

**Parashah 46 'Ekev - עֵקֶב**  
**"Because"**



**Torah: D'varim (Deuteronomy) 7:12-11:25**

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| Aliyah 1 - 7:12 -8:10   | Obedience brings blessing, prosperity, fruitfulness; the Land is good, satisfying  |
| Aliyah 2 - 8:11 - 9:3   | Warning not to forget what God's commands; idolatry leads to death                 |
| Aliyah 3 - 9:4 - 29     | Remembering Mt. Sinai - the 1st stone tablets, the golden calf, God's promises     |
| Aliyah 4 - 10:1 - 11    | The 2nd stone tablets, the Ark, service of Levi'im, command to possess the land    |
| Aliyah 5 - 10:12 - 11:9 | Circumcision of the heart; love foreigners; obedience brings strength              |
| Aliyah 6 - 11:10 - 21   | Listen, serve, remember and teach; it is God who brings prosperity in the land     |
| Aliyah 7 - 11:22 - 25   | Obey and love God; He will expel inhabitants of the land, put fear in their hearts |

**Haftarah: Yesha'yahu (Isaiah) 49:14-51:3**

**B'rit Hadashah: Mattityahu (Matthew) 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13; Ya'akov (James) 5:7-11**

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1. (7:12) In one word, what is the foundation for the blessings described in the opening ailyah? What happens to all the illness that is removed from the obedient? (7:15)
2. (8:2-3) What do we learn about the process of being tested? (8:2) What does being "hungry" help us understand?
3. (8:5-6) How are "discipline" and "fear of God" connected? What does it mean to "fear God?"
4. (8:10) Is it good to be "satisfied?" Should we bless God before or after we are "satisfied?" Why?
5. (8:11) Moshe reminds the people not to forget God. What leads to this forgetfulness? Is forgetfulness inevitable?
6. (9:5) What two reasons does Moshe give for the Israelites to take possession of the land? How many times does Moshe speak of the people's righteousness? How does this speak of our righteousness and God's grace?
7. (9:7-10:11) Why does Moshe describes in detail how the people disobeyed God? How does Moshe's position speak of the Messiah? Who benefits from obedience to God? (10:13)

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8. (10:14) How big is God's Kingdom? How should the Israelites view "the foreigner?"
  
9. (10:20) There are four mitzvot in verse 20. What are they, and what do they mean to you?

**Questions for reflection and application:**

1. (7:12) Do you listen to God? Do you obey? What is the result of what you hear? (Joh 5:39, Jam 1:22, Joh 15:10, Rom 2:11-13, 2Ti 2:14-15)
  
2. (8:11) Do you remember God in your prosperity? In your poverty? What has He done for you? (Col 1:16-17, Ecc 11:9, Pro 5:11, Isa 1:28, Act 17:26-31)
  
3. (9:4) Do you take what God gives, or do you take credit for what God gives? (Gen 15:16, Eze 36:22, 32, Tit 3:3-5, Eph 2:8-9, Psa 115:1-3, 1Pe 1:3-5)
  
4. (10:1) Is God's word only in the pages of a book, or is it written on your heart? (Exo 32:16, Exo 21:18, Deu 10:2, Eze 11:19-20, Eze 36:26-27, Jer 31:32, 2Co 3:3, 6, Rom 7:12, Pro 7:1-3)
  
5. (10:12) Is Adonai your God? What is He asking of you? (Mic 6:8, Isa 56:1, Hos 6:6, Isa 57:15 and Mat 11:28-30, Mat 13:45-46, Luk 1:51-53, 1Co 1:27, Luk 18:16-17, Isa 66:1-2, Mat 5:3-6)
  
6. (11:10) The Kingdom of Heaven is not like the kingdom of this world. Do you have one foot in both, or are both your feet firmly planted in One? (Rev 3:15-19, Act 17:26-27, Isa 58:11-12, Joh 17:14-16)
  
7. (11:22) How do you "cleave" to God? (Pro 3:6, Deu 6:7, Jos 23:7-8, 1Sa 25:29, 1Jo 5:11, Rom 8:11, 2Co 11:2)