Leviticus 26:1-16 The Blessings of Obeying the Law

Obeying the Law of YeHoVaH has its benefits, blessings, and privileges. YeHoVaH provided a variety of incentives and motivations that covered every aspect of community life for all who had wisdom to see the importance of keeping His Commandments.

Listen in as YeHoVaH instructs Moses to share the benefits, motivations, and blessings of obeying His Law to the Children of Israel and those who joined themselves to the Commonwealth of Israel.

From the Exodus of Egypt to entering the Promised Land, the Law of YeHoVaH was the Constitution that was given by YeHoVaH to govern the people of Israel and guarantee the blessings of YeHoVaH to all those who obeyed.

Lev 26:1 Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up *any* image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I *am* the LORD your God.

No idols

Graven image Standing image

The New Testament connects idolatry to covetousness, and that idolaters will not inherit the Kingdom.

^{Eph 5:5} For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an <u>idolater</u>, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Messiah and of God.

Idolaters – 1496 εἰδωλολάτρης eidololatres {i-do-lol-at'-race}

Meaning: 1) a worshipper of false gods, a idolater 1a) used of any one even Messiahian, participant in any way in the worship of the heathen, esp. one who attends their sacrificial feasts and eats of the remains of offered victims 2) a covetous man as a worshipper of Mammon

Usage: AV - idolater 7; 7

^{1Co 6:9} Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor <u>idolaters</u>, nor <u>adulterers</u>, nor <u>effeminate</u>, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

One of the fastest growing idolatries in the earth today is the redefining of marriage and gender. What was once a heterosexual, or straight person, who is sexually or romantically attracted exclusively to people of the opposite sex: Has Been Twisted!

What used to be a person who identifies with their sex at birth has been redefined as Cisgender. According to the Dictionary:

Cisgender is a term that describes a person's <u>gender identity</u>, **not their sexual or romantic attractions**. People who are <u>cisgender may or may not be straight</u>. People who are straight are either heterosexual or heteroromantic. This means that they have a sexual or romantic attraction to a person who is of a different gender than their own.

The lgbtq+ community has hijacked pronouns.

What used to be he/his/him has been redefined as they/them/theirs. What used to be she/her/hers is now ze/hir/hirs.

The government, schools, Hollywood, media, and society is aggressively trying to reeducate its societies into accepting their lies.

The media makes a big deal of someone "coming out".

New release Movies are almost guaranteed to have some reference to lgbtq+ lifestyles, trying to make it normal.

^{1Co 6:10} Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Lev 26:2 Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD.

Sabbaths include:

7th day Weekly Sabbaths Annual Sabbaths during the Feasts Seventh Year Land Sabbath Year of Jubilee Land Sabbath

The Sanctuary was the Tabernacle.

Sanctuary – **04720** איז (mik-dawsh') or מקדָש miqqedash (Ex. 15:17) (mik-kedawsh') **Meaning:** 1) sacred place, sanctuary, holy place 1a) sanctuary 1a1) of the temple 1a2) of the tabernacle 1a3) of Ezekiel's temple 1a4) of Jehovah **Usage:** AV - sanctuary 69, holy place 3, chapel 1, hallowed part 1; 74

Lev 26:3 If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

Statutes – **02708** אָקָה chuqqah {khook-kaw'} **Meaning:** 1) statute, ordinance, limit, enactment, something prescribed 1a) statute **Usage:** AV - statute 77, ordinance 22, custom 2, appointed 1, manners 1, rites 1; 104

Commandments – **04687** מִצְוָה mitsvah {mits-vaw'} **Meaning:** 1) commandment 1a) commandment (of man) 1b) the commandment (of God) 1c) commandment (of code of wisdom) **Usage:** AV - commandments 177, precept 4, commanded 2, law 1, ordinances 1; 181

When speaking to Isaac, YeHoVaH commended Abraham by saying:

Ge 26:5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

People talk about the Law versus faith like Abraham was before the Law, but what they fail to talk about are these facts about him:

Abraham obeyed/listened/hearkened to YeHoVaH's voice. Abraham kept/observed YeHoVaH's charge. Abraham kept/observed YeHoVaH's Commandments. Abraham kept/observed YeHoVaH's Statutes. Abraham kept/observed YeHoVaH's Law.

