

## Top 10 Ideas: Class 2

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**ב** דַּבֵּר אֶל-כָּל-עֵדֻת בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם-- קִדְשִׁים תִּהְיוּ: כִּי קָדוֹשׁ, אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם.

2 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them: Ye shall be holy; for I the LORD your God am holy.

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To imitate God means...to cleave to His ways, to walk in His ways. By these are meant not the ways which God has comanded man as man to walk in, they are really God's own ways. But, yet again, the old question comes back in a new form: How can we walk in his ways?. . . What are the ways of God? Those which He himself proclaimed to Moses: "God, merciful, gracious, long-suffering, abundant in lovingkindness and faithfulness." (sifre on Deut. 11:22). . . . Another saying (Talmud, Sota 14a) is still more explicit: "After the Lord your God shall ye walk" (Deut. 13:5); how should man be able to walk in the footsteps of the divine Presence? Is it not written (Deut 4:24): "The Lord thy God is a devouring fire"? But the meaning is: Follow after the middot, the "attributes," still better, the modes in which God works as far as these are made known to man. As he clothed the nakedness of the first human beings, as he visited the sick Abraham in the grove at Mamre (where according to tradition Abraham suffered the pangs of circumcision), as he comforted Isaac with his blessing after Abraham's death, until the last act of God in the Pentateuch, when he himself buried Moses - all these are enacted middot, visible patterns for man, and the mitzvot, the commandments, are middot made human. "My handicraft" as the Midrash has God say to Abraham, "is to do good - you have taken up my handicraft" . (Genesis Rabbah on 23:19)

## ויקרא Chapter 19

- א** וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה, אֶל-מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר.
- ב** דַּבֵּר אֶל-כָּל-עֵדֻת בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם--קִדְשִׁים תִּהְיוּ: כִּי קָדוֹשׁ, אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם.
- ג** אִישׁ אִמּוֹ וְאָבִיו תִּירָאוּ, וְאֶת-שַׁבְּתוֹתַי תִּשְׁמְרוּ: אֲנִי, יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם.
- ד** אֶל-תִּפְנֹו, אֶל-הַאֱלִילִים, וְאֱלֹהֵי מִסְכָּה, לֹא תַעֲשׂוּ לָכֶם: אֲנִי, יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם.
- ה** וְכִי תִזְבְּחוּ זֶבַח שְׁלָמִים, לַיהוָה-- לְרִצְוֹנְכֶם, תִּזְבְּחֻהוּ.
- ו** בְּיוֹם זִבְחֲכֶם יֹאכַל, וּמִמָּחָרְת; וְהַנּוֹתָר עַד-יוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי, בָּאֵשׁ יִשָּׂרֵף.
- ז** וְאִם הָאֵכָל יֹאכַל, בְּיוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי--פְּגוּל הוּא, לֹא יִרְצָה.
- 1 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying:  
2 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them: Ye shall be holy; for I the LORD your God am holy.  
3 Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and ye shall keep My sabbaths: I am the LORD your God.  
4 Turn ye not unto the idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I am the LORD your God.  
5 And when ye offer a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto the LORD, ye shall offer it that ye may be accepted.  
6 It shall be eaten the same day ye offer it, and on the morrow; and if aught remain until the third day, it shall be burnt with fire.  
7 And if it be eaten at all on the third day, it is a vile thing; it shall not be accepted.

