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Parashah Points: Pekudei – A Spiritual Audit

Welcome to another episode of Parashah Points—short thoughts from the weekly Torah Portion.

This week’s Parashah Point comes from Pekudei (peh-koo-day), which is Hebrew for “accounts,” and it goes from Exodus 38:21 – Exodus 40:38

This Torah portion tells of the setting up of the tabernacle and the glory of the Lord filling it.

There’s a lot we can talk about in this Torah Portion. Today we’re going to present just a thought on self-examination.

This Torah Portion begins by giving us a detailed account of what was collected for the Tabernacle and how it was used:

Exodus 38:21

These are the records of the tabernacle, the tabernacle of the testimony, as they were recorded at the commandment of Moses, the responsibility of the Levites under the direction of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

The rest of this passage goes on to list everyone who was involved in the building of the Tabernacle and what they did. It lists the precise amount of gold, silver, and bronze that was collected for the building of the Tabernacle and how exactly it was used. To Moses, it was very important to keep an organized record of what came in and where it went. In other words, Moses here is being a good bookkeeper!

Why is it important that there be a record of what is collected and how it is used? Well, there’s a very practical reason for this. Imagine a business that tried to operate without keeping track of its books, never charting profits and losses. The people who run that business wouldn’t be able to make good financial decisions without knowing the state of their finances. It just wouldn’t be wise. And a lot of bad financial mistakes could be avoided simply by having everything in order.

To put it simply, God calls us to be good stewards of what He’s given us. Therefore, it is necessary to

keep records. It's important to know the details of what we have and to make sure everything is in order.

But perhaps a spiritual principle can be drawn from this as well. If it was important to keep a record for the physical tabernacle, it's also important that we keep a record of ourselves—our spiritual tabernacle:

1 Corinthians 3:16

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

We are called a tabernacle, or temple, for God. Therefore, like Moses, we ought to keep a record of our lives to make sure everything is in order. But what does that look like?

Well, ask yourself these questions: "How much time have I spent in prayer this week?" "How much time have I spent in God's Word?" "How much time have I devoted to serving my family and community?"

Now compare your answers to those questions with your answer to how much time you've spent binge-watching Netflix. Or mindlessly scrolling through your Facebook feed.

We all need to do a spiritual audit sometimes and make sure that our priorities are in order. We all need to do some self-examination. As the apostle Paul says:

2 Corinthians 13:5

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ (Yeshua the Messiah) is in you? — unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

As the Scriptures say, reflect on your life—examine yourself—and make sure that you are using your time wisely. Do a spiritual audit.

Thank you for joining us for another Parashah Point!

We pray you have been blessed by this teaching. Remember, continue to test everything. Shalom! For more on this and other teachings, please visit us at www.testeverything.net

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