Nitzavim-Vayeilech, Torah, September 9, 2023

Deuteronomy 29:9-30:14

(9) You stand this day, all of you, before your God יהוה —your tribal heads, your elders, and your officials, every householder in Israel, (10) your children, your wives, even the stranger within your camp, from woodchopper to waterdrawer— (11) to enter into the covenant of your God יהוה, which your God יהוה is concluding with you this day, with its sanctions; (12) in order to establish you this day as God's people and in order to be your God, as promised you and as sworn to your fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. (13) I make this covenant, with its sanctions, not with you alone, (14) but both with those who are standing here with us this day before our God יהוה and with those who are not with us here

דברים כ"ט:ט'-ל':י"ד (ט) אַהֵּם נִצְּבִים הַיּוֹם כָּלְבֵּם לִפְנֵי יהוה אֵלהֵיכֵם רָאשֵׁיכֶם שִׁבְטֵיכֶׁם זָקְנֵיכֶם וְשִׁטְרֵיכֶם כִּל אֵישׁ יִשֹרָאֵל: (י) טַפָּכֶם נִשִׁילֶם וְגַרְף אַשר בִּקָרֵב מַחַנֵיךּ מַחֹטֵב עַצֵּיךּ עַד שֹאָב מֵימֵיף: (יא) לְעַבְרָף בִּבְרֵית יהוה אֱלֹהֵיךּ וּבְאָלָתְוֹ אֲשֶׁרֹ יהוה אֱלֹהֶיךְ כֹרֵת עִמְּךְ הַיְּוֹם: (יב) לְמַעַן הָקִים־אֹתִך הַיּוֹם | לוֹ לְעָׁם וְהָוּא יָהְיֶה־לְּךְּ לֵאלֹהִים כַּאַשֵׁר דָּבֶּר־לֶדְ וְכַאֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַע לַאֲבֹתֶידְ לְאַבְרָהֵם לִיצְחָק וְלִיַעֲקֹב: (יג) וְלְא אָתָּכֶם לְבַדָּכֵם אָנֹכִי כֹּרֶת אֶת־הַבְּרֶית הַוֹּאֹת וְאֶת־הָאָלֶה הַוְּאֹת: (יד) כִּי אֶת־אֲשֶׁר יֶשְׁנוֹ פֿה עִמָּנוּ עֹמֵד הַיּוֹם לִפְנֵי יהוה אֱלֹהֵינוּ וָאָת אֲשֶׁר אֵינֵנוּ פָּה עִמֵנוּ הַיִּוֹם:

this day. (15) Well you know that we dwelt in the land of Egypt and that we passed through the midst of various other nations; (16) and you have seen the detestable things and the fetishes of wood and stone, silver and gold, that they keep. (17) Perchance there is among you some man or woman, or some clan or tribe, whose heart is even now turning away from our God יהוה to go and worship the gods of those nations—perchance there is among you a stock sprouting poison weed and wormwood. (18) When hearing the words of these sanctions, they may imagine a special immunity, thinking, "I shall be safe, though I follow my own willful heart"—to the utter ruin of moist and dry alike. (19) יהוה will never forgive that party. Rather, יהוה's anger and passion will rage against them, till every sanction recorded in this book comes down upon them, and יהוה blots out their name from

