

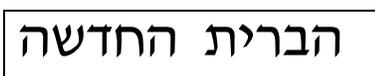


Nitzzavim

(standing)

Devarim [Deuteronomy] 29:9-30:20

In English Scriptures 29:10-30:20



HaB'rit HaChadashah

(the new covenant)

Timote'os Bet [2nd Timothy] 3:10-17

We have chosen this portion from the Brit, because it reminds us of that part in the Parasha that says that the revealed things belong to us and our children forever, so that we may keep and do all the words of His Torah.

Following

Timote'os Bet [2nd Timothy] 3:10

In truth you went after following my teaching, and following my conduct, and following my will, and following my faith, and following my spirit, and following my love, and following my patience,

Shaul set a good example for Timote'os to follow. We should also follow this same example, which is also in Mashiach Yeshua. He is our ultimate example, one that is truly worthy of following.

Yochanan [John] 13:15

"For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."

And just exactly what is it that Yeshua did for us? He humbled Himself, even to the point of death. How many times have we seen men trying to elevate themselves over their brothers in an effort to be a leader? Yet, the leadership example of Mashiach Yeshua is one in which He laid down His life for His

brethren. This is the mark of a true leader from YHWH; one that cannot be missed. It is not one of “me” first, but that one in which it puts others before self.

YHWH Delivers

Timote'os Bet [2nd Timothy] 3:11

And following my persecutions, and following my sufferings. What things befell me in Antiokyah and in 'Iyqanon, and in Lust'rah; what persecutions I endured. And out of them all Adonai delivered me.

YHWH will deliver us through our persecutions and sufferings, if we trust and obey Him. He will see us through them. He may not remove us from these things. But He will give us the strength and courage to endure them as He perfects the image of His Son, Yeshua, in each one of us.

We should not be surprised that we are persecuted as we will discuss a little more below.

Persecution

Timote'os Bet [2nd Timothy] 3:12

Yet, all runners to keep alive in Yeshua the Mashiach in fear of Elohim - persecutions.

Yeshua even taught us that we were to expect the same type of treatment that He received.

Yochanan [John] 15:20

“Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also.”

This truth is found in many places throughout all of Scripture in various forms. Here is another such passage.

Kepha Aleph [1st Peter] 4:12

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial among you, which comes upon you to test you, as though a strange thing were happening to you.

The normal mode of life for those who belong to YHWH is to be tested and refined by Him in a continual process. This process lasts our whole life through. We need to accept this truth and walk in these times of testing, learning what it is that He is revealing to us, without kicking against the pricks of His Spirit. This will help to instill in us His humility and work to destroy the prideful nature in us that is so prevalent from birth. Let us yield to His Spirit during these times so that what we will reap is eternal life!

Deceiving and Being Deceived

Timote'os Bet [2nd Timothy] 3:13

But evil men and impostors shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

However, those who do not yield to such times of refinement are those whose hearts are evil and who are imposters in the way. These same ones will grow worse, not better over the course of their lives, because not only do they deceive others, but they themselves are deceived. And there is no greater deception than the deception that one perpetrates upon himself.

We have all seen those who have stood up among us, claiming to be someone, yet in time their true nature is fully revealed through the fruit that each bears. Just because one comes in the name of Yeshua our Mashiah, does not mean that he is genuine. We are to thoroughly test these men to see what is in each, so that we will not be led astray into things that it is not even proper to speak of.

Knowing Our Teachers

Timote'os Bet [2nd Timothy] 3:14

But abide you in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing of whom you have learned them.

Here is the truth in this matter. We are to know those who teach us. We are to know their fruits and their spirit. We are to know them as fully as possible. This not only protects us, but it protects them as well. For, when something comes forth from their mouths that does not seem quite right, then we have a duty and an obligation to go to that person and ask questions. We need to make our teachers accountable for what they teach. They certainly are accountable to YHWH. But do we realize that they are also accountable to those whom they teach as well?

Ma'aseh [Acts] 17:11

Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of the mind, examining the Scriptures daily, to see whether these things were so.

Now who was it that these Bereans were examining and comparing what he was teaching to what Scripture says? It was Shaul. Now if they were commended for doing this with Shaul, how much more so should we do this with those who stand up among us teaching us the word of YHWH?

Brethren, any person who teaches His word and becomes offended at someone questioning what he is teaching, is a person to run away from! While there may be truth coming out of that person's mouth, it is most assuredly mixed with error! Run! Save yourself from heartache.

It is the word of YHWH that must have complete authority in each and every one of our lives without exception. If it does not, then how can a person be our brother? He cannot.

