

Parashah 42 Tidbit
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Here in **Numbers 30** we learn about vows, and about how we **CAN** and **DO** bind our souls when we make a Vow, and the Commandment is, *You shall **NOT** break your word, your Vow.*

*Numbers 30:1-2 And Mosheh spoke unto the heads of the Tribes concerning **the children of Yisrael**, saying, This is the **THING** which Yahweh **HAS Commanded**. 2 If a man **VOW** a **VOW** unto Yahweh, or **SWEAR an OATH** to **bind his soul** with a bond; **he shall NOT break his word**, he **SHALL DO** according to **ALL** that proceeds out of his mouth.*

The actual Hebrew words are:

Verse 1 וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל כֹּל־אֲשֶׁר־צִוָּה יְהוָה אֶת־מֹשֶׁה.
VaYomer Mosheh El Beney Yisrael Kekol Asher Tzivah Yahweh Et Mosheh; which means, *And spoke Mosheh to the children of Yisrael about everything that was Commanded by Yahweh to Mosheh*

Verse 2 וַיְדַבֵּר מֹשֶׁה אֶל־רִאשֵׁי הַמַּטּוֹת לְבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר זֶה הַדְּבָר אֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה.
VayeDaber Mosheh El Rashey HaMatot Livney Yisrael Lemor Zeh HaDabar Asher Tzivah Yahweh.

*And spoke words Mosheh to the heads of the tribes of the children of Yisrael and said this Word that I command you, **IS** from Yahweh*

Verse 3 אִישׁ כִּי־יִדַּר נָדַר לַיהוָה אִו־הִשָּׁבַע שְׁבַע־הָשָׁבַע לְאַסֹּר אֶסֶר עַל־נַפְשׁוֹ לֹא יַחַל דְּבָרוֹ כְּכֹל־הִצִּיא מִפִּיֹו יַעֲשֶׂה

Iysh Kiy Yidor Neder LaYahweh O HiShava Shevuah Lesor Isar Al Naphsho Lo Yachel Debaro Kekal HaYotze Mipiyv Ya'aseh

A man when vows a vow to Yahweh or has sworn an oath to bind to his soul, **NOT** he shall break his word, all that has come out of his mouth, he **SHALL DO**.

The reason I reproduced the Hebrew words for you, is so that you will see for yourself and understand that **IT IS THE ACTUAL WORDS** that Yahweh gave to Mosheh that are important, and when it is translated as the **THING** rather than the **WORDS** that Yahweh Commanded us, it muddies and obscures the true meaning of the *verse*; for it **IS** the **WORDS** that Yahweh actually gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, that **are important** and **NOT** man's translation of those words.

And please understand, that the **WORDS** that Yahweh gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, **ARE THE WORDS CONTAINED IN THE FATHER'S TORAH OF LIFE**, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, and since the original translators of the Scriptures were Catholic, and their theological teachings are all derived from their man made doctrines, that are riddled with **FALSE** beliefs, that are based on the **premise** that the Words of the Torah of Yahweh, or the Law of the Jews, as they like to call it, **is no longer VALID for them**, and instead, they have chosen to rely on their own man made false doctrines, that rejects, discards and or abandons Yahweh's eternal **TRUTH**, the Words of His written Torah of Life.

The first thing that we must understand and take notice of, **IS** that these **WORDS**, these Commandments, come directly from the Mouth of Yahweh, and there is absolutely **NO** room for any doubt that these are indeed our heavenly Father's **COMMANDMENTS**, and that they are addressed to **ALL** of the people of Yisrael, and, Scripture makes it abundantly clear, that **ALL** of our heavenly Father's Commandments are **EVERLASTING**.

