Parashah 53 Ha’azinu -  ה’זין וניי
“Hear”

Torah – D’varim (Deuteronomy) 32:1-52
Aliyah 1 - 32:1 - 6    The Song of Moshe - introduction, proclamation about the nature of Adonai
Aliyah 2 - 32:7 - 12   Remembering the source of all the nations; separation of His people
Aliyah 3 - 32:13 - 18  Prosperity brings idolatry and forgetting the source of life
Aliyah 4 - 32:19 - 28  Adonai hides his face, becomes angry, sends disaster to the undiscerning
Aliyah 5 - 32:29 - 39  Contrast Adonai’s ways’ judgement will come on His people
Aliyah 6 - 32:40 - 43  Adonai will render vengeance to his foes, make atonement for the land
Aliyah 7 - 32:44 - 52  Moshe delivers the song: “it is your life,” instructed to go up Mt N’vo, see the land

Haftarah – Sh’mu’el Bet (2 Samuel) 22:1-51

1. Why does Moshe call “heaven and earth” as witnesses? (:1) Can you think of other places in scripture where this occurs?

2. What metaphor does Moshe use to describe his teaching? (:2) Is this metaphor used in the B’rit Hadasha?

3. How does Moshe describe the relationship of Israel to God? To other nations? What is significant about this? (:8:-9)

4. What is the essence of Israel’s undoing in this song? (:12:-18) What comfort and what warning does that provide for us?

5. What is a non-people? (:21) How will God provoke his people to jealousy? Have you heard that phrase somewhere else?
6. What reason does Moshe give as to why God will not wipe them all out and start all over again? Is there a specific event to which he was referring? How does this define the purpose of God’s chosen people?

7. To whom does vengeance belong? What do the apostolic writings say about vengeance? (Rom 12:19, Heb 10:30, Rev 19:2)

8. God’s ways are not our ways. What encouragement do you find in the fact that God did not let Moshe enter the land of promise?

Questions for reflection and application:

1. (32:1) If God’s word is universally eternal, how does it affect the circumstances of your life? (Isa 40:6-8, Mat 24:35, Jer 31:34(35)-35(36), Isa 55:8-11, 1Pe 1:22-25)