Wisdom for Life

Timote'os Bet [2nd Timothy] 3:15

And that from your youth you have been a student of the sacred writings which are able to make you wise for life in the faith which is in Yeshua the Mashiach.

Scripture teaches us that there is a worldly wisdom and there is a spiritual wisdom.

Qorintyah [1st Corinthians] 1:21

For seeing that in the wisdom of the Elohim the world through its wisdom knew not the Elohim, it was the Elohim's good pleasure through the foolishness of the preaching to save them that believe.

True wisdom consists of not only knowing Torah, but especially obeying those same Torah commandments; which, by the way, includes hearing and obeying His Voice!

It is in this way that YHWH through Yeshua our Mashiach has opened up to all who are willing to obey Him, to enter into that wisdom and have life by the faith which exists in Yeshua our Mashiach.

In Righteousness

Timote'os Bet [2nd Timothy] 3:16

Every scripture breathed by the Ruach, teaching him to see, and for correction, and for healing, and for instruction in the righteousness.

The word "scripture" in the above passage is כָּל כְּתוּב שֶׁנִּכְתַּב בְּרוּחַ – kal katuv shenniktav baruach which means *all written which was written by the Ruach*, in short, Scripture. We find this also.

Ivrim [Hebrews] 1:1

Elohim, having of old time spoken to the fathers in the prophets by various portions and in various manners,

Many of YHWH's prophets wrote down the visions, messages and signs that YHWH spoke through them. Accordingly, because it was through the Ruach Qodesh that these things were written, they are Scripture. The first and foremost of these writings is, of course, the Torah Moshe. But then comes the writings of the other various prophets. These writings are no less Scripture as well.

Luqa [Luke] 24:44

And He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you, while I was yet with you, that all things must needs be fulfilled, which are written in the Torah Moshe, and the prophets, and the tehillim, concerning Me."

Yeshua verified that all these various scrolls written by the various prophets were Scripture and would come to pass.

While it is true that these many and various writings were not compiled into a single work until much later after the days of Mashiach Yeshua, this does not make them any less Scripture. In the days of Mashiach Yeshua, each writing was contained in its own scroll. Even today in synagogues, there are separate scrolls for the various writings. The putting of these writings into a single work, a book, did not happen until much later in the history of man.

Our standard is the Torah Moshe. If a writing is in harmony with these commandments and does not contradict the Torah Moshe, then it may very well be considered to be Scripture. Now, what are these various writings brought about through the Ruach Qodesh good for?

There are four things that cover every conceivable aspect of a person's life. Scripture is good for these four things:

1. It teaches us to see
2. It is good for correction
3. It is good for healing
4. It is good for instruction

Scripture first of all, opens our eyes to His truth so that we might see Mashiach.

Ivrim [Hebrews] 1:2

has at the end of these days spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

If we are open and honest, then we will be able to see Yeshua as the One spoken of over and over in the Torah Moshe and in the prophets and in the writings.

The written word of YHWH is also good for correction. When a person, any person, needs correction, what that person does not need to hear, is someone's opinion. What he needs is the word of YHWH! When we are sent to a person with a word of correction, the only way that will truly come to pass is if we bring the word of YHWH to that person.

The written word of YHWH is also good for healing. This is not only physical healing, but emotional, spiritual, and mental healing as well. Whatever type of healing is needed in a person's life, then His word will provide the needed balm!

Then finally, the written word is good for instructing us in the way of right living. Without these instructions, we are dead in our sins and have no hope. However, with the written word of YHWH pointing the way to Yeshua our Mashiach and as we live according to the righteous example that He has provided for us, we will also be able to live in that same righteousness; not of our own strength and power, but by His Spirit!

Complete in Elohim

Timote'os Bet [2nd Timothy] 3:17

That the man of the Elohim may be complete, furnished completely for every good work.

YHWH has given us His written word that we might have everything that we need pertaining to life and the work that He has sent us to do. We are lacking nothing in Mashiach, but have an abundance to overflowing.

Luqa [Luke] 6:38

"give, and it shall be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, shall they give into your bosom. For with what measure you measure it shall be measured to you again."

The principle here is the same principle of reaping and sowing. If one sows sparingly, then sparingly one will reap! However, if one sows in abundance, not withholding, then in abundance he shall reap!

How are you in your sowing His word in the lives of others? Do you feel kind of dried up? Then sow more and sow more often!

ABBA YHWH, we ask that You would correct us where we need correction and that You would instruct us where we need instruction, that we might walk in the power of Your Spirit rather than in our own understanding; in the name of Yeshua our Mashiach. Amein

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