses tells them they don't have a heart to know, you don't have eyes to see, and you don't have ears to hear unto this day. The whole purpose of all of that was that they might recognize that YHVH, he is God.

-Many of the stories in the Exodus account said, that Pharaoh might know YHVH. It was all about showing his great power and his great name and to make him known. His name became known through this great event. These people lived through this event and yet they didn't have a heart to know, eyes to see, or ears to hear.

-Deu 29:9 Therefore keep the words of this covenant and do them, that you may prosper in all that you do.

-You are to guard the words of this covenant, a covenant besides the one at Sinai, and do them. If you do, you will have insight into everything that you do.

-Psa 119:18 Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

-Deu 8:1-3 "The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that YHVH swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that YHVH your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of YHVH.

-God led them these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble them, testing them to know what was in their heart, whether they would keep his commandments or not. YHVH was testing them throughout this journey to see whether or not the commandments were in their heart. This all took place after the commandments were written on stone.

-Deu 8:11-17 "Take care lest you forget YHVH your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then your heart be lifted up, and you forget YHVH your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.'

-The idea is that our heart needs to be right, you are going into this land and you will inherit things you didn't build, don't get puffed up in your heart. He is looking to see whether the commandments are written on the heart.

-Deu 29:10-15 "You are standing today all of you before YHVH your God: the heads of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, all the men of Israel, your little ones, your wives, and the sojourner who is in your camp, from the one who chops your wood to the one who draws your water, so that you may enter into the sworn covenant of YHVH your God, which YHVH your God is making with you today, that he may establish you today as his people, and that he may be your God, as he promised you, and as he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. It is not with you alone that I am making this sworn covenant, but with whoever is standing here with us today before YHVH our God, and with whoever is not here with us today.

-Did you follow the purposes contained in this passage about this particular covenant and this particular oath? In context we are talking about a covenant besides the covenant at Sinai. This covenant is with those who are standing with us this day and with those who are not standing here with us this day. These things that are wrong in the heart ultimately bring on the curses. These words that we read in Deuteronomy 29 and 30 are not history as we understand history. What is taking place here is prophesy.

-Deu 29:25-28 Then people will say, 'It is because they abandoned the covenant of YHVH, the God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them out of the land of Egypt, and went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods whom they had not known and whom he had not allotted to them. Therefore the anger of YHVH was

kindled against this land, bringing upon it all the curses written in this book, and YHVH uprooted them from their land in anger and fury and great wrath, and cast them into another land, as they are this day.'

-These verses are describing an exile of the children of Israel, from the land they were rooted out. This is prophetic, they haven't even made it into the land yet. We are talking about a covenant besides the covenant at Sinai and the words of this covenant are looking into this as a prophetic idea.

-Deu 29:29 "The secret things belong to YHVH our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

-Deu 30:1-6 "And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where YHVH your God has driven you, and return to YHVH your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, then YHVH your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where YHVH your God has scattered you. If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there YHVH your God will gather you, and from there he will take you. And YHVH your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. And YHVH your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love YHVH your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

-During the covenant at Sinai, God tells the people, circumcise your heart. In Deuteronomy 10 we are talking about a different covenant besides the covenant at Sinai. It says, God himself will circumcise the people and the heart of their children so that they might do these words.

-Deu 30:9-10 YHVH your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For YHVH will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers, when you obey the voice of YHVH your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, when you turn to YHVH your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

-Deu 30:11-14 "For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

-If the word of YHVH is only in your mouth, you probably can't do it. If it's only in our speech, or just talk about it when we lie down or when we rise up, when we are in our home or written on the doorpost of our house and our gates but if it's not in your heart you're not doing it. It must be in the mouth and in the heart.

-Deu 6:6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

-Deu 11:18 "You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

-Deu 32:46 he said to them, "Take to heart all the words by which I am warning you today, that you may command them to your children, that they may be careful to do all the words of this law.

