

Eikev, Torah

Deuteronomy 10:12-11:25

(12) And now, O Israel, what does your God יהוה demand of you? Only this: to revere your God יהוה, to walk only in divine paths, to love and to serve your God יהוה with all your heart and soul, (13) keeping יהוה's commandments and laws, which I enjoin upon you today, for your good. (14) Mark, the heavens to their uttermost reaches belong to your God יהוה, the earth and all that is on it! (15) Yet it was to your ancestors that יהוה was drawn out of love for them, so that you, their lineal descendants, were chosen from among all peoples—as is now the case. (16) Cut away, therefore, the thickening about your hearts and stiffen your necks no more. (17) For your God יהוה is God supreme and

דברים י"ב-י"א:כ"ה

(יב) וְעַתָּה יִשְׂרָאֵל מָה יְהוָה
אֱלֹהֶיךָ שָׁאֵל מֵעַמּוֹךָ כִּי אִם-לִירְאָהוּ
אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְלַכֵּת
בְּכָל-דְּרָכָיו וּלְאַהֲבָהוּ אֹתוֹ וּלְעַבְדוֹ
אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל-לִבְבְּךָ
וּבְכָל-נַפְשְׁךָ: (יג) לְשֹׁמֵר אֶת-מִצְוֹת
יְהוָה וְאֶת-חֻקֹּתָיו אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְצַוְךָ
הַיּוֹם לְטוֹב לָךְ: (יד) הֲנֵן לַיהוָה
אֱלֹהֶיךָ הַשָּׁמַיִם וּשְׁמַי הַשָּׁמַיִם
הָאָרֶץ וְכָל-אֲשֶׁר-בָּהּ: (טו) רַק
בְּאַבְתָּיִךְ חָשַׁק יְהוָה לְאַהֲבָהוּ
אוֹתָם וַיִּבְחָר בְּזֶרְעָם אַחֲרֵיהֶם
בְּכֶם מִכָּל-הָעַמִּים כִּי־הִזָּה: (טז)
וּמִלְתֶּם אֶת עַרְלַת לִבְבְּכֶם
וְעִרְפְּכֶם לֹא תִקְשׁוּ עוֹד: (יז) כִּי
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם הוּא אֱלֹהֵי
הָאֱלֹהִים וְאֲדֹנֵי הָאֲדֹנִים הָאֵל

Lord supreme, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who shows no favor and takes no bribe, (18) but upholds the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and befriends the stranger, providing food and clothing.— (19) You too must befriend the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. (20) You must revere יהוה: only your God shall you worship, to [God] shall you hold fast, and by God's name shall you swear. (21) [יהוה] is your glory and your God, who wrought for you those marvelous, awesome deeds that you saw with your own eyes. (22) Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons; and now your God יהוה has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven. (1) Love, therefore, your God יהוה, and always keep God's charge, God's laws, God's rules, and God's commandments. (2) Take thought this day that it was not your