- ח** וְאִכְלוּ עֹנֹו יִשָּׂא, כִּי-אֶת-קֹדֶשׁ יְהוָה חָלְלָ; וְנִכְרְתָה הַנֶּפֶשׁ הַהוּא, מֵעַמּוּהָ. **8** But every one that eateth it shall bear his iniquity, because he hath profaned the holy thing of the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from his people.
- ט** וּבִקְצֹרְכֶם אֶת-קְצִיר אֲרָצְכֶם, לֹא תִכְלֶה פְּאֵת שְׂדֵךְ לְקָצֵר; וְלִקְט קְצִירְךָ, לֹא תִלְקֹט. **9** And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corner of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest.
- י** וְכִרְמֶךָ לֹא תְעוּלֶל, וּפְרֹט כִּרְמֶךָ לֹא תִלְקֹט: לְעָנִי וְלִגֵּר תַּעֲזֹב אֹתָם, אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם. **10** And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather the fallen fruit of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and for the stranger: I am the LORD your God.
- יא** לֹא, תִגְנֹבוּ; וְלֹא-תִכְחָשׁוּ וְלֹא-תִשְׁקְרוּ, אִישׁ בְּעַמִּיתוֹ. **11** Ye shall not steal; neither shall ye deal falsely, nor lie one to another.
- יב** וְלֹא-תִשָּׁבְעוּ בְשִׁמִּי, לְשָׁקֵר: וְחָלַלְתָּ אֶת-שֵׁם אֱלֹהֶיךָ, אֲנִי יְהוָה. **12** And ye shall not swear by My name falsely, so that thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.
- יג** לֹא-תַעֲשֶׂק אֶת-רֵעֶךָ, וְלֹא תִגְזֹל; לֹא-תִלְוֶה פְּעֻלַּת שָׂכִיר, אִתְּךָ--עַד-בֹּקֶר. **13** Thou shalt not oppress thy neighbour, nor rob him; the wages of a hired servant shall not abide with thee all night until the morning.
- יד** לֹא-תִקְלַל חֵרֶשׁ--וְלִפְנֵי עִוֵּר, לֹא תִתֵּן מִכְשָׁל; וְיִרְאֵת מֵאֱלֹהֶיךָ, אֲנִי יְהוָה. **14** Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling-block before the blind, but thou shalt fear thy God: I am the LORD.
- טו** לֹא-תַעֲשׂוּ עוֹל, בְּמִשְׁפָּט--לֹא-תִשָּׂא פָנֶי-דָל, וְלֹא תִהְדָּר פָּנֵי גְדוֹל: בְּצַדִּיק, תִּשְׁפֹּט עַמִּיתְךָ. **15** Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment; thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor favour the person of the mighty; but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.
- טז** לֹא-תִלְךָ רָכִיל בְּעַמִּיךָ, לֹא תַעֲמֹד עַל-דַּם רֵעֶךָ: אֲנִי, יְהוָה. **16** Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people; neither shalt thou stand idly by the blood of thy neighbour: I am the LORD.
- יז** לֹא-תִשְׁנֵא אֶת-אָחִיךָ, בְּלִבְבְּךָ; הוֹכַח תּוֹכִיחַ אֶת-עַמִּיתְךָ, וְלֹא-תִשָּׂא עָלָיו חַטָּא. **17** Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thy heart; thou shalt surely rebuke thy neighbour, and not bear sin because of him.
- יח** לֹא-תִקֶּם וְלֹא-תִטֹּר אֶת-בְּנֵי עַמְּךָ, וְאַהֲבַת לְרֵעֶךָ כְּמוֹד: אֲנִי, יְהוָה. **18** Thou shalt not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.
- יט** אֶת-חֻקֹּתַי, תִּשְׁמְרוּ--בְּהִמָּתְךָ לֹא-תִרְבִּיעַ כְּלָאִים, שְׂדֵךְ לֹא-תִזְרַע כְּלָאִים; וּבְגָד כְּלָאִים שְׁעֻטָנֹו, לֹא יַעֲלֶה עָלֶיךָ. **19** Ye shall keep My statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind; thou shalt not sow thy field with two kinds of seed; neither shall there come upon thee a garment of two kinds of stuff mingled together.
- כ** וְאִישׁ כִּי-יִשְׁכַּב אֶת-אִשָּׁה שְׂכֵבֶת-זָרָה, וְהוּא שְׂפָחָה נְחֻרְפֶּת לְאִישׁ, וְהִפְדָּה לֹא נִפְדָּתָה, אוֹ חִפְשָׁה לֹא נָתַן-לָהּ--בְּקִרְתָּ תִהְיֶה לֹא יוֹמָתוֹ, כִּי-לֹא חִפְשָׁה. **20** And whosoever lieth carnally with a woman, that is a bondmaid, designated for a man, and not at all redeemed, nor was freedom given her; there shall be inquisition; they shall not be put to death, because she was not free.
- כא** וְהֵבִיא אֶת-אֲשָׁמוֹ לַיהוָה, אֶל-פֶּתַח אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד--אֵיל, אֲשֶׁם. **21** And he shall bring his forfeit unto the LORD, unto the door of the tent of meeting, even a ram for a guilt-offering.
- כב** וְכֹפֵר עָלָיו הִכְהֵן בְּאֵיל הָאֲשֶׁם, לִפְנֵי יְהוָה, עַל-חַטָּאתוֹ, אֲשֶׁר חָטָא; וְנִסְלַח לוֹ, מִחַטָּאתוֹ אֲשֶׁר חָטָא. {פ} **22** And the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the guilt-offering before the LORD for his sin which he hath sinned; and he shall be forgiven for his sin which he hath sinned. {P}
- כג** וְכִי-תָבֹאוּ אֶל-הָאָרֶץ, וְנִטְעַתֶם כָּל-עֵץ מֵאֲכָל--וְעִרְלַתֶם עֲרֻלְתוֹ, אֶת-פְּרִיּוֹ; שְׁלֹשׁ שָׁנִים, יִהְיֶה לָכֶם עֲרֻלִים--לֹא יֵאָכֵל. **23** And when ye shall come into the land, and shall have planted all manner of trees for food, then ye shall count the fruit thereof as forbidden; three years shall it be as forbidden unto you; it shall not be eaten.
- כד** וּבִשְׁנָה הָרְבִיעִת, יִהְיֶה, כָּל-פְּרִיּוֹ--קֹדֶשׁ הַלְוִיִּים, לַיהוָה. **24** And in the fourth year all the fruit thereof shall be holy, for giving praise unto the LORD.