Now lets go on with the rest of the teaching. I want you to compare what we read here in *Numbers 30:1-2* with what we read in *Matthew 5:33* and then tell me what the difference is, in these two renderings of making a Vow:

Matthew 5:33 Again, you have heard that it has been said by them of old time, You shall **NOT forswear** yourself, **BUT** shall perform unto Yahweh your **OATHS**: 34 But I say unto you, **DO NOT SWEAR AT ALL**;

NEITHER by heaven; for it is Elohim's throne

NOR by the earth; for it is His footstool

NEITHER by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

NEITHER shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. 37

BUT let your communication be, Yea, Yea; Nay, Nay: for whatsoever is more than these **COMES OF EVIL**.

Here in these *verses* in Mathew, in the King James version of the Scriptures that I use, it appears, that Yeshua is telling us **NOT to make any vows at all**, for He says: *for whatsoever is more than these comes of evil*. Is that truly what Messiah said? Because **IF** He did say that, then He would actually **be adding to the Words** of our heavenly Father, and that would totally disqualify Him from being our Spotless Lamb, for He would be transgressing the Words of the Torah Commandments, given to Mosheh in *Deuteronomy 4:2* which states *You shall NOT ADD unto the Word which I Command you, NEITHER shall you DIMINISH OUGHT from it, that you may KEEP the Commandments of YHVH your Elohim which I Command you;*

And since *1John 3:4* tells us, that Sin **IS** transgression of the Torah: **THEN** that means that **IF** Messiah were to **ADD** anything, even one Jot or Tittle to the Commandments of the Father, **THEN** according to the Father's Word, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah, His eternal **TRUTH**, Messiah would have sinned, and that would have disqualified Him from being our, and our heavenly Father's Sacrificial Lamb.

Now let us look at other Scriptures and see **IF** we can clarify this issue. In the heart of Torah, the Book of Vayikra, which actually means **and He called**, and which has been wrongly translated as the book of Leviticus, which the translators say, means, **the book of the JEWISH Law**, we have this

Commandment *Leviticus 19:12* And **you SHALL NOT swear by My Name FALSELY**, neither shall you profane the Name of your Elohim: I am Yahweh.

Furthermore in the Matthew Shem Tov, the book of Matthew written in Hebrew that was uncovered many years ago, this same *verse* in *Matthew 5:33* reads: *Again, you have heard that it has been said by them of old time, You shall **not forswear**, but shall perform unto Yahweh your oaths: 34 But I say unto you, **Swear not at all FALSELY**; neither by heaven; for it is Yahweh's throne:*

Now, for most people, when they read this *verse* in the King James version, and or most other versions, they often interpret this as meaning that they are **NOT TO SWEAR OR MAKE A VOW AT ALL, BUT** let's look at the English word that is used in *verse 33*, the word ***forswear***. It is Strong's Number G1964, and this word, *forswear* is from the Greek word, ἐπιορκέω; epiorkeō; pronounced, ep-ee-or-keh'-o; it is from G1965; which means to ***commit perjury***: - forswear self, and Strong's number. G1965, ἐπιορκος; epiorkos; *ep-ee'-or-kos*; From G1909 and **G3727**; which means, an oath that is made ***FALSELY***, a ***forswearer is a perjured person***. In Webster's New College Dictionary the word ***forswear*** is defined as, ***to swear falsely, commit perjury***, forswear oneself means, ***to swear falsely, perjure oneself***.

Therefore, based on the Strong's Concordance and Webster's College Dictionary of the definition of this word ***Forswear***, it is quite evident that what Yeshua is teaching us, ***IS***, that when we swear or make an oath, ***AS WE ARE COMMANDED TO DO in the Words of the Torah***, we are ***NOT TO SWEAR FALSELY***, we are ***NOT TO PERJURE OURSELVES, BUT*** instead we ***MUST fulfill*** (pleroo, confirm) all that has come out of our mouths ***BY DOING*** what we have vowed ***TO DO***. That is what is meant by let your ***YES*** be ***YES*** and your ***NO*** be ***NO***.

Deuteronomy 6:13 You ***SHALL*** fear Yahweh your Elohim, and serve Him, and you ***SHALL SWEAR BY HIS NAME***.

As you can plainly see by the words of *Deuteronomy 6:13*, when we make or take an oath or swear a Vow, ***WE ARE COMMANDED BY YHVH TO SWEAR BY HIS NAME, YAHWEH***.

