Torah Questions for Discussion Exodus 30:11-34:35

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| 1 | 30:11-16 Adonai said to Moshe; When you take a census of the people of Isra’el…You are to take the atonement money from the people of Isra’el and use it for the service in the tent of meeting, so that it will be a reminder of the people of Isra’el before Adonai to atone for your lives.” In order to fund the building and maintaining the Sanctuary, YHVH commanded Moshe to take a census and instruct the people to give a half shekel of silver. The rich and poor gave the same amount; both contributed to the maintenance of the Temple services, both were to have like interest in it and benefit by it (Pr 22:2); so no plague would be among them. Everyone over twenty years of age who was subject to the census, giving the half shekel, was acknowledging that they received their lives from YHVH, paying homage; they forfeited their lives to Him and depended upon His power not the number or amount of men when called to battle (Num 26:4, 2Ki 12:4, 1Ch 27:24). Yeshua also paid tribute money not to offend in Matthew 17:24-27. Those who reap the benefit of YHVH’s place of worship must be willing to defray the expense of it and not grudge the necessary charges of YHVH public worship.* Do you honor YHVH with your substance; honoring Him who has made Himself an atonement for you?

30:18-21 *“You are to make a basin of bronze, with a base of bronze, for washing…”* they were to wash their hands and feet, so that they would not die. The laver with fresh water each day was for the priest only to wash; they are to be kept clean from the daily pollution of sin, teaching them and us about purity and the Holiness of YHVH. (Ps 24:3, 4) As believers in Yeshua Messiah we should recognize our need for daily renewal with a repentant heart; there is an inexhaustible fountain of living water (Zech. 13:1) in Yeshua, when we offend and contract pollution. (2Kings 5:13, Ps 51:2, 7; Isa 1:16, John 13:8, James 3:2, Ac 22:16).* Have you allowed this Living Water to wash you, so you will not die? (2 Ch 4:6)
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| 2 | 31:2-11 Adonai singled out B’tza’el the son of Uri the son of Hur of the tribe of Y’hudah. I have filled him with the Spirit of G-d with wisdom, understanding and knowledge concerning every kind of artisan…” Adonai filled the artist with His Spirit. When YHVH provides vision he gives the provision to fulfill it. * Are you resting upon your ability or the ability of Adonai to guide you?

31:13-17 “…but My Shabbats you shall keep…” Adonai makes it clear that His commandment to rest on Shabbat take priority, this is a sign of covenantal relationship which did not began on Mt. Sinai, but in the creation (Gen 2:2, 3); even Isaiah the prophets speaks of all who keeps Shabbat (Isa 56:1-8) from profaning it, choosing the things that pleases Him and hold His covenant, He will give a memorial.* Do you treat Adonai’s Shabbat as ordinary?
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| 3 | Chapter 32: When the people of Isra’el proclaimed the delay of Moshe coming down from the mountain of Adonai, they aspired for a connection with something greater and tangible; but they claimed a god of their own hands. Isra’el called to Aharon who Moshe left with Hur to judge any problems (Ex 24:14). YHVH tells Moshe to get down (v.17) the people had corrupted themselves, they took that which is real (Adonai) and tried to replicate Him. Aharon constructed an alternative worship in defiance of YHVH, mixing the worship of the Lord with the worship of Baal, recalling this time in history (tradition) but not understanding the ramification. This act of defiance was also enacted by Jeroboam in 1Ki 12.28; 31-33.* What is more important to you, man’s tradition/rebellion or the truth of Adonai?

33:13; 34:5-7 “Now, please, if it is really the case that I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways; so that I will understand, you and continue finding favor in your sight…” Moshe acknowledges that what distinguishes Israel from all other people on the earth is YHVH’s presence and after all the calamity surrounding the golden calf, Moshe pleads with Adonai that he would know His ways; Moshe hears Adonai speak of Himself after passing by Moshe in the crevice of the rock as The One Who Was; The One Who Is; The One Who Will Be, Who is merciful and compassionate, slow to anger, rich in grace and truth; showing grace to the thousands of generations, forgiving offenses, crimes and sins, paraphrased seven time (complete) in Joel 2:13, Jonah 4:2b, Ps 78:38; 86:15; 103:8-12; 145:8 and Neh. 9:17b. After the Divine speaks His Name Moshe’s face beamed out with rays of light; Adonai’s presence changed Moshe’s’ physical appearance, the light of YHVH came upon him.* When was the last time you prostrated yourself before the overwhelming, splendor of YHVH?
* How has Adonai recently demonstrated His mercy, grace and compassion to you?
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* How the Brit Hadashah communicates to the Torah reading:

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