Torah Studies - Statutes #242-245

Statute Summary:

(#242) YHWH wants His people to strengthen and help the elderly. (#243) The younger members of the body of YAH are also to stand up in respect, when an elderly person enters their presence. (#244) YHWH wants His younger children to show honor and favor toward their elders. (#245) Demonstrating respect and favor to our elders is a way to demonstrate reverence for YHWH.

<u>Leviticus 19:32</u> "Thou shalt <u>rise up before</u> the <u>hoary head</u>, and <u>honour</u> the face of the **old man**, and **fear** thy God: I am the LORD."

Key Word Study:

<u>Directions:</u> Look up each keyword (underlined in the verses above) in your Strong's Concordance. Fill in the table below.

Key Word	Strong's Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
RISE UP	6965	qûm	to <i>rise</i> , get up, make good, help, hold, help to lift up, make to stand up, stir up, strengthen
BEFORE	6440	pânîym	from (among), the <i>face,</i> favour, fear of, for, forefront, presence
HOARY HEAD	7872	śêybâh	old age: - be gray (grey, hoary) hairs (headed)
HONOUR	1921	hâdar	to <i>swell</i> up, to <i>favor</i> or <i>honour,</i> glorious, honour, put forth
OLD MAN	2205	zâqên	old: - aged, ancient (man), elder (-est), old (man, men and women), senator
FEAR	3372	yârê'	To fear; morally to revere, (be had in) reverence

Synthesis:

<u>Directions:</u> Rewrite this Scripture in your own words, using the fuller meanings you gained from the Key Word Study. Highlight the concept which most stands out to you. Pray and meditate on it today.

It is a beautiful thought to realize that when I render respect to my elders, I am showing reverence for my Heavenly Father! He asks me to respectfully stand when an elderly person enters the room. I am to get up and help my elders, helping them when they need it. Also, in a society that seems so fascinated by youth and critical of age, it is clear that we are upside down in our thinking. For YHWH wants us to respect and honor our elders. This is dramatically different from our current society where the movies paint adults as stupid, and make children "save the day." This principle of respecting and honoring the elderly is especially shown in Japan. It is kind of neat to see that YHWH wants His children to view grey hair as a badge of Heavenly honor, rather than a reason to disregard.

Torah Studies – Statutes #246-248

Statute Summary:

(#246) YHWH wants His children become holy, sacred sanctuaries for the indwelling of His Spirit. One key ingredient in holiness is respect for our physical and spiritual fathers and mothers. (#247) YHWH's children are to reverence and respect their physical parents. (#248) They are also to revere the mothers in Israel (those in a figurative mother-roll, or elder women) and the fathers in Israel (elder men and leaders)

<u>Leviticus 19:2-3</u> "Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, <u>Ye shall be holy</u>: for I the LORD your God Am holy. <u>Ye shall fear</u> every man his <u>mother</u>, and his <u>father</u>, and keep My Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God."

Key Word Study:

<u>Directions:</u> Look up each keyword (underlined in the verses above) in your Strong's Concordance. Fill in the table below.

Key Word	Strong's Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
YE SHALL BE	1961	hâyâh	to exist, that is, be or become, come to pass, quit oneself
HOLY	6918	qâdôsh	sacred (ceremonially or morally); a saint, a sanctuary: - holy (One), saint
YE SHALL FEAR	3372	yârê'	to <i>fear</i> ; morally to <i>revere</i> ; causatively to <i>frighten,</i> (be had in) reverence
MOTHER	517	'êm	a <i>mother</i> (as the <i>bond</i> of the family); in a wide sense (both literally and figuratively)
FATHER	1	'âb	father in a literal and immediate, or figurative chief, forefather, principal

Synthesis:

<u>Directions:</u> Rewrite this Scripture in your own words, using the fuller meanings you gained from the Key Word Study. Highlight the concept which most stands out to you. Pray and meditate on it today.

As a child of YHWH, I am to reverence and respect my parents. My parents, include my birth parents, of course,
But also my spiritual Fathers and Mothers are the elders in spiritual Israel. By demonstrating reverence toward my
Human elders, in this way, I will be growing to be more and more holy, after my Heavenly Father's Pattern.

Torah Studies – Statutes #249-252

Statute Summary:

(#249) YHWH has created us in His Image. Thus, we are called to reflect His Loveliness. We are to look like Him in Character. (#250) YHWH's people are commanded to bear seed. This means that we are to have godly children, bearing literal seed to His Glory. But it more deeply means that we are to bear spiritual seed, reproducing Truth in others so that they too will be saved. (#251) The purpose of bearing seed is to fill the earth with saved people who bear the Image of YHWH in character. (#252) We are also commanded to subdue the earth.

<u>Genesis 1:26-28</u> "And God said, Let us make <u>man</u> in <u>Our Image</u>, <u>after our Likeness</u>: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in His Own Image, in the Image of God created He him; male and female created He them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, <u>Be fruitful</u>, and <u>multiply</u>, and <u>replenish</u> the earth, and <u>subdue</u> it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."

Key Word Study:

<u>Directions:</u> Look up each keyword (underlined in the verses above) in your Strong's Concordance. Fill in the table below.

Key Word	Strong's Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
MAN	120	'âdâm	ruddy, that is, a human being (an individual or the species, mankind, person
OUR IMAGE	6754	tselem	to shade; a phantom, illusion, resemblance
AFTER OUR LIKENESS	1823	d ^e mûth	Resemblance, model, shape; adverbially like: - fashion, likeness, as manner, similitude
BE FRUITFUL	6509	pârâh	to <i>bear fruit</i> (literally or figuratively), (be, cause to be, make) fruitful, grow, increase
MULTIPLY	7235	râbâh	to <i>increase</i> (in whatever respect): bring in abundance, make to multiply, nourish
REPLENISH	4390	mâlê'	to <i>fill</i> or (intransitively) <i>be full</i> of
SUBDUE	3533	kâbash	to tread dow, positively to conquer, subjugate,

Synthesis:

<u>Directions:</u> Rewrite this Scripture in your own words, using the fuller meanings you gained from the Key Word Study. Highlight the concept which most stands out to you. Pray and meditate on it today.