Next we come to the ordinance of when a woman makes a vow. In this teaching there are four scenarios:

The first one is, ***IF*** a woman is living in her father's house as a young woman,

The second is, ***IF*** she lives with her husband

The third, is ***IF*** she is divorced and lives alone

The fourth, is ***IF*** she is a widow and lives alone,

THEN the Torah regulations of *Numbers 30* apply.

Now as you read these *verses*, I want you to try and decipher what Yahweh wants us to learn from this situation, and this particular Commandment. What lesson do you think Yahweh is trying to convey to us here? Let's go through it, *verse by verse* and see what we can learn.

*If a woman binds herself and or her soul, by a **VOW** or an oath (as Chavah, Eve did in the garden), then on the day that **her father hears it, IF** she is living in her father's house, or on the day that **her husband hears it, IF** she is living with her husband and **not** divorced from him, **THEN** either of them, the father whose daughter lives with him or the husband who is married to his wife and who*

*lives with him, holds his peace, **THEN the woman's VOW WILL STAND. IF however, the father and or the husband, DISALLOWS the VOW, ON THE DAY THAT HE HEARS IT,** (as Adam should have done), **THEN NONE** of her vows or of her bonds (like eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil) *wherewith she has bound her soul, **SHALL STAND.****

That is an incredible and extremely important responsibility that Yahweh has put on the shoulders of **ALL MEN**, as the leaders of their households, **BUT there is a cost.** At the end of *verse 5* it says that once the father or the husband disallows the Vow that His wife or daughter has vowed, that Yahweh will indeed **FORGIVE** the wife and or the daughter, **BUT**, in *verse 15* we are told, that *if the husband has made the vows of his wife **VOID, THEN HE SHALL BEAR HER INIQUITY.***

Now I want to address this comment to **THE MEN** here today, and to all the men who will read these words in the future. **MEN**, this ordinance tells us that we are to **ACT** as Messiah does towards, His Qahal, His Assemblies, His Church, His Bride. Our actions towards our children and towards our wives, are to mimic Messiah's actions towards His Bride, which means, that we, the men who are husbands and fathers, **ARE** to teach our wives and children the **WAYS** of our heavenly Father, teach them to believe, follow, obey and love the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, as Messiah taught us to do, when He was here on earth with us.

We, as men, have to understand that as Messiah, our bridegroom, our husband, **TOOK ON OUR INIQUITY, THEN**, it is incumbent upon us men, **TO TAKE ON** the iniquity of our daughters and or our wives, when we disallow their vows. That is what Paul meant when he said in *Ephesians 5:25, Husbands, LOVE your wives, even as Messiah loved the Qahal, the Assembly, the Church and gave Himself for it.* Yahweh has given us **MEN** the **PRIVILEGE of being the physical and spiritual leaders of our own homes, and as leaders of our own homes, WE ARE** to diligently teach our children and our spouses the Words of Yahweh (*Deuteronomy 6:7*), **BUT, IF** we fail to diligently teach our children and or our wives the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, and they stray from Yahweh's instructions **BECAUSE OF OUR LACK OF DILIGENCE, THEN WE ARE RESPONSIBLE TO TURN THAT AROUND AND START TO PROTECT THEM, AND BRING THEM BACK UNDER THE WONDERFUL PROTECTION OF THE LIVING WORD OF YAHWEH**, the Words of His Torah of Life made flesh, our Messiah, by fulfilling our Yahweh given responsibility of **TAKING ON** the iniquity of our daughters and or our wives, in the very same manner that Yeshua took on **OUR** iniquity. This is an **AWESOME RESPONSIBILITY** which is supposed to bring out Messiah like qualities in all husbands and fathers.

I want all men to truly, truly understand that **WE**, as husbands and fathers, are to **EMULATE** Messiah and live a surrendered life, a life filled with love for our heavenly Father that is demonstrated on a daily basis through loving surrendered obedience to **ALL** the Words of His Torah of Life. If we can truly do that, then we **WILL** be a great example for our children, our wives and even onto the people of our communities, and I dare say, to the people of the world also.

