

WORDS OF WISDOM

Chapter Four

Just listening to words of wisdom does nothing to guarantee an improvement in our lives. For the Children of Israel this also holds true. Just reading the bible does very little to improve our lives. I know of many people who have read the bible, but it has had no effect on their thinking or made improvements in their lives. How many times did Israel as a people gather before Moshe to hear spoken words of wisdom, but not allot changed for the better? How many Kings of Israel read and heard the words of wisdom given via the Torah but it made no difference to their behaviour? Listening to and reading words of wisdom give no guarantees of change.

For words of wisdom to bring change and provide a person or a people with the foundations to build a blessed life, those same individuals or peoples must absorb the message, understand it and employ the instructions given. A farmer can be told over and over not to allow weeds to infest a crop, but if he doesn't understand what a weed is, or ignores these words of wisdom, his crop will suffer greatly. There is enough scientific evidence to point out the risks and foolishness in smoking but how many people still smoke? The fact of the matter is, words of wisdom can be given, but often those words fall on deaf ears.

Many people will disagree, but the fact of the matter is that there is no wisdom that can be compared to the wisdom of HaShem, the Holy One of Israel, blessed be He. This then transfers to the fact that there are no better words of wisdom to be found than those spoken by Yeshua and those found within the Torah. Every Child of HaShem should endeavour to listen, understand, absorb and employ the words of wisdom given by HaShem. The beauty about the counsel found in the Word of HaShem, is that it provides all mankind with the best counsel available not matter the timeframe or the people. The sad fact is most fail to seek this counsel, and if they stumble upon it, ignore or ridicule it. Sadder still is that most who would see themselves as Children of Israel likewise ignore or ridicule it. Yeshua and His Talmidim had this challenge with those who saw themselves as Children of HaShem. This challenge resulted in the many arguments and discussions that were had amongst the religious Jews of

the time. This challenge is still very alive today. We have religious Jews who want nothing to do with Yeshua, thus in the opinion of this author causes many of them to pollute the wisdom of HaShem. We have the Christian Church who want nothing to do with the Torah, thus it causes them to pollute and change the wisdom of HaShem and misunderstand Yeshua HaMoshiach. Both faiths [Judaism and Christianity] have failed to fully absorb the words of wisdom given by HaShem. However, in saying this HaShem obviously knew this to be the case and has blessed both faiths and has used them to bring about His purposes for His Children. None the less we must not allow this to be an excuse to continue in our present condition unwilling to hear/shama the words of wisdom given us by HaShem.

A famous Jew who was and is hated by some and was and is loved and upheld by others once wrote the following.

“All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.” 2Timothy 3:16 [NASB]

As we remind our students enrolled in JSIU, the only scriptures available now was the Tanach/Old Testament, with the Torah of Moshe as the foundational documents for educating the Children of Israel. There was no “New Testament” now or when Yeshua walked the earth. So, when Yeshua spoke words of wisdom or when the Talmidim wrote or spoke words of wisdom they were founded upon Torah and the understanding came from the Torah of Moshe. The Master Yeshua said:

“.....you are to love ADONAI your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. This is the greatest and most important mitzvah. And a second is like it. You are to love your neighbour as yourself. All the Torah and the Prophets are dependent on these two mitzvoth.” Matthew 22:37-40 [CJB]

“.... you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.” Matthew 22:37-40 [NASB]

These are words of wisdom from the Master Himself, obviously coming straight from the Torah.

“And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.” Deuteronomy 6:5 [NASB]

*“You shall not take vengeance, not bear any grudge against the sons of your people, **but you shall love your neighbour as yourself; I am the LORD.**” Leviticus 19:18 [NASB]*

I would ask that you consider something that is vital; something that the Christian Church ignores almost completely. Without the Torah [instructions from HaShem] how do you know how to fulfil the commandments given by Yeshua? How do you **love** the Lord your God? Do you love according to today's understanding of love? Do you love according to the understanding and meaning given via other faiths such as Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Satanism and other countless faiths? Do you do it according to your own understanding, an understanding that will be flawed? Just how do you go about **loving** HaShem with all your **heart, soul and mind**? Well there is only one source that will give you the information required, enabling you to understand absorb and employ the commandments. The source is Yeshua and Torah! Let me “bang the table” a little. You will not understand the words of Yeshua without knowledge and understanding of Torah. This in turn means you cannot **love** HaShem without embracing both HaMoshiach and Torah. This also goes for the commandment to **love** your neighbour. Surely this is not too hard for us to hear, absorb and employ!

Yeshua told us that it is **loving** HaShem and our neighbours that is the foundation of all the Torah/commandments/instructions and the Prophets. This being the case surely we have an obligation to search and seek words of wisdom from the instructions that HaShem has for all His children. As fallen sinful humans we do not understand how to love God or our neighbour. We are in desperate need of life lessons on how to love God, neighbour and fellow humans. This is impossible unless we receive instructions or words of wisdom from HaShem Himself. We do have a wonderful example of the love HaShem gives when we consider the death of our Moshiach Yeshua. We talk a lot about love, but when it comes to action we lack much. This is not meant to demean our levels of love, but we have opportunity and room to improve our understanding of love through searching and seeking words of wisdom from the Master. These

lessons need to be drawn from all of scripture, starting at what is known as the Book of Genesis or Bereisheet through to the Book of Revelation. The essential ingredient to understanding words of wisdom from HaShem is knowledge and understanding of the Torah of Moshe. I realise I repeat this many times but we fail to appreciate the fact of this matter, so repetition is required until we embrace the Torah of Moshe and Moshiach Yeshua as our road map for life. Be encouraged the Word of HaShem is waiting to supply you with countless words of wisdom.

May the grace, love and wisdom of HaShem and Yeshua HaMoshiach be with you!

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