As Abraham was by faith, so should we be.

Obeying YeHoVaH's Commandments is the key to His blessings.

Lev 26:4 Then I will give you <u>rain in due season</u>, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

Rain in season:

Land will yield its increase. Trees shall yield their fruit.

Too much rain causes a flood and can destroy a crop. Not enough rain can cause a famine and destroy a crop.

Whether you are a farmer or not, our food comes from farmers, or we grow our own food. Vegetarian, vegan, or carnivore, we depend on produce from crops and animals for our food and survival.

If there is a famine because of no rain, we all suffer because of food shortage, and the increased price of food because of the shortage.

Lev 26:5 And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.

From threshing the corn, to harvesting the fruit of the vine, till sowing time, shall the land produce. The people will eat in abundance and dwell safely and protected in the land.

Obeying YeHoVaH's Commands produces peace in the land and in the lives of the people.

Lev 26:6 And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make *you* afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.

YeHoVaH assured their safety from wild animals and defeat in war. The enemies of Israel will not be able to stand against them.

Lev 26:7 And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. Lev 26:8 And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

YeHoVaH would show respect, make Israel fruitful, and cause Israel to multiply as He establishes His covenant with Israel.

Lev 26:9 For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.

There will always be plenty to eat.

Lev 26:10 And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new.

YeHoVaH's Tabernacle would be amongst Israel as His presence was in the midst.

Lev 26:11 And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. YeHoVaH would walk amongst Israel; and Israel would be His people. Lev 26:12 And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.

YeHoVaH continually reminds Israel that He is the One who brought our ancestors out of Egypt. YeHoVaH does not want His people to be bondsmen to anyone.

Lev 26:13 I *am* the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bondmen; and I have broken the bands of your yoke, and made you go upright.

By delivering Israel from bondage and slavery, He broke the band of their yoke. By giving Israel His Law He is making them to walk upright.

Much of what is written in this Chapter is included in the blessings of Deuteronomy 28.

The Law of YeHoVaH contains both blessings and curses, life and death.

^{Dt 30:1} When all these blessings and curses I have set before you come upon you and you take them to heart wherever the LORD your God disperses you among the nations,

^{Dt 30:19} This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live:

The blessings and life of the Law came by obeying the Law of YeHoVaH. The curses and death of the Law came by disobeying the Law of YeHoVaH.

Paul wrote:

The wages of sin is death.

^{Ro 6:23} For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Yeshua Messiah our Lord.

John wrote:

Sin is the transgression of the Law.

^{1Jn 3:4} Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

Keeping the Law of YeHoVaH ensured YeHoVaH would fight on our behalf and secured the promises of prosperity and success in the life of the Believers as He spoke to Joshua.

^{Jos 1:5} There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, *so* I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

^{Jos 1:6} Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them.

^{Jos 1:7} Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it *to* the right hand or *to* the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

^{Jos 1:8} This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Yeshua demonstrated, in His life as the Son of YeHoVaH and as our High Priest, the importance of obeying YeHoVaH and became the author of eternal security to all those who obeyed Him.

^{Heb 5:7} Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

^{Heb 5:8} Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; ^{Heb 5:9} And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

Heb 5:10 Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

As Kings and Priests, we serve YeHoVaH, Yeshua being our High Priest.

^{Rev 1:5} And from Yeshua Messiah, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

^{Rev 1:6} And hath made us <u>kings and priests **unto God** and his Father</u>; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

^{1Jn 5:3} For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

^{2Jn 1:6} And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

Rev 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Yeshua Messiah.

^{Rev 14:12} Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Yeshua.

Rev 22:14 Blessed *are* they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

^{Rev 22:15} For without *are* dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and <u>idolaters</u>, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

The flip side of obedience is disobedience. The flip side of life is death.

The flip side of blessings is curses.

Lev 26:14 But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments; Lev 26:15 And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, *but* that ye break my covenant:

Lev 26:16 I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.