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Shabbat Vayachel/Shabbat Shekalim

*It has been told to you, what is good, and what Adonai requires of you
Only to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)*



Asher Yatzar: Beautiful and Broken

Music and English lyrics by Dan Nichols

I thank You for my life, body and soul
Help me realize I am beautiful and whole
I'm perfect the way I am, and a little broken too
I will live each day as a gift I give to You.

Baruch Atah Adonai,
rofeih chol basar umafli laasot.

ברוך אתה יי
רוֹפֵא כָּל בָּשָׂר וּמַפְלִיא לַעֲשׂוֹת.

Blessed are you, Adonai, who heals all flesh, working wondrously.

Exodus שמות 35

ד וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל-כָּל-עֵדֻת בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר זֶה הַדְּבָר אֲשֶׁר-צִוָּה יְהוָה לֵאמֹר:

4 Moses said further to the whole community of Israelites:
This is what the Eternal has commanded:

ה קָחוּ מֵאִתְּכֶם תְּרוּמָה לַיהוָה כֹּל נֹדֵיב לִבּוֹ יְבִיֵאֶה אֶת תְּרוּמַת יְהוָה זָהָב וְכֶסֶף וּנְחָשֶׁת:

5 Take from among you gifts to the Eternal; everyone whose heart is so moved shall bring them—gifts for the Eternal: gold, silver, and copper;

ו וּתְכֵלֶת וְאַרְגָּמָן וְתוֹלַעַת שָׁנִי וְשֵׁשׁ וְעִזִּים:

6 blue, purple, and crimson yarns, fine linen, and goats' hair;

ז וְעֹרֹת אֵילִם מְאֻדָּמִים וְעֹרֹת תַּחְשִׁים וְעֵצֵי שִׁטִּים:

7 tanned ram skins, dolphin skins, and acacia wood...

Haftarah for Vayachel: Proverbs 3:1-18

In parashat Vayakhel, the Israelites are instructed not to work on Shabbat, and in the construction of the sanctuary. We read about details and lists of fine linens and precious metals as well as gifts brought by the Israelites. This text from Proverbs provides a contrast: we are reminded that what is truly precious is not material goods but rather wisdom and Torah. The text from Proverbs also aligns with the text of Vayakhel in its encouragement to honor God with our wealth (verse 9). The final verses, 17 and 18, should be familiar from the liturgy that we sing when returning Torah to the ark.

- א** 1 My child, do not forget my teaching,
but let your mind retain my
commandments;
יִצָר לִבְךָ:
- ב** 2 For they will bestow on you length of
days, years of life and well-being.
וְשָׁלוֹם יוֹסִיפוּ לָךְ:
- ג** 3 Let fidelity and steadfastness not leave
you; bind them about your throat, write
them on the tablet of your mind,
עַל-גָּרְגְרוֹתֶיךָ כָּתְבָם עַל-לוּחַ לִבְךָ:
- ד** 4 And you will find favor and
approbation in the eyes of God and
humanity.
וּמִצָּאֵהוּ וּשְׂכָל-טוֹב בְּעֵינָי
אֱלֹהִים וָאָדָם:
- ה** 5 Trust in the Eternal with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own
understanding.
הַבֶּטַח אֶל-יְהוָה בְּכָל-לִבְךָ
וְאַל-בִּינְתֶךָ אֶל-תִּשְׁעֶן:
- ו** 6 In all your ways acknowledge [God],
and [God] will make your paths smooth.
בְּכָל-דְּרָכֶיךָ דַּעְהוּ וְהוּא יַיָּשֶׁר
אֶרְחֹתֶיךָ:
- ז** 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; be in
awe of the Eternal and shun evil.
אַל-תִּתְּהִי חָכָם בְּעֵינֶיךָ יִרְאֵהוּ
אֶת-יְהוָה וְסוּר מֵרָע:
- ח** 8 It will be a cure for your body, a tonic
for your bones.
חֲרָפְאוֹת תִּתְּהִי לְשַׁרְיָךְ וְשִׁקּוּי
לְעַצְמוֹתֶיךָ:
- ט** 9 Honor the Eternal with your wealth,
with the best of all your income,
כָּל-תְּבוּאָתְךָ:
- י** 10 And your barns will be filled with
grain, your vats will burst with new wine.
וַיִּמָּלְאוּ אֲסַמִּיךָ שֶׁבַע וְתִירוֹשׁ
יִקְבְּרוּ יִפְרְצוּ:
- יא** 11 Do not reject the discipline of the
Eternal, my child; do not abhor [God's]
rebuke.
יֹא מוֹסֵר יְהוָה בְּנֵי אֶל-תִּמְאַס׃
וְאַל-תִּתְּקוֹץ בְּתוֹכְחָתוֹ:
- יב** 12 For whom the Eternal loves, [God]
rebukes, as a parent the child whom he
favors.
יֵב כִּי אֶת-אֲשֶׁר יֶאֱהָב יְהוָה יוֹכִיחַ
וְיִכָּאֵב אֶת-בְּנוֹ יִרְצֶה:

- יג** אֲשֶׁרֵי אָדָם מְצָא חֲכָמָה וְאָדָם יִפְיֵק תְּבוּנָה: **13** Happy is the person who finds wisdom, the one who attains understanding.
- יד** כִּי טוֹב סִחְרָה מִסֶּחֶר כֶּסֶף וּמַחְרוֹץ תְּבוּאָתָהּ: **14** Her (wisdom's) value in trade is better than silver, her yield, greater than gold.
- טו** יִקְרָה הִיא מִפְּנִינִים וְכָל־חֶפְצֶיךָ לֹא יִשׁוּבָהּ: **15** She is more precious than rubies; all of your goods cannot equal her.
- טז** אֶרֶךְ יָמִים בְּיַמֶּינָהּ בְּשִׂמְאוֹלָהּ עֵשֶׂר וְכָבוֹד: **16** In her right hand is length of days, in her left, riches and honor.
- יז** דְּרָכֶיהָ דְרָכֵי־נֶעַם וְכָל־נִתְיֹבוֹתֶיהָ שְׁלוֹם: **17** Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths, peaceful.
- יח** עֵץ־חַיִּים הִיא לַמַּחֲזִיקִים בָּהּ וְתִמְכֶיהָ מְאֹשֵׁר: **18** She is a tree of life to those who grasp her, and whoever holds on to her is happy.

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