As men, Yahweh **HAS CHARGED US** with being the **spiritual leaders** of our houses, our homes, our families, therefore, **WE ARE RESPONSIBLE TO DILIGENTLY TEACH OUR LOVED ONES, THE WORD OF YAHWEH**, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, and we are to **DO** that, by actually **LIVING IT OUT** in our daily lives, and then, teaching the Words of the

Torah of our heavenly Father to our family members, even to the point of taking on the iniquity of our daughters and wives, **IF** they have made any vows that are detrimental to their own well being, vows that are somehow contrary to the Words of Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life.

As men, it is extremely important that we all understand our role and fulfill that role according to the Word of Yahweh, **BECAUSE OUR LIFE AND OUR FAMILY'S LIVES DEPEND ON IT.**

As we have discussed before, Yahweh's Statutes, Commandments and Ordinances **ARE** indeed **EVERLASTING**; therefore since Yahweh is truly omniscient, which means, He knows all things, past, present and future; **WHEN** He implements something, He therefore knows how we will react to it. We also have to understand that there are **NO** surprises for Yahweh, since He **IS** omniscient, therefore we have to learn to expand our understanding of **WHO** Yahweh truly **IS**, and understand and believe that He **KNOWS** the consequences and ramifications of all of our deeds and actions. Therefore, when Yahweh gives us a teaching and or an instruction, a Law if you will, a Torah Commandment, **HE ALREADY KNOWS** how His people will react to it, from that point forth, onto eternity, and since we all agree that Yahweh knows all things, and **THAT YAHWEH IS INDEED THE ONE** that implements these Laws, these Torah Commandments, these teachings and instructions, **FOR OUR BENEFIT, FOR OUR GOOD**, and since we know, beyond a shadow of a doubt that Yahweh **LOVES** us with an infinite, unconditional and perfect love, and since the Scriptures makes that abundantly clear, **THEN** we need to understand that **IF** we love Him, as we are Commanded to do, **IF we profess to Trust**, and believe Yahweh, **THEN** whatever He ordains, whether Commandment, Statute or Ordinance, we can be assured that **IT IS for our good** and **IT IS FOREVER**, and therefore, we are to learn to keep it as we are commanded to do. Amein

There is one stand-alone Aleph Tav in this chapter:

Verse 9 in the Hebrew Scriptures and verse 8 in our English bibles: 8 But if her husband disallowed her on the day that he heard it; then he shall make her vow which she vowed, and Aleph Tav, אָ, that which she uttered with her lips, wherewith she bound her soul, OF NONE EFFECT: and Yahweh SHALL forgive her.

What stands between the wife's and or the daughter's **VOW** that they have vowed, and forgiveness, **IS** the Aleph Tav, אָ, our Messiah, our bridegroom, and that is the position and the awesome responsibility that our heavenly Father has given to the **husbands** and **fathers** of the home, the men, the leaders of any and all families. Let us therefore, as men, believers and committed Bondservants of the Most High Elohim; and as husbands and fathers, learn to emulate our Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, and become the True spiritual leaders that Yahweh created and commanded us to be, and let us cherish and protect our loved ones, as Messiah cherishes and protects us, by choosing to set an example, of believing, following, and obeying all the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, as He did and taught us to do. Amein

There are also another **seven** Aleph Tavs that are attached to words with a Maqef, and there are **eight** words that contain both the Aleph and Tav letters within them. The number seven in Scripture, speaks of completeness and rest, and the number eight speaks of new beginnings. Therefore I believe that Yahweh is telling us through the use of these Aleph Tavs, that **IF** we will learn to believe, follow, and obey the Words of His Torah of Life, **IF** we choose to lovingly follow and obey His

inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, then, we will experience a New Beginning, and Yahweh, through His Grace and mercy, and because of our obedience, will make us whole and complete in His eyes. Amein

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*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought,
and your every deed. Until we meet again. Shalom Alechem!*