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## Every Good Thing

Shalom,

The Torah portion found in Leviticus 25:1–26:2 is called **Behar (On the Mountain)**. Wonderful promises have been given to all who put their trust in YHWH. These were Words from the Father to the Children of Israel as He gave His instructions for **Sabbath years for the land** called, “**Shmita.**” When they entered the land of promise they were to sow their fields and prune their vines so that they might **gather the fruit for six years**, but He instructed them to neither sow, prune, nor harvest during the seventh year. In other words, they were to **let the land completely rest**. If we think about it, we might ask how this could possibly work out. Natural minds generally think in terms of the natural, and that will always get people into trouble. It is recorded for us that the Lord knew these questions would arise, for the following Scripture is given.

*“If you ask, ‘If we aren't allowed to sow seed or harvest what our land produces, what are we going to eat the seventh year?’” (Leviticus 25:20 CJB)*

People who allow their flesh to rule will get bogged down with questions like the one quoted above. “What will we eat?” “What will we drink?” “What will we wear?” We hear negative reports of lack so often that many adopt **the expressions of the world** and, if we don't guard our hearts with the Word of God, we may slide into the despair and discouragement that dominates the news reports and commentaries of this age. To protect ourselves from such discouraging, depressing, and deceptive words, we must choose to hold fast to the Teaching and Instruction of the Living God.

The Word teaches that our Father is a Loving God Who has given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness through the knowledge of Him (2 Peter 1:3), and that He Who didn't spare His own Son, Yeshua the Messiah, but delivered Him up for us all, will freely give us all things (Romans 8:32). **We can depend upon our God to take care of us, and all our needs**, even when His instructions seem to contradict natural knowledge. The natural man says, “If I don't plant for one whole year, there will be a shortage and I will starve.” The man who lives in the Spirit will understand that every Word of God is true, and His wisdom is perfect. We can only imagine how wonderfully and abundantly the land would produce if God's Word were fully obeyed, and we can be certain that there would be no shortages. **Our God always blesses those who will hear His voice.** He is surely *El Shaddai*, the ‘more than enough’ God. His sufficiency is never ending. **His Word He calls forth, and the very elements of creation all obey Him.**

*...then I will order My blessing on you during the sixth year, so that the land brings forth enough produce for all three years. The eighth year you will sow seed but eat the old, stored produce until the ninth year; that is, until the produce of the eighth year comes in, you will eat the old, stored food. (Leviticus 25:21-22 CJB)*

Just as God's assurance of good to those who trust and take hold of His Word is certain, there is also a certainty of bad consequences for those who set themselves against His instruction.

*Don't delude yourselves: no one makes a fool of God! A person reaps what he sows. (Galatians 6:7 CJB)*

*Good understanding wins favor, but the way of the unfaithful is hard. (Proverbs 13:15 TLV)*

The wisdom of the world infects the minds of those who esteem human logic and natural practicality above the Word of God. Religious traditions often ignore the Word of God, substituting natural reasoning for the pure meaning of Scripture. We must not allow our minds to develop in the ways of the natural so that we begin to think as the world thinks. Natural thinking brings about the notion that if we are going to have success in life, we will have to put our wants and desires ahead of the needs and concerns of others and heap up things so that we won't run out. The enemy's plans to thwart the plan of God are to get us to rely upon natural knowledge so that we hold back that which is to be dedicated to God, whether it be our time, our talent, or our tithe.

*But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. (1 Corinthians 2:14 KJV)*

**Instead**, we must hear and follow God's instructions, being confident of His care and provision for us.

*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable—if there is any virtue and if there is anything worthy of praise—dwell on these things. (Philippians 4:8 TLV)*

*My God will fulfill every need of yours according to the riches of His glory in Messiah Yeshua. (Philippians 4:19 TLV)*

You may be assured that, as you live to keep and fulfill His Word, **God has commanded His blessing upon you. You will be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, in the Name of Yeshua.**

*“I will turn toward you, make you productive, increase your numbers and uphold My covenant with you. You will eat all you want from last year's harvest and throw out what remains of the old to make room for the new.”* (Leviticus 26:9-10 CJB)

*He is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the out-raying or radiance of the divine], and He is the perfect imprint and very image of [God's] nature, **upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His mighty Word of power...*** (Hebrews 1:3 AMPC)

**God is amazing! His grace is magnificent! His supply is abundant,** even excessive when viewed with the mind of the world which is obsessed with shortages and depletion, but remember, the God Who made it all is faithful to maintain, supply, and provide for every eventuality if we allow the mind of Messiah to dominate our thinking.

*For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. **No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.*** (Psalms 84:11 ESV)

Living in abundance,  
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