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Torah – Ki tetze: Deut. 21:10 – 25:19;

Haftarah: Isa. 54:1–10;

Brit Hadeshah: Matt. 8:1–4; Matt. 12:1–8; Luke 5:12–15; Acts 3:1–11

Extra Reading: Ps. 49, 103, 145; Acts 17 – 19

### The Torah Commentary:

He has showed you, O man, what [is] good; and what does YHWH require of you, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to humble yourself to walk with your God. (Mic. 6:8) What is “showed”? The Hebrew translation would be “Told [declared; clearly manifested; announced in the presence of; shown] to you man [adam] what good [pleasing; do well; do rightly/righteously] and what YHWH requires [wants you to seek after; inquire of Him; ask; require] to do you [divide; apportion; do] [in this manner; like] of works [to make; do; produce; yield; perform] justice [judge; rule; defend; vindicate] and you are to love mercy [kindness; graciousness; merciful; holiness] and humbly [be bowed down; low(ly); humble] to go [proceed; go with; accompany; continue on; journey with] with [along with] your God [the One True God].” And YHWH said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever. And Moses told the words of the people to YHWH. (Ex. 19:9) And God spoke all these words, saying, I YHWH your God, Who has brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of servants. You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make to you any graven image, or any likeness that is heaven above, or that in the earth beneath, or that in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down yourself to them, or serve them: for I YHWH your God a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth of them that hate Me; and showing mercy to thousands of them that love Me, and keep My commandments. You shall not take the Name of YHWH your God in vain; for YHWH will not hold him guiltless that takes His Name in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shall you labor, and do all your work: but the seventh day the Sabbath of YHWH your God, you shall not do any work, you, not your son, nor your daughter, your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger within your gates: For six days YHWH made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them, and rested the seventh day: wherefore YHWH blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it. Honor your father and your mother; that your days may be long

upon the land which YHVH your God gives you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house, you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing of your neighbor's. (Ex. 20:1-17) You shall not have in your bag divers (a stone and a stone) weights, a great and a small. You shall not have in your house divers (an ephah and an ephah) measures, a great and a small. You shall have a perfect [complete, not lacking, whole, full and just] and just [right, honest, a fair standard, with integrity] shall you have: that your days may be lengthened in the land which YHVH your God gives you. For all that do such things, all that do unrighteously, an abomination to YHVH your God. (Deut. 25:13-16) A false [balances of deceit] balance an abomination to YHVH: but just [a perfect stone] weight His delight. (Pv. 11:1) You shall rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man, and fear your God: I YHVH. And if a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not vex/oppress him. The stranger that dwells with you shall be to you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I YHVH your God. You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard/length, in weight, or in measure. Just balances, just stones, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall you have: I YHVH your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt. Therefore shall you observe all My statutes, and all My judgments, and do them: I YHVH. (Lev. 19:32-37) A just weight and balance YHVH's: all the stones of the bag His work. (Pv. 16:11) Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin? A stone and a stone [divers weights], an ephah and an ephah [divers] measures, both of them alike an abomination to YHVH. Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work pure, and whether right. Divers weights are an abomination to YHVH; and balances of deceit not good. (Pv. 20:9-11,23) A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, loving favor rather than silver and gold. The reward of humility and the fear of YHVH is riches, and honor, and life. Thorns and snares in the way of the forward: he that keeps his soul shall be far from them. Train up a child in his way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Pv. 22:1,4-6) Hearken to your father that begat you, and despise not your mother when she is old. But the truth, and sell not; wisdom, and instruction, and understanding. The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice; and he that begets a wise one shall have joy of him. My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes observe my ways. (Pv. 23:22-24,26) In the transgression of an evil man a snare: but the righteous do sing and rejoice. The righteous considers the cause of the poor: the wicked regard not to know it. (Pv. 29:6,7) You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: you shall not respect the person of the poor, nor

honor the person of the mighty: in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. (Lev. 19:15) For with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged; and with what measure you mete, it shall be measured out to you. (Matt. 7:2) Woe to you, scribe and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and dill and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the Torah, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought you to have done, and not to leave the other undone. (Matt. 23:23) Blessed the undefiled [perfect/sincere] in the way, who walk in the Torah of YHVH. Blessed they that keep His testimonies, and seek Him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in His ways. You have commanded to keep Your precepts diligently. (Ps. 119:1-4) My son, forget not My Torah; but let your heart keep My commandments; for length of days, and years of life and peace, shall they add to you. Let not mercy and truth forsake you: bind them about your neck; write them on the table of your heart; so shall you find favor and good success and understanding in the sight of God and man. (Pv. 3:1-4) Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Messiah, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. (1 Cor. 4:1,2) My eyes upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with Me: he that walks perfect in the way, he shall serve Me. He that works deceit shall not dwell within My house: he that tells lies shall not be established in My sight. (Ps. 101:6,7) He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much....(Luke 16:10) Be faithful and true in all you do.