הַגְּדֹל הַגָּבֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא אֲשֶׁר
 לֹא־יִשָּׂא פָנִים וְלֹא יִקַּח שֹׁחַד: (יה)
 עֹשֶׂה מִשְׁפָּט יְתוּם וְאֶלְמָנָה וְאֵהָב
 גֵּר לְתֵת לוֹ לֶחֶם וְשִׂמְלָה: (יט)
 וְאֵהֱבִתֶּם אֶת־הַגֵּר כִּי־גֵרִים הָיִיתֶם
 בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם: (כ)
 אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיךָ תִירָא אֹתוֹ תַעֲבֹד וְבוֹ
 תִדְבָּק וּבִשְׁמוֹ תִשָּׁבַע: (כא)
 תְּהִלָּתְךָ וְהוּא אֱלֹהֵיךָ אֲשֶׁר־עָשָׂה
 אֹתְךָ אֶת־הַגְּדֹלָת וְאֶת־הַנּוֹרָאָת
 הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר רָאוּ עֵינֶיךָ: (כב)
 בְּשִׁבְעִים נֶפֶשׁ יָרְדוּ אֲבֹתֶיךָ
 מִצְרַיִמָּה וְעַתָּה שְׁמֹךְ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיךָ
 כְּכֹכְבֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם לָרֹב: (א)
 וְאֵהֱבִיתָ אֶת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיךָ וְשִׁמְרַתָּ
 מִשְׁמֵרָתוֹ וְחֻקֹּתָיו וּמִשְׁפָּטָיו
 וּמִצְוֹתָיו כָּל־הַיְמִיִּם: (ב)
 וַיִּדְעֶתֶם הַיּוֹם כִּי | לֹא אֶת־בְּנֵיכֶם אֲשֶׁר
 לֹא־יָדְעוּ וְאֲשֶׁר לֹא־רָאוּ אֶת־מוֹסַר
 יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם אֶת־גְּדֹלוֹ אֶת־יָדוֹ
 הַחֲזָקָה וְזָרְעוֹ הַנְּטוּיָה: (ג)

children, who neither experienced nor witnessed the lesson of your God יהוה —God’s majesty, mighty hand, and outstretched arm; (3) the signs and the deeds that [God] performed in Egypt against Pharaoh king of Egypt and all his land; (4) what [God] did to Egypt’s army, its horses and chariots; how יהוה rolled back upon them the waters of the Sea of Reeds when they were pursuing you, thus destroying them once and for all; (5) what [God] did for you in the wilderness before you arrived in this place; (6) and what [God] did to Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab son of Reuben, when the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them, along with their households, their tents, and every living thing in their train, from amidst all Israel— (7) but that it was you who saw with your own eyes all the marvelous deeds that יהוה performed. (8) Keep, therefore,

וְאֶת־אֲתֹתַי וְאֶת־מַעֲשָׂי אֲשֶׁר
עָשִׂה בְּתוֹךְ מִצְרַיִם לְפָרְעֹה
מִלֶּךְ־מִצְרַיִם וְלִכָּל־אֶרֶץ: (ד)
וְאֲשֶׁר עָשִׂה לְחֵיל מִצְרַיִם לְסוּסָיו
וּלְרֶכְבּוֹ אֲשֶׁר הִצִּיף אֶת־מִי
יַם־סוּף עַל־פְּנֵיהֶם בְּרֹדְפָם
אֲחֲרֵיכֶם וַיֹּאבְדֵם יְהוָה עַד הַיּוֹם
הַזֶּה: (ה) וְאֲשֶׁר עָשִׂה לָכֶם
בַּמִּדְבָּר עַד־בְּאֵכֶם עַד־הַמָּקוֹם
הַזֶּה: (ו) וְאֲשֶׁר עָשִׂה לְדָתְךָ
וּלְאַבְיָרִים בְּנֵי אֱלִיאָב בֶּן־רְאוּבֵן
אֲשֶׁר פָּצְתָה הָאָרֶץ אֶת־פִּיהָ
וַתִּבְלַעֵם וְאֶת־בֵּיתֵיהֶם
וְאֶת־אֹהֲלֵיהֶם וְאֶת כָּל־הַיְקוּם
אֲשֶׁר בְּרַגְלֵיהֶם בְּקֶרֶב כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל:
(ז) כִּי עֵינֵיכֶם הִרְאֹת
אֶת־כָּל־מַעֲשֵׂה יְהוָה הַגָּדֵל אֲשֶׁר
עָשִׂה: (ח) וּשְׁמַרְתֶּם
אֶת־כָּל־הַמִּצְוָה אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי מֵצִוְּךָ
הַיּוֹם לְמַעַן תַּחֲזִקוּ וּבֵאתֶם
וַיְרַשְׁתֶּם אֶת־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי

all the Instruction that I enjoin upon you today, so that you may have the strength to enter and take possession of the land that you are about to cross into and possess, (9) and that you may long endure upon the soil that יהוה swore to your fathers to assign to them and to their heirs, a land flowing with milk and honey. (10) For the land that you are about to enter and possess is not like the land of Egypt from which you have come. There the grain you sowed had to be watered by your own labors, like a vegetable garden; (11) but the land you are about to cross into and possess, a land of hills and valleys, soaks up its water from the rains of heaven. (12) It is a land which your God יהוה looks after, on which your God יהוה always keeps an eye, from year's beginning to year's end. (13) If, then, you obey the commandments that I enjoin upon you this day, loving your God יהוה

