

A Word to live by...

Torah repeats again and again, that the fear of the Lord is a very important lesson. Proverbs 9:10 states that, "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

And yet, our Messiah Yeshua says dozens of times in the scriptures, "Don't be afraid."

What is that? Does God want us to be afraid of Him? NO!

God wants us to know that loving and obeying Him brings shalom, where there is no fear because He is surrounding us, protecting us and leading us.

Read Psalm 23 together with your classmates.

Being afraid of feeling separated from God is wisdom.
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Every great man and woman of God in the Bible had to come to understand the fear of the Lord.

Just check out Hebrews, Chapter 11 next time you need to be reminded about YOUR HERITAGE in the faith!

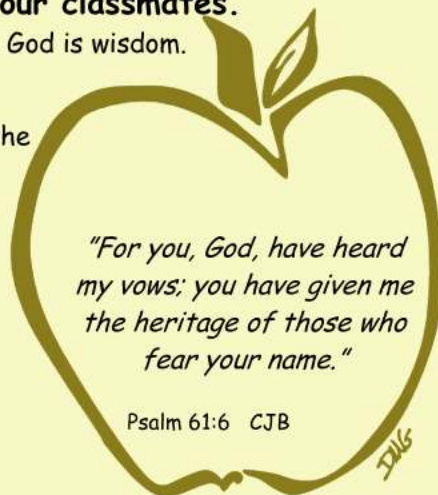
Be ready with a Word...

So, next time someone says:

"What does it mean to fear the Lord?"

Be ready:

"I love the Lord, and I don't want to hurt Him with my words or my actions."



Parshat Mattot- "Tribes"

By Your Words...

A Word from the Torah...

This week's parsha teaches a lot about being responsible for the promises we make to God. Promises to God, especially when spoken out loud and in the temple, would bind the person to whatever he promised.

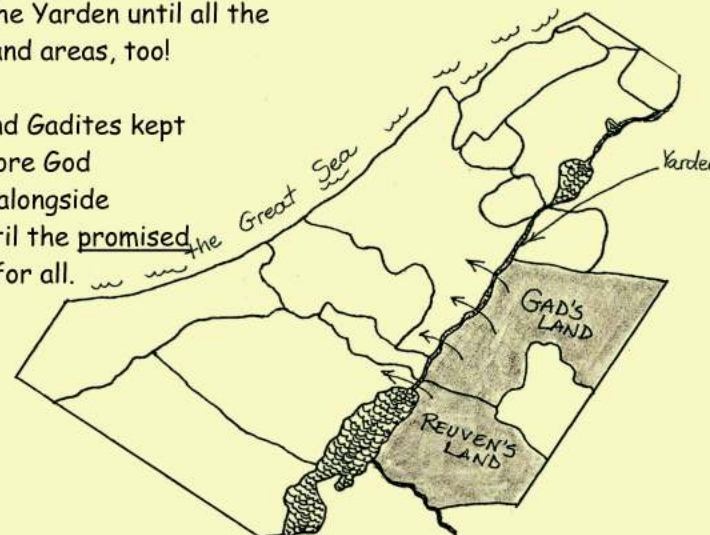
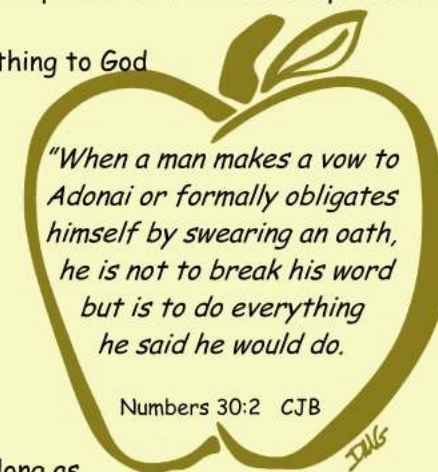
It was never okay to promise something to God and then NOT do it!

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In this part of the Israelite's journey to inherit the promised land, two of the tribes wanted to settle where they just landed - Reuben and Gad.

Moshe agreed to their request, as long as they kept fighting along with all their brothers across the Yarden until all the tribes had their land areas, too!

The Reubenites and Gadites kept their promise before God and kept fighting alongside their brothers until the promised land was secured for all.



Hmmm, now think about this...

Isn't it amazing that those two tribes would keep fighting for the other ten tribes even though they could have stopped right there? Wouldn't it have really discouraged everybody if they didn't keep their promise?

Do you keep promises that you make to God? Do you think carefully about what vows you make or do you just let "any ol'e thing" come flying out of your mouth to get what you want?

A Word from Yeshua...

According to Yeshua, it's not just the "on purpose" promises we make that count... CHECK OUT THE 🍏

It seems, that God is also concerned about the things we say without thinking through, too.

In fact, there is this very serious story about a couple in the Book of Acts, Chapter 5.

The couple in this story made a vow to give all their money from a piece of land they were selling as an offering among the bretheren for their needs.

But instead of fulfilling their vow to the Lord, they kept part of the money for themselves and God judged them very harshly! (You can read the story with your teacher if you'd like.)

The story is very serious because breaking their vow to God, *without repenting*, cost them their lives!

And then a great fear of the Lord swept over the believers!



"...people will have to give an account for every careless word spoken. For by your word you will be acquitted and by your words you will be condemned."

Mattiyahu 12:36b & 37
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Mattot-By Your Words... Mystery Word Scramble

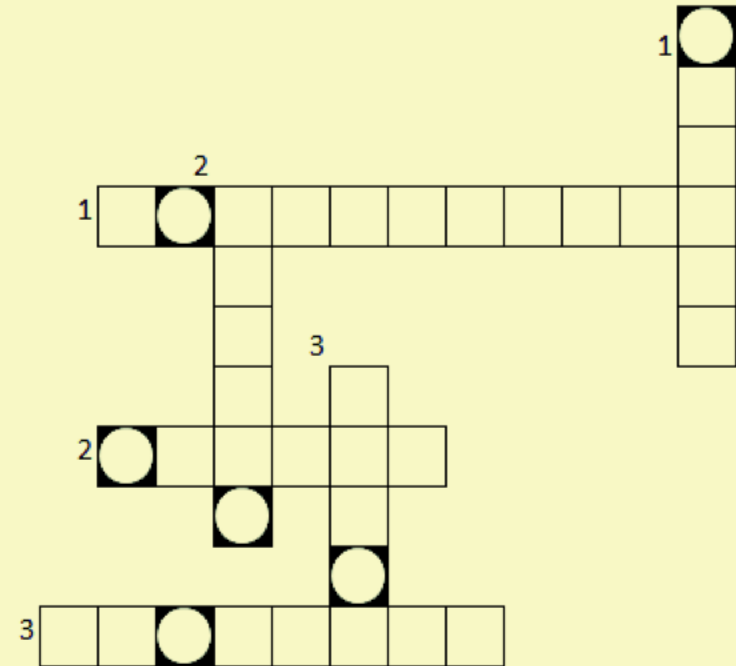
1. Using the underlined words, answer the clues
2. Unscramble the circled letters to find the mystery word
3. Show it to your teacher and get a reward

Down:

1. begining of _____."
2. brings _____, where
3. to the _____

Across:

1. really _____ everybody
2. _____ out loud
3. until the _____



Fear of God brings _____!

Name: _____