

# WORDS OF WISDOM.

## Chapter Twenty.

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As a nation, we are told by HaShem to make sure our leaders are those who will not distort justice, not be partial or take bribes. We are told that we are to pursue Godly justice and worship no other God than HaShem.

*<sup>18</sup> Thou shalt appoint judges and magistrates in all thy gates, which the Lord thy God shall give thee, in all thy tribes: that they may judge the people with just judgment,*

*<sup>19</sup> And not go aside to either part. Thou shalt not accept person nor gifts: for gifts blind the eyes of the wise, and change the words of the just.*

*<sup>20</sup> Thou shalt follow justly after that which is just: that thou mayst live and possess the land, which the Lord thy God shall give thee.*

*<sup>21</sup> Thou shalt plant no grove, nor any tree near the altar of the Lord thy God:*

*<sup>22</sup> Neither shalt thou make nor set up to thyself a statue: which things the Lord thy God hateth. Deuteronomy 16:18-22 [DRA]*

We used to play a game at school called, “Follow the leader”, and it was focused on engaging in activities such as running, jumping, climbing etc. Whatever the “leader” did the others followed. This “game” is played out in our societies and communities. Rules are established and the people are supposed to follow those rules. Politics is all about “follow the leader”, with each political party vying for your vote.

Which “party” should we people of Israel be supporting and which Leader should we follow? Our answer should be the “Biblical Party”, and our Leader is none other than HaShem, the Holy One of Israel, blessed be He. If this is the case, then should it not be fair to expect those who choose to join such a party to follow and embrace the “tenants” of that Party? Not only that, but perhaps more importantly, should not one expect that the “servant

leaders” of such a party abide by the constitution set down by HaShem the Founder and Leader of our Party? Should we Children of Israel have faith in our Leader and thus be faithful to that Leader? Absolutely we should! yet only if we acknowledge HaShem as that Leader. One of the issues that we must confront within the Party is the lack of faithfulness to HaShem and His constitution. Whilst we have had “servant leaders” that have been faithful to the constitution, we have had far more who have strayed from the very foundation of the Party. An historical study of our past Kings will quickly confirm this. Fortunately, there have always been “7000” souls that have not bowed down to Baal, and have resisted the bribes on offer that distort Godly judgements and justice.

None the less, sadly we have many in the Party who have taken positions of supposed “servant leaders”, who show greater faithfulness to the tenants of outside “parties” than to the constitution of HaShem. I do not understand this. There is no better constitution for mankind than Torah. There is no better Leader than HaShem and His “Servant Son” Yeshua, yet we continue to ignore both and set down our own “party” rules. This would not be so ugly if we didn’t claim that our own rules as the constitution of HaShem.

My experience as a farmer confirms the importance of a good “shepherd/leader”. If the “flock” is neglected then sickness, hunger and disease will enter. We need to be constantly reminded that it is the Torah, as lived by Yeshua, that protects the Party/Flock. Shepherds/leaders who try and employ “policies” from other parties are neglecting the Children of Israel. Unfortunately, we witness this far too often. Sadly, we also witness some who install the “Party” policies, but neglect the compassion that should be employed with it. It could be said these employ the letter of the Torah, but neglect the spirit of Torah. As with all medication, if it is dispensed incorrectly it can cause enormous damage.

As time passes it is very probable that the temptation to take “bribes” and “gifts” from those who want to pervert our faith and faithfulness will increase. Decisions will be made and lives will be changed. It is vital we defend the tenants of our biblical faith, and reject the policies of those who would destroy our nation. It is important that we hold onto the “nail scarred” hand of Yeshua, as we require His strength, guidance and encouragement to fulfil our role within the “Party”.

*“He who is often reproved, yet stiffens his neck, will suddenly be broken beyond healing. When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule, the people groan. He who loves wisdom makes his father glad, but a companion of prostitutes squanders his wealth. By justice a king builds up the land, but he who exacts gifts tears it down.” Proverbs 29:1-4 [ESV]*

*“And He said to them, “Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, and it is written, ‘This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far away from Me. But in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men’. Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men.”*

When a supposed Child of Israel, who has good knowledge of HaShem’s Word, teaches the precepts of men over the commandments of HaShem, then you can be sure that one has been influenced by bribes and gifts. This is a well known tactic from the enemy. Satan was very successful with this tactic in the Garden of Eden, when his promotion of a gift was accepted by Chava and Adam, resulting in sin.

It is only through living Torah and following in the footsteps of Yeshua, showing faithfulness to HaShem, can we become a united “Party” that can not only change our nation, but in fact change the world. We must muster the energy and enthusiasm to continue the journey that HaShem has set down before us. Let us encourage one another with words of Torah, the very words of Yeshua HaMoshiach.

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