עֲבָרִים שָׁמָּה לְרִשְׁתָּהּ: (ט) וְלִמְעַן
תִּתְּרִיכוּ יָמִים עַל־הָאָדָמָה אֲשֶׁר
נִשְׁבַּע יְהוָה לְאַבְתִּיכֶם לָתֵת לָהֶם
וּלְזָרְעָם אֶרֶץ זָבֹת חֶלֶב וּדְבָשׁ:
{ס} (י) כִּי הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אֲתָה
בֹּא־שָׁמָּה לְרִשְׁתָּהּ לֹא כְאֶרֶץ
מִצְרַיִם הִוא אֲשֶׁר יֵצְאתֶם מִשָּׁם
אֲשֶׁר תִּזְרַע אֶת־זֵרְעֶךָ וְהִשְׁקִיתָ
בְּרִגְלֶךָ כִּגְזֵן הַיַּרְדֵּן: (יא) וְהָאָרֶץ
אֲשֶׁר אַתֶּם עֹבְרִים שָׁמָּה לְרִשְׁתָּהּ
אֶרֶץ הָרִים וּבִקְעֻת לְמִטְרַת הַשָּׁמַיִם
תִּשְׁתַּהֲמִים: (יב) אֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־יְהוָה
אֱלֹהֶיךָ דֹרֵשׁ אֹתָהּ תָּמִיד עֵינַי
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בָּהּ מֵרִשִׁית הַשָּׁנָה
וְעַד אַחֲרִית שָׁנָה: {ס} (יג) וְהָיָה
אִם־שָׁמַעַתְּ מִשְׁמְעוּ אֶל־מִצְוֹתַי אֲשֶׁר
אֲנֹכִי מְצַוֶּה אֶתְכֶם הַיּוֹם לְאַהֲבָה
אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם וּלְעַבְדּוֹ
בְּכָל־לְבַבְכֶם וּבְכָל־נַפְשְׁכֶם: (יד)
וְנָתַתִּי מִטְר־אֲרָצְכֶם בְּעֵתוֹ יוֹרֵה
וּמִלְקוֹשׁ וְאִסַּפְתִּי דָגְנְךָ וְתִירְשְׁךָ

and serving [God] with all your heart and soul, (14) I will grant the rain for your land in season, the early rain and the late. You shall gather in your new grain and wine and oil— (15) I will also provide grass in the fields for your cattle—and thus you shall eat your fill. (16) Take care not to be lured away to serve other gods and bow to them. (17) For יהוה's anger will flare up against you, shutting up the skies so that there will be no rain and the ground will not yield its produce; and you will soon perish from the good land that יהוה is assigning to you. (18) Therefore impress these My words upon your very heart: bind them as a sign on your hand and let them serve as a symbol on your forehead, (19) and teach them to your children—reciting them when you stay at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you get up; (20) and inscribe them on