- כה** 25 But in the fifth year may ye eat of the fruit thereof, that it may yield unto you more richly the increase thereof: I am the LORD your God.  
 וּבִשְׁנֵה הַחֲמִישִׁית, תֹּאכְלוּ אֶת-פְּרִיּוֹ, לְהוֹסִיף לָכֶם, תְּבוּאָתוֹ: אֲנִי, יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם.
- כו** 26 Ye shall not eat with the blood; neither shall ye practise divination nor soothsaying.  
 לֹא תֹאכְלוּ, עַל-הַדָּם; לֹא תִנְחֲשׂוּ, וְלֹא תַעֲוִינּוּ.
- כז** 27 Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard.  
 לֹא תִקְפוּ, פְּאֵת רִאשְׁכֶם; וְלֹא תִשְׁחִית, אֶת פְּאֵת זְקִנְךָ.
- כח** 28 Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor imprint any marks upon you: I am the LORD.  
 וְשָׂרֵט לִנְפֹשׁ, לֹא תַתְּנוּ בְּבִשְׂרְכֶם, וְכִתְּבֵת קַעֲקַע, לֹא תַתְּנוּ בְּכֶם: אֲנִי, יְהוָה.
- כט** 29 Profane not thy daughter, to make her a harlot, lest the land fall into harlotry, and the land become full of lewdness.  
 אַל-תַּחַלֵּל אֶת-בִּתְּךָ, לְהַזְנוֹתָהּ; וְלֹא-תִזְנֶה הָאָרֶץ, וּמְלֵאָה הָאָרֶץ זִמָּה.
- ל** 30 Ye shall keep My sabbaths, and reverence My sanctuary: I am the LORD.  
 אֶת-שַׁבְּתוֹתַי תִּשְׁמְרוּ, וּמִקְדָּשִׁי תִירָאוּ: אֲנִי, יְהוָה.
- לא** 31 Turn ye not unto the ghosts, nor unto familiar spirits; seek them not out, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.  
 אַל-תִּפְּנוּ אֶל-הַאֲבֹת וְאֶל-הַיִּדְעֹנִים, אַל-תִּבְקְשׁוּ לְטַמְּאָה בָּהֶם: אֲנִי, יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם.
- לב** 32 Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and thou shalt fear thy God: I am the LORD. {S}  
 מִפְּנֵי שֵׁיבָה תִקּוּם, וְהִדְרַת פְּנֵי זָקֵן; וְיִרְאַת מַאֲלֵהֶיךָ, אֲנִי יְהוָה. {ס}
- לג** 33 And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not do him wrong.  
 וְכִי-יִגּוּר אִתְּךָ גֵר, בְּאַרְצְכֶם--לֹא תוֹנוּ, אֹתוֹ.
- לד** 34 The stranger that sojourneth with you shall be unto you as the home-born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.  
 כְּאִזְרַח מִכֶּם יִהְיֶה לָכֶם הַגֵּר הַגֵּר אִתְּכֶם, וְאַהֲבַת לוֹ כְּמוֹד--כִּי-גֵרִים הֵייתֶם, בְּאַרְץ מִצְרַיִם: אֲנִי, יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם.
- לה** 35 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure.  
 לֹא-תַעֲשׂוּ עוֹל, בְּמִשְׁפָּט, בְּמִדָּה, בְּמִשְׁקָל וּבְמִשׁוּרָה.
- לו** 36 Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.  
 מֵאֲזֵנֵי צֶדֶק אֲבָנֵי-צֶדֶק, אֵיפֹת צֶדֶק וְהֵיוּ צֶדֶק--יִהְיֶה לָכֶם: אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם, אֲשֶׁר-הוֹצֵאתִי אֶתְכֶם מִמִּצְרַיִם.
- לז** 37 And ye shall observe all My statutes, and all Mine ordinances, and do them: I am the LORD. {P}  
 וְשָׁמַרְתֶּם אֶת-כָּל-חֻקֹּתַי וְאֶת-כָּל-מִשְׁפָּטַי, וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֹתָם: אֲנִי, יְהוָה. {פ}