

Purely Preservation?



This week we are in the parsha Eikev, which means "as a result". Did you know that often our blessings in life are a 'result of' our keeping G-D's commandments. Not always, for we are always blessed more abundantly than a simple equation can account for, but very often we avoid bad things, simply out of obedience to HIS Torah. It can be as simple as honoring our parents with obedience, and not getting hurt, because we choose not to run in the street. Just like that example though we can be oblivious to the blessings.

Have you ever said to G-D; "thank you that I have not been smashed up by a car today." ? No? Me either, but it is nonetheless a great blessing! Notice what HE says in this portion;

12"Then it will happen, as a result of your listening to these ordinances, when you keep and do them, that Adonai your God will keep with you the covenant kindness that He swore to your fathers."

G-D knows that HIS rules keep us safe. They are not there to keep us from fun, but as a blessing and kindness to keep us from harm. When we see HIS rules in this way, it is not as the world sees them, as 'laws', but as HE HIMSELF sees them, as a covenant of lovingkindness.

Activity:
Think up some rules for someone you love very much that will keep them safe. Write them down and pass them on to them. Watch their reaction. How does their reaction to your loving rules match the world's reaction to G-d's laws?

Come ready to discuss with your class next week the result of your experiment.

a lesson in Eikev

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