וַיִּצְהָרָה: (טו) וְנָתַתִּי עֵשׂוֹב בְּשָׂדֶךָ
 לְבֹהַמֶּתֶךָ וְאָכַלְתָּ וְשָׂבַעְתָּ: (טז)
 הַשָּׂמְרוּ לָכֶם פֶּן יִפְתֶּה לְבַבְכֶם
 וְסִרְתֶּם וְעַבַדְתֶּם אֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים
 וְהִשְׁתַּחֲוִיתֶם לָהֶם: (יז) וְחָרָה
 אַף־יְהוָה בְּכֶם וְעָצַר אֶת־הַשָּׁמַיִם
 וְלֹא־יִהְיֶה מָטָר וְהִיאַדְמָה לֹא תִתֵּן
 אֶת־יְבוּלָהּ וְאָבַדְתֶּם מִהָרָה מֵעַל
 הָאָרֶץ הַטֹּבָה אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה נָתַן
 לָכֶם: (יח) וְשָׁמַתֶּם אֶת־דְּבָרַי אֵלֶיךָ
 עַל־לְבַבְכֶם וְעַל־נֶפְשְׁכֶם וְקִשְׁרֹתֶם
 אֹתָם לְאוֹת עַל־יָדְכֶם וְהָיוּ
 לְטוֹטְפוֹת בֵּין עֵינֵיכֶם: (יט) וְלִמְדֹתֶם
 אֹתָם אֶת־בְּנֵיכֶם לְדַבָּר בָּם
 בְּשִׁבְתְּךָ בְּבֵיתְךָ וּבְלִכְתְּךָ בַדֶּרֶךְ
 וּבְשֹׁכְבְךָ וּבְקוּמְךָ: (כ) וְכַתְּבֹתֶם
 עַל־מְזוּזוֹת בֵּיתְךָ וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ: (כא)
 לְמַעַן יִרְבוּ יְמֵיכֶם וְיָמֵי בְנֵיכֶם עַל
 הָאֲדָמָה אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע יְהוָה
 לְאֲבֹתֵיכֶם לֵאמֹר לָתֵת לָהֶם כִּי־יֵי
 הַשָּׁמַיִם עַל־הָאָרֶץ: {ס} (כב) כִּי

the doorposts of your house and on your gates— (21) to the end that you and your children may endure, in the land that יהוה swore to your fathers to assign to them, as long as there is a heaven over the earth.

(22) If, then, you faithfully keep all this Instruction that I command you, loving your God יהוה, walking in all God's ways, and holding fast to [God], (23) יהוה will dislodge before you all these nations: you will dispossess nations greater and more numerous than you. (24)

Every spot on which your foot treads shall be yours; your territory shall extend from the wilderness to the Lebanon and from the River—the Euphrates—to the Western Sea. (25) No one shall stand up to you: your God יהוה will put the dread and the fear of you over the whole land in which you set foot, as promised.

אִם-שָׁמַר תִּשְׁמְרוּן אֶת-כָּל-הַמִּצְוָה
הַזֹּאת אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מִצְוֶה אֶתְכֶם
לַעֲשׂוֹתָהּ לְאַהֲבָהּ אֶת-יְהוָה
אֱלֹהֵיכֶם לְלַכֵּת בְּכָל-דְּרָכָיו
וּלְדַבְּקָהּ-בּוֹ: (כג) וְהוֹרִישׁ יְהוָה
אֶת-כָּל-הַגּוֹיִם הָאֵלֶּה מִלְּפָנֵיכֶם
וּירְשִׁתֶּם גּוֹיִם גְּדֹלִים וְעֲצָמִים
מִכֶּם: (כד) כָּל-הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר
תִּדְרֹךְ כַּפְּרִיגְלֵיכֶם בּוֹ לְכֶם יִהְיֶה
מִן-הַמְּדַבֵּר וְהַלְבָּנוֹן מִן-הַנָּהָר
נְהַר-פָּרָת וְעַד הַיַּם הָאֲחֵרֹן יִהְיֶה
גְּבֻלְכֶם: (כה) לֹא-יִתְיַצֵּב אִישׁ
בְּפָנֵיכֶם פֶּחַדְכֶם וּמִוְרָאְכֶם יִתֵּן |
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם עַל-פְּנֵי כָל-הָאָרֶץ
אֲשֶׁר תִּדְרֹכוּ-בָּהּ כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר
לְכֶם: {ס}