

RaYBaSH's Torah Thoughts for Kids
Parashah # 50 Ki Tavo "When you come"
Devarim (Deuteronomy) 26:1-29:8
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Deuteronomy 28:1-2 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

Deuteronomy 28:15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

Have you ever cleaned your room, or did the dishes or cleaned up after you pet without being told to do so by your parents?

If so, remember how happy and proud of they were of you? They may have said "Thank you", gave you a hug, or a pat on the back, or even let you pick out a new toy or they may have taken you out for an ice cream. Maybe they even gave you a little extra allowance.

The good feeling you got from doing this and the extra reward you may have received is sort of what a blessing feels like.

Now, have you ever been told to clean your room, do the dishes or clean up after your pet and you didn't do it, even after you were told several times?

What happened? Maybe you got a spanking, or a time out. Maybe you got grounded and couldn't watch your favorite show, or maybe you didn't get dessert after supper. You remember how upset and disappointed your parents were? Remember how bad all that made you feel? Well, that is sort of what being cursed feels like.

Most of you know the rules at your house are, and what chores and responsibilities you have at home. These are like God's commandments.

If you keep the rules and do your chores at your house you are blessed and rewarded for it. If not, you are cursed and punished.

Same with God's commandments in His Torah; you are blessed if you keep them and cursed if you don't the choice is up to us.

Deuteronomy 29:9(8) Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do.

Shabbat Shalom and Shavuah Tov,
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