(טו) כְּי־אַתֶּם יִדַעִתַּם אֵת אָשֶׁר־עָבֶרְנוּ בְּקֶרֶב הַגוֹיֵם אַשֵּׁר עֲבַרְתֵּם: (טז) וַתִּרְאוֹּ אֶת־שִׁקּוּצֵיהֶׁם ּוְאָת גּלַלִיהֶם עֵץ וָאֶבֶן כֶּסֶף וְזָהֶב אָשֶׁר עִמְּהֶם: (יז) פֶּן־יֵשׁ בָּבֶּם אֵישׁ אָוֹ־אִשָּׁה אָוֹ מִשְׁפָּחָה אוֹ־שֵׁבֶט אַשֶׁר ּ לְבָבוֹ פֹנֵה הַיּוֹם מֵעִם יהוה אֱלהֵׁינוּ לָלֶכֶת לַעֲבֹּד אֶת־אֱלהֵי הַגוֹיֵם הָהָם פַּן־יֵשׁ בָּכֶּם שְׁרֵשׁ פֿרָה רָאשׁ וְלַעֲנָה: (יח) וְהָיָה פֿרָה בְּשָׁמִעוֹ אֵת־דָּבְרֵי הָאָלָה הַוֹּאת וָהָתִבָּרֶךְ בִּלְבָבְוֹ לֵאמֹר שָׁלְוֹם יָהְיָה־לִּי בֵּי בִּשִׁרְרְוּת לְבֵּי אֵלֶךְ ּלְמֵעַן סְכְּוֹת הָרָוָה אֶת־הַצְּמֵאֶה: יט) לא־יאבֶה יהוה סְלְחַ לוֹ כִּי אָז יֶעְשַׁן אַף־יהוה וְקִנְאָתוֹ בָּאִישׁ הַהֹּוּא וְרָבְצָה בּוֹ כְּל־הָאָלְה הַכְּתוּבֶה בַּסֵפֶר הַזָּיָה וּמְחָה יהוה (כ) אַת־שָׁמֹו מְהַחָת הַשָּׁמֵיִם: וָהָבְדִּילָוֹ יהוה לְרַעַּׁה מִכְּל שָׁבְטֵי

under heaven. (20) [As for such a clan or tribe,] יהוה will single it out from all the tribes of Israel for misfortune, in accordance with all the sanctions of the covenant recorded in this book of Teaching. (21) And later generations will ask -the children who succeed you, and foreigners who come from distant lands and see the plagues and diseases that יהוה has inflicted upon that land, (22) all its soil devastated by sulfur and salt, beyond sowing and producing, no grass growing in it, just like the upheaval of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, which יהוה overthrew in fierce anger— (23) all nations will ask, "Why did יהוה do thus to this land? Wherefore that awful wrath?" (24) They will be told, "Because they forsook the covenant that יהוה, God of their ancestors, made with them upon freeing them from the land of Egypt; (25) they turned to the

יִשִׂרָאֵל כִּכֹל אַלְוֹת הַבִּּרִית הַכָּתוּבָּה בָּסֵפֵר הַתּוֹרֶה הַוֵּה: (כא) וָאָמַֿר הַדְּוֹר הָאַחַרוֹן בִּנֵיכֵם אֲשֵׁר יָלֹוּמוּ מֵאַחֲרִיכֶּם וְהַנְּכְרִי אֲשֶׁר יָבְא מֵאֱרֵץ רְחוֹקֶה וְּרָאוּ אֵת־מַכּוֹת הָאָרֵץ הַהָּואֹ וָאֵת־תַּחֲלָאֵיהָ אַשר־חָלֵה יהוה בָּה: (כב) גַּפְרֵית וַמֶּלָח שָׁרֶפָה כַל־אַרְצַה ֹלָא תְזַרַע וֹלָא תַצְמָׁחַ וִלֹא־יַעֲלֵה בָה בָּל־עֵשֶׂב בְּמַהְפֵּבַּת סִדָּם וַעַמֹרַה אַדְמֶה (וצביים) [וּצְבוֹיִם] אֲשֵׁרֹ הָפַּךְ יהוה בָּאַפִּוֹ וּבַחֲמֶתְוֹ: (כג) וָאַמְרוּ כַּל־הַגוֹיָם עַל־מֶה עַשֵּה יהוה כָּכָה לָאָרֶץ הַזְּאֹת מֵה חַרֵי הָאַף הַגָּדְוֹל הַוָֹּה: (כד) וְאָמְלוּ עַל אַשֵׁר עַזָבוּ אֵת־בָּרֵית יהוה אֵלֹהֵי אֲבֹתֶם אֲשֶׁר כָּרַת עִמֶּם בִּהוֹצִיאִוֹ אֹתֶם מֵאֶרֵץ מִצְרָיִם: (כה) וַיֵּלְכֹוּ וַיַּעַבְדוּ אֱלֹהֵים אֲחֵלִים וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוְוּ לָהָם אֱלֹהִים אֲשֶׁר לְא־יִדַעוּם וְלְא חַלֵק לָהֶם: (כו) וַיִּחַר־אַף יהוה