-Psa 37:31 The law of his God is in his heart; his steps do not slip.

-Isa 51:7 "Listen to me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear not the reproach of man, nor be dismayed at their revilings.

-We are talking about a different covenant besides the one at Sinai, this great thing, the covenant which was written in stone with the finger of God. This different covenant is intended to be written on the heart. If the words are only in your mouth and not in your heart, it's not good enough.

-Isa 29:13-14 And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

-The people, because they drew near and gave only lip service and their hearts were far removed from them, God said he would do a marvelous work in them. The wisdom of their wise men will perish. Because people have not gotten this message on the inside look at the result.

-Jer 12:2 You plant them, and they take root; they grow and produce fruit; you are near in their mouth and far from their heart.

-Jeremiah is relating to YHVH what's wrong with this people. Their mouth is closed but their heart is far.

-Deu 29:2-4 And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them: "You have seen all that YHVH did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, the great trials that your eyes saw, the signs, and those great wonders. But to this day YHVH has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear.

-Why do you think that was? I believe the answer is found in this passage. YHVH has not given you a heart to know, and eyes to see, and ears to hear unto this day.

-Let me tell you about a gift that YHVH is going to give in this covenant that we are talking about. YHVH will give a heart to know. You all know from the least to the greatest. I'm talking about a covenant which is besides the covenant at Sinai which will enable God's people to at long last be who it is that God has called them to be. He said that YHVH had not yet given them a heart to know, eyes to see, and ears to hear to this day.

-When we read Deuteronomy we see that we are talking about a different covenant and given a prophetic look ahead. We are looking past the sins and failures of the people, we are looking past the exile. He is looking past the people who are standing before him at that day and at that time. He is addressing a people today.

-Jer 31:31-33 "Behold, the days are coming, declares YHVH, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares YHVH. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares YHVH: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

-People in Torah Faith, and Tanakh only get a little nervous and try to explain away some of this language. Not like the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them out of the land of Egypt. There is a covenant coming that is described throughout scripture which is different covenant. It's not enough to have the words of covenant etched in stone if you are going to leave them there.

-Jer 3:16 And when you have multiplied and been fruitful in the land, in those days, declares YHVH, they shall no more say, "The ark of the covenant of YHVH." It shall not come to mind or be remembered or missed; it shall not be made again.

-If you needed the Ark of the Covenant or the Ten Commandments written on stone, Jeremiah tells us it's gone. If you trust in a temple, there's no temple. Even if they did, would that fix it. You can build the most beautiful building but if God's covenant is not on your heart it won't mean anything. YHVH's covenant involves more than words.

-Next week we are going to talk about very specific things about the new covenant from scripture, we will talk about the Holy Spirit and how essential it is in this covenant. We will talk about salvation and things that you think you never would have heard again but we are going to do it from the context of the Hebrew Bible. What I'm talking about is a better covenant, with better promises, and it's called a new covenant for a specific reason.

Shabbat Shalom and Shavua Tov; See you next week!

### **THIS WEEK IN TORAH**

FEBRUARY 2, 2019

This week's Torah Portion Mishpatim: "Judgments" (Exodus 21:1 - 24:18) The civil law; Jewish bondsmen; Laws about slaves; Sale of a daughter; Murder and manslaughter; Killing a slave; Penalty for Bodily Injury; Laws of restitution; Death caused by an animal; A pit; An animal damaging property; One who steals livestock; Self-defense; Payment for theft; Damages caused by livestock; Laws of Shomrim; A borrower; Seduction; Sensitivity to the helpless and abandoned; The commandment to extend free loans; Laws about social justice; Integrity of the judicial process; Laws about the Sabbath and festivals; The Sabbaths of the land and the week, The three pilgrimage festivals, The promise of swift passage to and conquest of the land, Conquest of Canaan promised; The covenant confirmed; We will do and we will obey; Prophecy at the mountain.

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