

RaYBaSH's Torah thoughts for Kids

Parashah #41 Pinchas

Numbers 25:10 - 30:1

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Have you ever knew of a good rule that couldn't be kept for some reason?

I remember in junior Shabbath school that everyone had to sit in their chairs while the teacher was teaching with their feet on the floor and their backs on the back of the chair. Well I was too little and I couldn't have my back on the chair and my feet on the ground at the same time. So the teacher saw the unique situation I was in and without breaking the rule the teacher made a special allowance for little kids that they only had to sit with their back to the back of the chair or their feet on the floor, whichever they choose.

Adonai is the Lawgiver, He lays down the Law. The Scriptures tell us that God is the same Yesterday, Today and Forever, He is Yah who does not change. This being said, can God be influenced to make special accommodations regarding a Law He has made?

ABSOLUTELY!

Our God, Adonai is a merciful God. This Torah portion tells us God takes unique situations on a case by case basis.

The Torah Tells us that men get the inheritance of land, etc. But what if a man has no sons or other male relatives; but only daughters? If they marry, especially outside the tribe the land will go to their husband and his tribe and thus the dead mans inheritance, his land and his name would be forever lost!

Well this scenario happens in our Torah Portion this week.

According to tradition Zelophehad was the man who was stoned for gathering wood on the Sabbath and all he had was daughters. So God made a ruling that in such a situation that the inheritance may go to the daughters.

Shabbat Shalom and Shavuah Tov!

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