

Bite Your Tongue

A Lesson in Language, Guarding the Tongue, and Avoiding
“Lashun H'ra.”

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The Way of the Most High

“Exalting belief in our Father, the Most High יְהוָה (YaHUAH), through His Turah, the
5 scrolls of M'shah (Moses).”

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EYES, EARS, LIPS, HEART

There are lots of things that we must dedicate to the Most High if our bodies are to be His Dwelling Place. The tongue is a significant aspect of dedicating our bodies to the Most High. What you offer with your lips is very important. What you look at and dwell upon is crucial. What you hear and choose to listen to ought to be taken seriously. The eyes, the ears, the lips, the heart... all belong to YaH.

"Bite your tongue" is a familiar phrase to any child who has been rebuked mid-sentence by an angry elder. It is our belief that every living person has an inherent need for worship, righteousness and purity. They hunger for it. They may ignore it, suppress it and rationalize it away by convincing themselves that there is no Creator or need for forgiveness and worship. Yet the hunger doesn't go away. **It is there, like a dull pain hiding behind the fraudulent smiles of the masses.** As a result of that hunger for purity, and as believers in the Turah (Scriptures), we have kept a lot of the commandments, feast days and instructions of Scripture for several years. We believe this subject is more than worthy to be hashed out by those who wish to follow the Most High.

Our family has pictured the ancient Aibree (Hebrew) before our minds. Having worn Scriptural clothing such as the turban and robe, I have had a lot of experience with our Creator in this regard. We have literally attempted to live out the Turah (Scriptures) in our diet, focusing on oils, grains and foods mentioned in Scripture. We have looked at a lot of different truths in regards to the ancient paths of YaH and attempted to walk in them. But the truth is that we all leave our homes and go out into the world to work and live. At least those of us who have not yet reached the high and lofty goal of a natural and self-sustaining community without the need for B'bayl (Babylon). Outside our homes, for most of us, is an environment with friends and co-workers who do not live and believe as we do. We have often received emails on the difficult nature of this. It is the challenge of shutting out the music which plays at work, or in the stores and malls, or the conversations which people have everywhere they go. It is the media brain-washing that the people around us question us about. And it can only be fought by a firm stand to keep before us the Way of the Most High, and walk with YaH.

Let us go back to that picture of the ancient Aibree (Hebrew), the people of Scripture that we read of in the Turah (Scriptures). Have you attempted to piece that picture together for yourself? Have you pictured people wearing robes, living quite simply, in the solitude of the wilderness, tending to a flock of sheep, living in tents with their wives and children? **Have you thought about how far our modern society has lost that tranquility and purity?**

When we envision M'shah (Moses), Al'Yahu (Elijah) or others, is it possible for us to picture them watching rated "R" movies? What about listening to rock music like Marilyn Manson or hip hop music like Snoop Dogg? I've isolated two genres of music and two music artists. The same could be said in a long list of movies, actors and musicians. What must the Most High think of these matters? He must be appalled at how people use their tongues in the speech of those acting in movies and most of the music people produce. Our current age demands that we think of the abominations and fetishes that have been placed before us (Wa'y'qora (Lev.) 18:26).

THE FEAR OF יְהוָה (YAHUAH)

Those who truly love and fear the Most High in a reverent mindset before His throne which is above, thinking of His compassion and forgiveness will naturally hunger for purity and righteousness in their lives. Throughout the ages, history records that people of the Most High were mindful of the concept and teaching regarding "the evil tongue." We could easily say that this encompasses all of the **adulterous and flirtatious words that society uses on a daily basis today**. Lying, talking trash about others and deliberately teaching people falsehood and great delusions. Pretty self-explanatory. Our family has contemplated the path of the Most High and what that means for our lives, our bodies and our lifestyle.

We have researched the origins of words and terms like the names of the days of the week, the false names "God" (Assyrian false mighty one) and "Lord" (Etruscan false mighty one), and we have found ways of avoiding them or substituting them with other words and terms. This confronts the issue of paganism or falsehood on our lips. There is much falsehood to be undone if we are to have pure lips and witness of YaH to the world. We have decided to watch how we speak, because our voice is one of few that cry out in the wilderness of modern-day anti-Scriptural society. We are calling out to return to the Almighty and His Turah (Scriptures), along with the purity and simplicity which we see in the ancient world. This includes their way of life and the richness of the ancient Aibreth (Hebrew) picture-letters we have been attempting to restore.

It isn't simply about the "don'ts." It is about love and purity. Sadly, people see "commandments, instructions" and "laws" as being restricting of their freedoms. They rationalize their departure from such things as "changing times, modern-day culture," and do not really identify it the way that Scripture does: **Transgression, adultery and rebellion**. Moreover, when the governments of the nations establish laws, people think it is for their best interests and peace. Yet when the Almighty and His Law come before them, they do not see it that way.

As M'shih (Moses) stood before the Almighty, he declared that he was a person whose foreskin had not been cut from his lips (Sh'moot (Ex.) 6:12,30). We have some very strong examples of humility and reverence through the Turah (Scriptures). It is the point where a person falls on their knees and face before the Most High and recognizes that in reality, His Scriptures and laws and instructions are true, and that only He has completely upheld His words and promises. We are in need of repentance, reform and cleansing. The world needs a turning from crookedness to righteousness... which is defined by "right actions." There are numerous texts which illustrate how we can begin afresh, improve our ways and learn of the ways and commands of YaH. As for me and my house, we have taken a step back, fasted and prayed on these issues. We want our lips, eyes, hearts and actions to be forever established as righteous in the presence of our Father.

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