

<http://www.shema-yisrael.org/>

Torah Portion Shoftim 5770/2010

Justice, Mercy, and Returning to God

Deuteronomy 16:18-20 Justice.

Deuteronomy 17:18-20 The King shall write two copies of the Torah.

Deuteronomy 31:19 The basis for the commandment for every Jew to write a Torah scroll for themselves.

According to Chazai, it also means not just the song but the entire Torah, which could mean that each individual is adjured to write their own personal copy of Sefer Torah. In modern times, this commandment is fulfilled if you by your own copy of the Torah/Bible Referencing Parashot Haazinu (Deuteronomy 32), a Torah scroll is considered a "witness" and thus your behavior particularly in the presence of a Torah scroll, must be especially pious.

Can this be generalized to any believer at least in principle?

The first day of Rosh Hashanah is less than 4 weeks away. It is not too early to start examining ourselves as we approach the New Year and the Day of Atonement which is 10 days later.

Acts 5:1-6 Justice.

Romans 7:7 The Torah defines sin.

James 4:11-12 The Torah teaches us who is the righteous Judge.

Joel 2:12-13 Return to me.

Hosea 12:7(6) Return to God and love kindness and justice.

1 Corthinians 7:17-20 Serve God as the person God made you to be.

James 5:19-20 We can help others to return to God.

Jonah 3:5-10 The people of Nineveh repented.

Revelation 20:11-15 Judgment.

Jonah 4:11 God's pity to everyone.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world...

Parashat Ha'azinu 1997: http://www.hillel.org/jewish/archives/devarim/haazinu/1997_haazinu.htm
