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Dry Spell

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We all go through seasons in our lives, a season of laughter, a season of sadness, a season of being full, and of being dry or empty. Why do these things seem occur in our lives? Well, for starters seasons promote growth into our walks with our G-d. But at times many people seem to get stuck in a mode and expect that mode to be it for the rest of their lives. The problem there is that they will never experience the growth and change of G-d. People, we need to know and understand the seasons of G-d in our lives. Some today can be in a place of dryness while others are in a place of fullness and so on. But what should we do when dryness seems to befall us? The answer is to seek for water, or that is the spiritual water which refreshes. In the Torah (1) there is an issue about finding water. The historic account there mentions Avrahams (Abrahams) son Yitzak (Isaac) who had conflicts and strife with the herdsman of Gerar. Every time they went to dig for water in the old wells of his father the herdsman of Gerar started conflict or strife with them claiming the wells were theirs. This of course forced Isaac to seek out his own water some place else. Finally after the conflict of water was over Isaac came about to a place He called Re'hobot. It was there in Re'hobot which means (wide places) that he would have his own well and it was there that G-d would bless them, and make them fruitful. The same issue may apply to us today. Seeking water sometimes in unwanted territory can cause conflict; therefore we must be diligent to follow where G-d would have us to go for refreshing and blessing. But if one does not seek for it how will they ever find it? Staying in one place or getting stuck in one mode can not bring the change or blessing to our lives. The second answer to finding water when dry is SEEK for it (2)!

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MIDRASH WITH THE RABBI

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Was the Shabbat a tradition or commandment for Jewish people?

Actually according to the Torah (a) the Shabbat was not a tradition, it was commandment which was given to our Jewish generations to keep and follow. The G-d of Avraham (Abraham) gave it as a covenant sign which was made between he and our ancestors (b). He no where had said this sign must be a tradition, but gave it under the mosaic covenant as a commandment. But is there a difference between a commandment and tradition? Yes, of course! The definition for the word commandment (Mitzvah) means; *mandate or something that is a command or authorization to act in a particular way*. In other words a command or commandment is something which is expected to be followed or done. While on the other hand a tradition means; *the handing down of statements, beliefs, legends, customs, information, etc., from generation to generation, esp. by word of mouth or by practice*: which means this is not obligatory as a commandment would be. So you see there is quite a difference. Now looking into a Jewish frame of mind we understand that while under the mosaic covenant one that is Jewish and follows the mosaic covenant will keep the Shabbat commandment and commandments. It is not a tradition to them or us; it is being obedient to G-d's commands. Now as far as tradition goes if one were to keep a certain dress to wear on the Shabbat, only this is a tradition or custom. This custom or any tradition as such on Shabbat can be followed by any individual or individuals. However this is only a tradition and is not law or commandment. To say the Shabbat is only a mere Jewish tradition misses or does not distinguish what is commandment verses what is tradition. This is one problem some have not fully understood. Jewish believers however have freedom under the



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Hezbollah's Nasrallah warns Israel over future war Aug 2009

BEIRUT -- Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah threatened to attack Tel Aviv if Israel were to bomb Beirut's southern suburbs, a bastion of the powerful Shi'ite military and political group. Hezbollah fought against Israel three years ago in a 34-day war after the group captured two Israeli soldiers in a cross-border raid. Some 1,200 people in Lebanon, mostly civilians, were killed and 160 Israelis, mostly soldiers, died. Israel pounded Beirut's southern suburbs as well as mainly Shi'ite southern Lebanon where Hezbollah maintains a stronghold and from which Israel withdrew in 2000. Israeli bombing also hit bridges, roads, airport runways, ports, factories, power and water networks, and military installations, and the eastern Bekaa Valley. Hezbollah's daily rocket barrages caused the destruction of some 2,000 homes and apartment buildings in Israeli cities. Tel Aviv was not hit by rocket attacks. "The equations that used to apply have now changed. Now it is 'the southern suburbs for Tel Aviv' and not 'Beirut for Tel Aviv'," al-Akhbar newspaper on Monday quoted Nasrallah as telling a group of Lebanese emigrants.

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Hebraic Perspectives



This Month's Hebrew word is:

מַיִם *Mai'yeem-(Waters)*

Which Hebrew definition means: a transparent liquid, a compound of hydrogen and oxygen, water or waters.

Study Portion- Ps 42:1



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Many people have supposed that this psalm was written by David. Actually it was written by a Levite who accompanied David while he was in exile from King Saul. The writings of this Levite reveal the true desires of his heart. His desire here in the psalm is to return to the bet ha mikdash (house of G-d) and to go on serving G-d. Even though at this time in his life he is faced with uncertain circumstances, feeling abandoned, and does not know when he will return to the place of his serve for G-d. He finds strength and encourages himself to seek his G-d. Verse one describes that he is one like the panting deer looking, or searching intensively for Maiyeem (water). Maiyeem refreshes the soul, but spiritually G-ds spirit revives and renews us . So the idea is that as he seeks for G-d like the deer seeks for water, G-d will refresh and will answer him. If we are lacking the Maiyeem of G-d in our lives we too should follow the example of this diligent Levite and search as he did till G-d answered him and revived him.

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