As a person, I was created in the Image of YHWH. That's a pretty amazing concept! Not only was I physically designed to resemble Him, I am to be like Him in character, similar to how a shadow somewhat resembles the shape of the object which cast it. He has commanded me to bear much fruit. Predominantly, this is not referring to having numerous children, but to bearing Kingdom Fruit in the saving of souls. Not only am I to labor to multiply the number of saved souls, I am to also help to nourish them with His Word. The prayerful labor and focus of my life is to be the saving of souls. I am to prayerfully aim to fill the whole earth with the Redeemed. In this process, I am called to conquer the world, in the Saviour's Power, and bring it under subjection to His Authority. Wow! What a calling! This is what it means to be a king and priest in YHWH's Service (Rev. 5:10).

Torah Studies - Statutes #253-256

Statute Summary:

(#253) YHWH commands godly men to leave their parents' home and establish their own home in abiding with a wife. (#254) The union of a man and wife is to be a tight one. They are to be joined together so closely that they are united into one. (#255) This oneness is exclusive in that they two are alone in it. (#256) Once the man have wife have been joined together, they lose their sense of being two individuals and become one united body, which is a shadow picture of Yahshua's Church.

<u>Genesis 2:23-24</u> "And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man <u>leave</u> his father and his mother, and shall <u>cleave</u> unto his wife: and they shall be **one flesh**."

Key Word Study:

<u>Directions:</u> Look up each keyword (underlined in the verses above) in your Strong's Concordance. Fill in the table below.

Key Word	Strong's Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
LEAVE	5800	`âzab	to <i>loosen, relinquish, permit,</i> help, leave
CLEAVE	1692	dâbaq	to <i>impinge</i> , that is, <i>cling</i> or <i>adhere</i> , abide, fast, cleave (fast together), be joined (together)
ONE	259	'echâd	<i>united</i> , that is, <i>one, first: -</i> a, alike, alone, altogether
FLESH	1320	bâśâr	flesh (from its freshness); by extension body, person, self, kin, kind

Synthesis:

<u>Directions:</u> Rewrite this Scripture in your own words, using the fuller meanings you gained from the Key Word Study. Highlight the concept which most stands out to you. Pray and meditate on it today.

The commands to respect and reverence your parents have no age limit or expiration point. Thus, I am clearly to continue to honor my parents, long after I leave their home and become married. However, when I married my husband, I was to leave my parents' home and establish a new home with him. I am now to see that marriage is so tight a union that I become one with him. I am to put him first (after YHWH of course), and he is do the same for me. Now, instead of being two separate people, we are one. This is a beautiful symbol of my relationship with Yahshua (1 Corinthians 12:12).

Torah Studies - Statutes #257-261

Statute Summary:

(#257) When a man gets married, YHWH has provided a plan for him and his new bride to enjoy a special "honeymoon" for the entire first year of their marriage. (#258) During this time, the new husband is not to go off to war or be sent away on any kind of military campaign. (#259) During this year, the new couple is not to be loaded down with business cares or causes. (#260) During this year, the new husband is exempted from any duties which would take him away from his new bride. (#261) The new husband is to spend this year focusing on bringing joy to his bride, and bonding with her, laying a marital foundation of gladness and joy between them.

<u>Deuteronomy 24:5</u> "When a man <u>hath taken</u> a new wife, he shall not go out to <u>war</u>, neither shall he be <u>charged</u> with any <u>business</u>: but he shall be <u>free</u> at <u>home</u> one year, and shall <u>cheer up</u> his wife which he hath taken."

Key Word Study:

<u>Directions:</u> Look up each keyword (underlined in the verses above) in your Strong's Concordance. Fill in the table below.

Key Word	Strong's Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
HATH TAKEN	3947	lâqach	to <i>take</i> , accept, bring, buy, carry away, drawn, fetch, get, win
WAR	6635	tsâbâ'	a <i>mass</i> of persons organized for war (an <i>army</i>), a <i>campaign</i> , battle, company, host, service
CHARGED	5674	`âbar	to <i>cross</i> over, <i>transition</i> , meddle, overrun, make partition, send over, set apart
BUSINESS	1697	dâbâr	a <i>cause,</i> business, care, case, task
FREE	5355	nâqîy	innocent: - blameless, clean, clear, exempted, quit
номе	1004	bayith	a <i>house, family,</i> homeborn
CHEER UP	8055	śâmach	to <i>brighten</i> up, <i>be make blithe</i> or <i>gleesome</i> , cheer up, be make glad, make joyful

Synthesis:

<u>Directions:</u> Rewrite this Scripture in your own words, using the fuller meanings you gained from the Key Word Study. Highlight the concept which most stands out to you. Pray and meditate on it today.

YHWH is truly an amazing, loving and thoughtful God! I was trying to imagine how wonderful it would have been if I had only known about this statute when my husband and I were first married. We enjoyed a wonderful Honeymoon together, for which I am thankful. But, as soon as we got back from it, we were both back to work. YHWH wants His new couples to spend a whole year, their first year, bonding together and just bringing joy to one another's hearts. Before YHWH, all obligations which might prevent this special year from taking place, are cancelled. The couple is together for a whole year. What an incredible foundation for a life-long, happy marriage that practice would make! And how wonderful to serve a King Who thinks of such things and plans for them!!