Parashah 51 Nitzavim
“Standing”

Torah: D’varim (Deuteronomy) 29:9(10)-30:20
Aliyah 1 - 29:9 - 11 Moshe’s last day with the people; gathers all to enter into a covenant with God
Aliyah 2 - 29:12 - 14 Establish them as God’s people, all those past, present, and future
Aliyah 3 - 29:15 - 28 Warning not to turn away to other ‘gods’; individual and corporate responsibility
Aliyah 4 - 30:1 - 6 Sin leads to exile, then repentance, then return to the land; circumcised hearts
Aliyah 5 - 30:7 - 10 Curses fall on enemies, promise of abundance when in loving obedience
Aliyah 6 - 30:11 - 14 The law is not far away, but close; in your mouth/heart - you can do it!
Aliyah 7 - 30:15 - 20 Free Choice test: life or death, blessing or curse; Moshe recommends life

Haftarah: Yesha’yahu (Isaiah) 61:10-63:9
B’rit Hadashah: Romans 9:30-10:13; Messianic Jews (Hebrews) 12:14-15

1. (29:9) Whom is “standing” before Adonai? For what purpose? Why does Moshe mention those who are not present?

2. How is covenantal responsibility addressed both individually and corporately?

3. (30:1-2) What is repentance? Where does it begin? Where does it lead?

4. (30:3) From a Jewish perspective, what are the requirements of the Messiah?

5. (30:4) One of the results of the “curses” from last week’s portion is exile. How is this addressed in this week’s portion?

6. (30:6) According to our portion, when does “circumcision of the heart” occur? Who does it?
7. It is often said that the Torah is too difficult to keep. What do you think?

8. (30:19-20) What two options are the people given? How significant is the result of their choice?

Questions for reflection and application:


2. (29:12) How do you view others that are culturally different? Are you different? (Isa 56:6-7, Rev 5:9-10, Rev 14:6, 2Pe 3:9, Col 1:5-6, Joh 10:14-16)


4. (30:8) Is there anything in your life for which you should repent? (Mat 3:2, 4:17, Isa 30:15, Act 3:19-20, Joe 2:12-14, Rom 2:4)

5. (30:15) Choices always have consequences. What choices are you facing today? What are the consequences? (Phil 2:12, Eze 33:18-19, Isa 66:3-4, Mat 16:25-26)