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Parashah Points: Mattot - Don't Be A Flake

Welcome to another episode of Parashah Points—short thoughts from the weekly Torah Portion.

This week's Parashah Point comes from Mattot, and it goes from Numbers 30:2 to Numbers 32:42.

This Torah portion discusses laws concerning vows, the destruction of Midianite towns, and an accounting of war captives and plunder.

There's a lot we can talk about in this Torah Portion. Today we're going to talk about being reliable.

The Torah commands us to keep our promise:

Numbers 30:2

[If a man vows a vow to the Lord \[YHWH\], or swears an oath to bind himself by a pledge, he shall not break his word. He shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.](#)

God's expectation for us to keep our promises is reiterated in the New Testament. Yeshua taught that we should be such a people of integrity that making an elaborate oath would be unnecessary—our simple “yes” or “no” is trusted and sufficient (Matthew 5:34-37).

Why is keeping our promises so important? Why does it matter that believers are trustworthy and reliable? Perhaps the biggest reason is that we bear God's image. And since God always keeps his word, we must keep our word as well.

To not keep our word is to be a flake and a flake is someone who makes promises but doesn't follow through with them. They are unreliable. They are the people who make plans to be somewhere but never show up. And even if they have the decency to inform you that they won't be there, they'll usually just send a text message at the last minute saying, “something came up.” The flaky person cannot commit to anything.

Ultimately, flakiness comes down to a lack of love and consideration for others, which breaks the

second greatest commandment to “love your neighbor as yourself.” If people truly loved their neighbors as themselves, they wouldn’t be flaky. It makes you feel disrespected and devalued. When we who claim to follow the God of Israel flake out on others—when we break God’s commandment to keep our promises—we profane the name of God and hurt others.

Believers are called to be “imitators of God” (Ephesians 5:1). Is your life a representation of God’s faithfulness, or by your actions, do you make God out to be an unreliable flake? Something to consider.

Thank you for joining us for another Parashah Point!

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