**Questions for Understanding and Reflection**

1. From all the readings for this Shabbat which verse or verses impressed your heart and fired your imagination?

I was inspired by His Honour Paqid Adon Eliyahu ben Avraham’s words:

Again, these words refer to the Oral Torah. The Torah **heard** is the Oral Torah and the **Talmud,** that which is “**seen**” is the **Midrash and Zohar**. On these matters we cannot remain silent because they are the Divine Paraklete of humanity.

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 18:1?

**And [the Lord] appeared** – Why did HaShem appear?

**in the plains of Mamre** – Why did HaShem appear in Mamre?

**was sitting** – What do we learn from these words?

**at the entrance of the tent** – Why was he sitting in this location?

**when the day was hot** – Why was it hot?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 18:9?

**And they said to him** – What is unusual about this Hebrew word: אֵלָיו?

**Behold in the tent** – What do we learn from this pasuk?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 18:10?

**at this time next year** – What time of the year was it?

**I will surely return** – How can the angel “know” that he would return?

**and it was behind him** – What was behind him?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 18:15?

**because she was afraid...but you laughed** – What is the meaning of the repetitious use of the word “כִּי”?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 18:16?

**and they looked** – What is the meaning of the Hebrew word: וַיַשְׁקִיפוּ?

**to escort them** – Why did he escort them?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 18:18?

**And Abraham will become** – Why was Avraham mentioned?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 18:19?

**For I have known him**  - What is the meaning of the Hebrew word: יְדַעְתִּיו?

**because he commands** - What is the meaning of the Hebrew word: יְצַוֶּה?

**in order that [the Lord] bring** – What do we learn from this?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 18:24?

**Perhaps there are fifty righteous men** – Why was this number chosen?

1. What important and key halakhic ruling was made by Abraham Abinu in our Torah Seder, and why is ithis ruling so important to Nazarean Jews?‎

He ruled that women are not responsible for bring bread and water to wayfarers. Because of this ruling, Ammonite and Moabite women were permitted to enter the congregation of Israel. This means that Ruth, a Moabite, was valid as was Naamah the Ammonite. Because they were valid, King David and his descendants were all valid, including Mashiach. Because Mashiach is valid, the Gentiles were given a way of salvation.

1. Compare Hosea 12:11(KJV 12:10)with Numbers 12:8. What important truths can we learn from this comparison of the Hebrew words used in these two verses?

Adon Eliyahu: The two verses contrast how the Prophet and Moshe receive the word of God. Moshe received face to face. The Prophets receive through parables, similitudes or “damah.”

Giberet Elisheva: Because of meeting with God face to face, Moses received all four hermeneutical levels at one time; however, the prophets can only receive one level at a time and their words can only be understood as being symbolic.

1. Why was Abraham’s vision of the ‎Shechinah a cure for his sickness on account of the circumcision? Please explain your answer.C

The removal of the foreskin was the physical part of circumcizing his heart. The gazing at the Shechinah was a reward for the circumcision and his cure fulfilled the following pasuk: ***Mishlei (Proverbs) 16:15*** *In the light of the King's countenance ‎is life*. Thus Avraham’s life was restored to wholeness because of the light of The King – **Because** he obeyed the commandment!!!

There is also a special effect that came into play as well: Placebo Effect.

1. The angel said to Abraham: “I will certainly return unto you when the season ( ) comes around.” Has an angel such authority to say this? Please explain.

No, the angel can only come if he is sent. In this case the angel was speaking for HaShem and HaShem certainly had the authority to say so.

1. The Ramban connects the Hebrew term “seeing” (Ra’ah) with mercy (Chessed). Why?

HaShem always starts with the attribute of chessed when He comes dawn to see and investigate a matter. If there is teshuva, then He uses chessed. If there is sin, then He goes to the attribute of gevurah.

Because the word eida’ah (I will know or I will see) that the Holy one uses always speaks of Divine Mercy.

1. What is the bare minimum of Torah study required in order to fulfil this critical Mitzvah (commandment)?

An hour each day and an hour each night.

1. In your opinion, what are the “chief principles” of the Mesorah?

The sefer of Mark contains the chief principles of the mesorah as elucidated by Yeshua. Yeshua is the chief part of the mesorah.

Speech, oral Torah, Yeshua, oral tradition. We need to memorize the mesorah of Mark. This is hiding His words in our minds. We become the words that we memorize.

1. In Jeremiah 33:17 and 20, twice is repeated the phrase “your eyes will see” and in 35:2 the Prophet concludes with “They will see.” What is the Prophet hinting with these three statements about “seeing”?

This is not a literal ‘seeing’ the allusion is that as the time approaches, we need to get into midrash and sod rather that pshat and remez. We are in the time of sod where we need to apprehend in a different manner. Our time is a time of seeing. Consider the effects of TV and computer where we ‘see’ more.

1. In the pericope of Mark this week we read: “And a leper came to him (Yeshua) begging him on his knees. What is wrong with this statement from a Hebraic perspective?

A leper may not enter the camp or the city and he must warn people and stay away from people.

1. Read John 14:16, what is this “comforter” promised by the Master?

The breath (spirit) of the mouth – the Oral Torah.

1. Taking into consideration all the readings for this Shabbat what is the prophetic statement for this week?

This is a week of recovery and of pleading for mercy.

Hakham Haggai: Try to see. Lets get moving! Lets eat meat and move away from the milk.

Giberet laurie: When making decisions we should consult with (qualified) others so that we may see other points and consider all angles.

Tracy Osborne: Be hospitable looking for opportunities to bring others close to HaShem.

Adon Ezra: Continue to emphasize to the world, that it is the legitimate Jewish King Messiah Yeshua that is the way of salvation/refuge to the world/nations.

Dr. Elisheva Oakley: Be careful what you hear and even more so what you say but seek to perceive

HH Adon Eliyahu: Our immediacy will bring the Shekinah, therefore study the Torah – Oral Torah

Rom 8:26 In the same way the Breath – Oral Torah (Siddur) also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray (stand) as we should, but the Oral Torah (Siddur) himself intercedes for us with deep sighs; and he (the Oral Torah – Siddur), which causes men to searches their hearts (minds), knows the Da’at, [the intimate workings] of the Oral Torah, because he (the Oral Torah – Siddur) intercedes for the Tsaddiq according to God’s desire.