



Message 9-8-18
Nitzavim-You Are Standing
Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20
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Introduction

Moses summons all of Israel – men, women, children, and the sojourner (Ger) – to ratify the covenant. Indeed, this new covenant is so inclusive that it reaches beyond those present at the time.

Deuteronomy 30:11-20

11 "For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. ¹² 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?' ¹³ 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?' ¹⁴ But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it. ¹⁵ **"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.** ¹⁶ **If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.** ¹⁷ **But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them,** ¹⁸ **I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish.** You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore, choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them." (ESV)

This week's portion covers where we are told that we are to follow His covenant, and it applies to everyone who was gathered there that day and for all future generations. Too many people try to claim there is a difference between the covenant of Torah and the covenant Yeshua gave to us. There is no difference because both what Moses received from Yehovah and Yeshua taught to His followers were the same, and that covenant is still valid today. We were not under the "law" and then somehow under grace when Yeshua was revealed in His first coming. The word "law" is so misleading because even some Jews do not understand what it means. It means teaching and instruction from our heavenly Father through His Son Messiah Yeshua. Yeshua is the beginning and the end

of Torah, which means He never had a beginning, and He will not have an end. He has always been with His Father who “loaned” Him to us to put His covenant in motion. It was Yeshua’s responsibility to clear up the misunderstandings people had about the Torah and how the Torah and love fit into the Father’s plan. Moses spent forty years of his life ,teaching Torah to the Children of Israel, and in the end, the generation that came out of bondage in Egypt, twenty years of age and up, died in the wilderness of Sinai because they could not understand the heart of Torah.

Even in our day, people still struggle with understanding what the Holy One expects from His children, or they try to separate Torah from love and being under the law instead being in covenant with Him through His Son Yeshua. Redemption is shown to us in the Torah, and it is not through the sacrificing of animals. That teaches us that no matter how animals you offer up to Him, it will never be enough for what it is He is asking. He asks that we enter a covenant in the same way He entered covenants with our ancestors. It has always been one covenant, and it is not just a covenant of being under the law or being under grace. Moshiach Yeshua fulfilled both parts of what so many see as two very different covenants when they are the same. It is the love of God shown to us through the sacrifice of His Son Yeshua and the obedience of Yeshua to what His Father desired from Him. The blood of a perfect man had to be offered up on the altar, and this was Yeshua, the sinless human who became like us but was so different. He showed us the ultimate love in shedding His blood to cleanse the way between the Father and us. This was to bring us back into covenant with Him, so we could learn how to live a life of love based on Torah, which contains the teachings of God. Love and Torah come together in perfect harmony with both parts needed to bring the covenant to fruition.

Isaiah 62:6-12

6 On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent. You who put the LORD in remembrance, take no rest, ⁷ and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth. ⁸ The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: "I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink your wine for which you have labored; ⁹ but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in the courts of my sanctuary." ¹⁰ Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples. ¹¹ Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." ¹² And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken. (ESV)

We become, through Torah and faith in Messiah, the Redeemed of the Lord, a Holy People. We shall dwell in harmony in the New Jerusalem when Messiah comes the second time. The Jewish people, who are looking for the first coming of Messiah, will get the surprise of their lives when they look upon the one whom they have pierced, and not only them but the rest of humanity as well. Many will recognize Him and turn away for their own reasons. Many will know Him and come to Him to be forgiven, Jew and the nations coming together as one people. It will be the beginning of the Messianic Age when

Yeshua takes His place upon the throne in Jerusalem to rule over the world. It will be a time of teaching and separating the wheat from the chaff. Torah will be the rule, and it will be administered by the hand of the Messiah. Man will be put through a time of testing like never before. All of this will lead to the final battle of Gog and Magog. Don't be misled because I believe that Armageddon comes first and then Gog and Magog. It's quite possible I could be wrong. Prophecy sometimes rears its head and bites you where it hurts to show you not to put all your eggs into one basket.

Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. (ESV)

The coming of Messiah Yeshua will be twice. He came as our king in all humility riding a donkey or more correctly a colt, the foal of a donkey. This threw off everyone because they wanted the Moshiach to come in all His might and power bringing the word of righteousness over all the earth. They all missed it because, in fact, He did come as a king should first in humility upon entering the calling of the kingship. He rode a colt, the offspring of a donkey, possibly showing us, He had to break the colt first, as He has to break us, so we learn to hear the voice of the Father through His Son Yeshua.

John 14:1-10

1 "Don't let yourselves be disturbed. Trust in God and trust in me. **2** In my Father's house are many places to live. If there weren't, I would have told you; because I am going there to prepare a place for you. **3** Since I am going and preparing a place for you, I will return to take you with me; so that where I am, you may be also. **4** Furthermore, you know where I'm going; and you know the way there." **5** T'oma said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you're going; so how can we know the way?" **6** Yeshua said, "I AM the Way- and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through me. **7** Because you have known me, you will also know my Father; from now on, you do know him- in fact, you have seen him." **8** Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it will be enough for us." **9** Yeshua replied to him, "Have I been with you so long without your knowing me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" **10** Don't you believe that I am united with the Father, and the Father united with me? What I am telling you, I am not saying on my own initiative; the Father living in me is doing his own works. (CJB)

Before Yeshua left His disciples, He taught them many things opening their minds to understand the word of God. Yeshua needed to leave so the *Ruach HaKodesh* could be released in all its power to help the disciples and all those who would come to follow Yeshua in the millennia to come. He told them to trust in God and to trust in Him because when they have seen Him, they have seen the Father, yet they still did not understand because their minds had not yet grasped the concept of a God-head or how God could there be one and yet three. Yeshua told them He did not do anything on His own. He told them the Father living in Him is doing His own works. Who is Yeshua? Who is the Father? Who is God? In verse six Yeshua says, "I AM the Way – and the Truth and the Life." The

Greek word used here for **I am** also means **I exist**. God is and has always been since before there was anything else. He was not created – He did the creating! How?

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Meaning: *I exist, I am*

Colossians 1:14 It is through his Son that we have redemption- that is, our sins have been forgiven. ¹⁵ **He is the visible image of the invisible God. He is supreme over all creation,** ¹⁶ **because in connection with him were created all things- in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, lordships, rulers or authorities- they have all been created through him and for him.** ¹⁷ He existed before all things, and he holds everything together. ¹⁸ Also he is head of the Body, the Messianic Community- he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might hold first place in everything. ¹⁹ For it pleased God to have his full being live in his Son ²⁰ and through his Son to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace through him, through having his Son shed his blood by being executed on a stake. ²¹ In other words, you, who at one time were separated from God and had a hostile attitude towards him because of your wicked deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in the Son's physical body through his death; in order to present you holy and without defect or reproach before himself- ²³ provided, of course, that you continue in your trusting, grounded and steady, and don't let yourselves be moved away from the hope offered in the Good News you heard. This is the Good News that has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven; and I, Sha'ul, have become a servant of it. (CJB)

Deuteronomy 18:18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. (ESV)

This is the prophet who was to come after Moses. A greater prophet than Moses was Yeshua. But how, you ask? Because He was not a prophet but the Son of the Living God!

Torah Man says: "Only he who sees the invisible can do the impossible."

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua,

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