service of other gods and worshiped them, gods whom they had not experienced and whom [God] had not allotted to them. (26) So יהוה was incensed at that land and brought upon it all the curses recorded in this book. (27) יהוה uprooted them from their soil in anger, fury, and great wrath, and cast them into another land, as is still the case." (28) Concealed acts concern our God יהוה; but with overt acts, it is for us and our children ever to apply all the provisions of this Teaching. (1) When all these things befall you the blessing and the curse that I have set before you—and you take them to heart amidst the various nations to which your God יהוה has banished you, (2) and you return to your God יהוה, and you and your children heed God's command with all your heart and soul, just as I enjoin upon you this day, (3) then your God יהוה will restore your

בָּאָרֵץ הַהָּוֹא לְהַבֶּיא עַלֵּיהָ אַת־כָּל־הַקּלָלָה הַכִּתוּבָה בַּסֵפֵר הַזֵּה: (כז) וַיִּתִּשֵׁם יהוה מֵעַל אַדְמָלָם בְּאַף וּבְחֵמֶה וּבְקֵצֶף גָּדְוֹל וַיִּשְׁלְכֵּם אֶל־אֵרֵץ אַחֵרֵת כַּיִּוֹם הַנָּה: (כח) הַנָּסְתַּרֹת לַיהוה אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְהַנְגִלֹת לֵנוֹ וֹלְבַנֵינוֹ עַד־עולַם לַעֲשוֹת אֶת־כָּל־דִּבְרֵי הַתּוֹרֶה הַוְּאֹת: {ס} (א) וְהָיָה בִּי־יָבַאוּ עָלֵיף כָּל־הַדָּבָרֵים הָאֵׁלֵה הַבְּרַכָה וָהַקּלַלָּה אֲשֵׁר נַתַתִּי לְפַנֵיךְּ וָהָשֶׁבֹתָ אֱל־לְבַבֶּׁךְ בְּכַּל־הַגּוֹיִם אַשֵּׁר הִדִּיחַדָּ יהוה אֵלהֵידְּ שֲׁפָּה: (ב) וִשַׁבִּהָּ עַד־יהוה אֱלֹהֵיךּ וְשָׁמַעְהָ בַּקְלוֹ כָּכֶל אֲשֵׁר־אָנֹכֵי מִצַוּךְּ הַיָּוֹם אַתָּה וּבַנִּידְ בִּכַל־לְבַבְּךְ וּבְכָל־נַפִּשֵׁך: (ג) וְשָּׁב יהוה אֵלהֵיף אָת־שָׁבוּתָךְּ וִרְחַמֵּךְ וִשָּׁב וִקְבֵּצִּךְ מַכָּל־הָעַמָּים אֲשֵׁר הֵפִיצְדָּ יהוה אֶלהֶיךּ שְׁמָה: (ד) אִם־יִהְיֵה נְדַחַדְּ בּקצֵה הַשַּׁמַיִם מִשָּׁם יִקַבֵּצְךּ יהוה

fortunes and take you back in love. [God] will bring you together again from all the peoples where your God יהוה has scattered you. (4) Even if your outcasts are at the ends of the world, from there your God יהוה will gather you, from there [God] will fetch you. (5) And your God יהוה will bring you to the land that your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and [God] will make you more prosperous and more numerous than your ancestors. (6) Then your God יהוה will open up your heart and the hearts of your offspring—to love your God יהוה with all your heart and soul, in order that you may live. (7) Your God יהוה will inflict all those curses upon the enemies and foes who persecuted you. (8) You, however, will again heed יהוה and obey all the divine commandments that I enjoin upon you this day. (9) And your God יהוה will grant you abounding prosperity in all your

