

#46, Ekev: What is in Your Heart?

- **Ekev, as a result:**

- Deu 7:12 TLV “Then it will happen, as a result of your listening to these ordinances, when you keep and do them, that Adonai your God will keep with you the covenant kindness that He swore to your fathers.
- God was keeping the covenant made to the fathers.

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- **He keeps covenant with those who walk in the faith of Abraham and are thereby sons of Abraham.**
 - Gal 3:26-29 TLV For you are all sons of God through trusting in Messiah Yeshua. (27) For all of you who were immersed in Messiah have clothed yourselves with Messiah. (28) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female—for you are all one in Messiah Yeshua. (29) And if you belong to Messiah, then you are Abraham’s seed—heirs according to the promise.

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• **Keeping of the covenant resulted in blessings? (1)**

- Deu 7:13-15 TLV (13) He will love you, bless you and multiply you. He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the produce of your soil, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock, in the land that He swore to your fathers to give you. (14) From all peoples, you will be blessed—there will not be male or female barren among you or your livestock. (15) Adonai will remove all sickness from you, and He will not inflict on you any of the terrible diseases of Egypt that you knew, but will inflict them on all who hate you.

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- **Keeping of the covenant resulted in blessings? (2)**

- Deu 7:16-19 TLV (16) “You will devour all the peoples Adonai your God gives over to you. Your eye is not to pity them. You are not to serve their gods, for that would be a snare to you. (17) Suppose you say in your heart, ‘These nations are more numerous than I—how can I drive them out?’ (18) You are not to be afraid of them. You are to be sure to remember what Adonai your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt: (19) the great trials that your eyes saw, the signs and wonders, and the mighty hand and outstretched arm by which Adonai your God brought you out. So will Adonai your God do to all the peoples you fear.

- What they thought in their heart affected the result.

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- **Wrong thoughts that will effect God's blessing:**
 - Pity the people of the land or serve their gods.
 - It would be a snare (Deu 7.16)
 - Utterly detest their idols (Deu 7.26)
 - Keep your eyes on Adonai's promises.
 - Focus on anything other than Adonai is idolatry.
 - Covet their the gold and silver of their idols (Deu 7.26)
 - Col 3:5 TLV (5) Therefore, put to death what is earthly in you—sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desire, and greed—for that is idolatry.

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- **Wrong thoughts that will effect God's blessing:**
 - Question if you can drive them out or be afraid of them.
 - Remember what Adonai did to the Egyptians (Deu 7.18)
 - Adonai has demonstrated He is able to give the victory.

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- **Wrong thoughts that will effect God's blessing:**
 - Thinking that Adonai did it, because of my goodness.
 - Deu 9:4-6 TLV (4) “After Adonai your God has driven them out from before you, do not say in your heart, ‘It is because of my righteousness that Adonai has brought me in to possess this land.’ It is because of the wickedness of these nations that Adonai is driving them out from before you.

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- Deu 9:4-6 TLV (5) It is not by your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart that you are going in to possess their land. Rather, because of the wickedness of these nations, Adonai your God is driving them out from before you, and in order to keep the word Adonai swore to your fathers—to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. (6) So you should understand that it is not because of your righteousness that Adonai your God is giving you this good land to possess—for you are a stiff-necked people.

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- **Remember the way Adonai has led you.**
 - It was to know what was in your heart.
 - Deu 8:2-3 TLV You are to remember all the way that Adonai your God has led you these 40 years in the wilderness—in order to humble you, to test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His mitzvot or not. (3) He afflicted you and let you hunger, then He fed you manna—which neither you nor your fathers had known—in order to make you understand that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of Adonai.

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- **Difficulties don't make us better, but they do reveal what is in our heart.**
 - Once what is in our heart is revealed, God's Word is the sustenance we need for life.
 - Deu 8:3b TLV (3b) to make you understand that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of Adonai.

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- **Wrong thoughts that will effect God's blessing:**
 - Evil words and actions proceed from the heart.
 - Mat 12:34-37 TLV You brood of vipers! How can you who are evil say anything good? For from the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. (35) The good man from his good treasury brings forth good, and the evil man from his evil treasury brings forth evil. (36) But I tell you that on the Day of Judgment, men will give account for every careless word they speak. (37) For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

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 - Pro 23:6-7 TLV Do not eat the food of a stingy person, or desire his delicacies. (7) For as he thinks within himself, so is he. "Eat and drink", he says to you, but his heart is not with you.

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- **What is in our heart?**

- Jas 3:10-18 TLV From the same mouth comes blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, these things should not be. (11) A spring doesn't pour out fresh and bitter water from the same opening, does it? (12) My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Neither can salt water produce fresh water. (13) Who among you is wise and understanding? By his good conduct let him show his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. (14) But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not boast and lie against the truth.

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- Jas 3:10-18 TLV (15) This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. (16) For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil practice. (17) But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, not hypocritical. (18) And the fruit of righteousness is sown in shalom by those who make shalom.

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- **We must know in our heart that God's discipline comes from His love for us as his children:**

- Deu 8:5-6 TLV (5) Now you know in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so Adonai your God disciplines you. (6) So you are to keep the mitzvot of Adonai your God—to walk in His ways and to fear Him.

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- **Discipline:**

- Pro 3:11-12 TLV My son, never despise Adonai's discipline or dread His correction. (12) For Adonai loves those He reproveth, even as a father, the son in whom he delights.

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- Heb 12:3-9 TLV Consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary in your souls and lose heart. (4) In struggling against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of bloodshed. (5) Have you forgotten the warning addressed to you as sons? “My son, do not take lightly the discipline of Adonai or lose heart when you are corrected by Him, (6) because Adonai disciplines the one He loves and punishes every son He accepts.” (7) It is for discipline that you endure. God is treating you as sons—for what son does a father not discipline? (8) But if you are without discipline—something all have come to share—then you are illegitimate and not sons. (9) Besides, we are used to having human fathers as instructors—and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?