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For those who do not know, the Portion name comes from the first word or words of the portion in Torah. This week the Torah Portion name Tzav is translated as “Command”.

Torah Commentary:

Shabbat Zachor, the Sabbath of Remembrance; a time to recall, to remember, to make mention of, a time of recollection. *YHVH hear you in the day of trouble; the Name of the God of Jacob defend you; send you help from the sanctuary, and strengthen you out of Zion; remember all your offerings, and accept your burnt sacrifice: Selah. Grant you according to your own heart, and fulfill all your counsel. We will rejoice in Your salvation, and in the Name of our God we will set up banners: YHVH fulfill all your petitions. Now know I that YHVH saves His anointed: He will hear him from His holy heaven with the saving strength of His right hand. Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the Name of YHVH our God. They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright. Save, YHVH: let the king hear us when we call.* (Ps. 20) YHVH spoke to Moses and gave him teachings/Torah for the different offerings that were to be brought before Him by Aaron and his sons, the Kohenim. *This is the law/Torah of the burnt offering, of the meat offering, and of the sin offering, and of the trespass offering, and of the consecrations, and of the sacrifice of the peace offerings; which YHVH commanded Moses in Mount Sinai, in the day that He commanded the Children of Israel to offer their oblations to YHVH, in the Wilderness of Sinai.* (Lev. 7:37,38) By these instructions, were the priests and Children of Israel made acceptable to YHVH. They were to remember these, to perform them as YHVH commanded, and to teach them to the next generation. *Unto You, O YHVH, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in You; let me not be ashamed, let not my enemies triumph over me. Yes, let none that wait on You be ashamed: let them be ashamed, let them be ashamed which transgress without cause. Show me Your ways, O YHVH; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth, and teach me: for You the God of my salvation; on You do I wait all the day. Remember, O YHVH, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses; for*

they ever of old. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to Your mercy remember You me for Your Goodness' sake, O YHVH. Good and upright YHVH: therefore will He teach sinners in the way. The meek will He guide in judgment" and the meek will He teach His way. All the paths of YHVH mercy and truth to such as keep His covenant and His testimonies. For Your Name's sake, O YHVH, pardon my iniquity; for it great. What man he that fears YHVH? him shall He teach in the way He shall choose. His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth. The secret of YHVH with them that fear Him; and He will show them His covenant. (Ps. 25:1-14) It is a blessing to remember the Commandments of YHVH, His Covenants, His Promises, His Name, and His Word. He teaches us His way, the way we are to walk in this world. We are to remember that He is God, not us. We are to remember the way in which He wants us to come before Him. We are to remember to have a Holy Fear of Him, and not to make Him common, or to bring shame on His Name. *O remember not against us former iniquities: let Your tender mercies speedily prevent us: for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your Name and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for Your Name's sake. Wherefore should the heathen say, Where their God? let Him be known among the heathen in our sight the vengeance of the blood of Your servants shed. Let the sighing of the prisoner come before You; according to the greatness of Your power preserve You those that are appointed to die; and render to our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom their reproach, wherewith they have reproached You, O YHVH. So we Your people, and sheep of Your pasture will give You thanks forever: we will show forth Your praise to all generations.* (Ps. 79:8-13) Recall the mercies of YHVH, His deliverances of His people, His Kindness and Mercy in the midst of conflict, His Shalom in the times/trials of everyday life. Recount all He has done and Who He is to those around you. Remember to lift Him up and exalt Him, for He is Worthy of Glory and Praise. *As the hart pants after the water brooks, so pants my soul after You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the Living God: when shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say to me, Where your God? When I remember these, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the House of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday. Why are you cast down, O my soul? and are disquieted in me? Hope you in God: for I shall yet praise Him, His Presence is salvation. O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember You from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, for the hill Mizar. Deep calls to deep at the noise of Your waterspouts: all Your waves and Your billows are gone over me. YHVH will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night His song with me, my prayer to the God of my life. I will say to God my rock, Why have You forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? With a sword in my bones, my enemies reproach me; while they say daily to me, Where your God? Why are you cast down, O my soul? and why are you disquieted in me? Hope you in God: for I shall yet praise Him, the health of my countenance, and my God.* (Ps. 42) *I cried to God with my voice, to God with my voice; and He gave ear to me. In the day of my trouble I sought YHVH: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul*

refused to be comforted. I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah. You hold my eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak. I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times. I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with my own heart; and my spirit made diligent search. Will the Lord cut off forever? and will He be favorable no more? Is His mercy clean gone forever? does His promise fail forevermore? Has God forgotten to be gracious? has He in anger shut up His tender mercies? Selah. And I said, This my infirmity: the years of the right hand of the most High. I will remember the works of YHVH: surely will I remember Your wonders of old. I will meditate also of all Your work, and talk of Your doings. Your way, O God in the Sanctuary: Who great a God as God? You are the God that does wonders: You have declared Your strength among the people. You have with arm redeemed Your people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah. (Ps. 77:1-15) Remember what God has done by, in, and through Yeshua Messiah, the perfect sacrifice that was given to reconcile us back to God. He is the fulfillment of all the offerings, and all of God's Feasts. Remember His words. What you have been taught, have always in remembrance. Be mindful of the words spoken and written of and by Him. In Him is Light, Life, Truth, Love, Mercy, Justice. Remember! Selah.