אֶּלֹהֶׁיךּ וּמִשָּׁם יִקְּחֶדְ: (ה) נֶהֲבִיאַףׁ יהוה אֵלהֵיךּ אֵל־הָאָרֵץ אֲשׁר־יַרִשְׁוּ אַבֹתֵידְ וְיִרִשִּׁתָה וִהֵיטְבִךְּ וִהַרִבִּךְּ מַאַבֹתֵיף: (ו) וּמָל יהוה אֵלהֵיף אַת־לָבָבָךְ וָאֵת־לָבָב זַרְעֵּךְ לְאַהַבָּה אַת־יהוה אֵלהֵידְ בְּכָל־לְבַבְּךְ וֹבְכַל־נַפִּשָׁךְּ לְמֵעַן חַיֵּיךְּ: (ז) וְנַתַן יהוה אַלהֶּיךְ אָת כַּל־הַאַלְוֹת ָהָאֶלֵה עַל־אֹיָבֵיךּ וְעַל־שׂנָאֵיךּ אֲשֵׁר רָדָפִוּך: (ח) וְאַתָּה תָשׁוֹב וְשָׁמַעְהָ בָּקוֹל יהוה וִעָשִׂיתָ אֵת־כָּל־מִצִוֹתְיו אָשֵׁר אָנֹכֵי מִצַוּךְ הַיְּוֹם: (ט) וָהוֹתְירָדְּ יהוה אֱלֹהֵידְ בִּכְל ו מַצֵּשֵׂה יָדֵׁךְ בִּפִרִי בִטִּנְדְ וּבִפְרֵי ַרָהֶמְתְּךֵּ וּבִפְרֵי אַדְמָתְךָּ לְטֹבֶה כִּי ו יַשׁוּב יהוה לַשִּׁוּשׁ עַלֵּיךּ לְטוֹב ַכָּאַשֶׁר־שָשׁ עַל־אַבֹתֵיף: (י) כֵּי תִשָּׁמַע בִּקוֹל יהוה אֱלֹהֵיךְּ לִשְׁמַר מִצְוֹתָיוֹ וְחֻקּּתְיו הַכִּתוּבֶּה בְּסֵפֵּר הַתּוֹרֶה הַזָּה כֵּי תַשׁוּב' אֱל־יהוה אַלהַיד בּכָל־לְבָבִדְ וּבִכָּל־נַפִּשֵׁדְ:

undertakings, in your issue from the womb, the offspring of your cattle, and your produce from the soil. For יהוה will again delight in your well-being as in that of your ancestors, (10) since you will be heeding your God יהוה and keeping the divine commandments and laws that are recorded in this book of the Teaching—once you return to your God יהוה with all your heart and soul. (11) Surely, this Instruction which I enjoin upon you this day is not too baffling for you, nor is it beyond reach. (12) It is not in the heavens, that you should say, "Who among us can go up to the heavens and get it for us and impart it to us, that we may observe it?" (13) Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who among us can cross to the other side of the sea and get it for us and impart it to us, that we may observe it?" (14) No, the thing is very close to you, in

(ס) (יא) כִּי הַמִּצְוָה הַוֹּאֹת אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְצַוְּהְ הַיִּוֹם לֹא־נִפְּלֵאת הָוֹא מִמְּדְּ וְלָא רְחֹקָה הְוֹא: (יב) לְא בְשְׁמִים הָוֹא לֵאמֹר מִי יַעֲלֶה־לֶנוּ הַשְׁמִינְה לְּנוּ וְיַשְׁמִעֵנוּ הַשְּׁמִייְמָה וְיִקְּחֶהְ לְּנוּ וְיַשְׁמִעֵנוּ אֹתָה וְנִשְׁמָעֵנוּ אֹתָה וְנִשְׁמָעֵנוּ אֹתָה הִיִם וְיִקְתָהְ לְנוּ עֵבְר־לְנוּ אֶל־עֵבֶר לַיָּם הַיְּם וְיִקְתָהְ לְנוּ וְיִשְׁמִעֵנוּ אֹתָה הַיְם וְיִקְתָהְ לְנוּ וְיִשְׁמִעֵנוּ אֹתָה הַיְם וְיִקְתָהְ לְנוּ וְיִשְׁמִעֵנוּ אֹתָה וְנִשְׁמִעֵנוּ אֹתָה הְּבְּרְבְּרְבְּלְבְרְךְּ לַעֲשׂתְוֹ: {ס}
מְאֶד בְּפִיּךְ וּבְלְבְרְךְּ לַעֲשׂתְוֹ: {ס}

your mouth and in your heart, to observe it.