

James

Chapters 1 (Pt. 4) – 2 (Pt. 1)

James 1:23

For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.

Matthew 7:24

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like ...”

Observations on the Two Houses:

- The two houses were identical (?)
- The two builders wanted the same thing...
- ...but their approaches were different
- The two builders experienced the same trials
- The wise man dug *down* before he built *up*

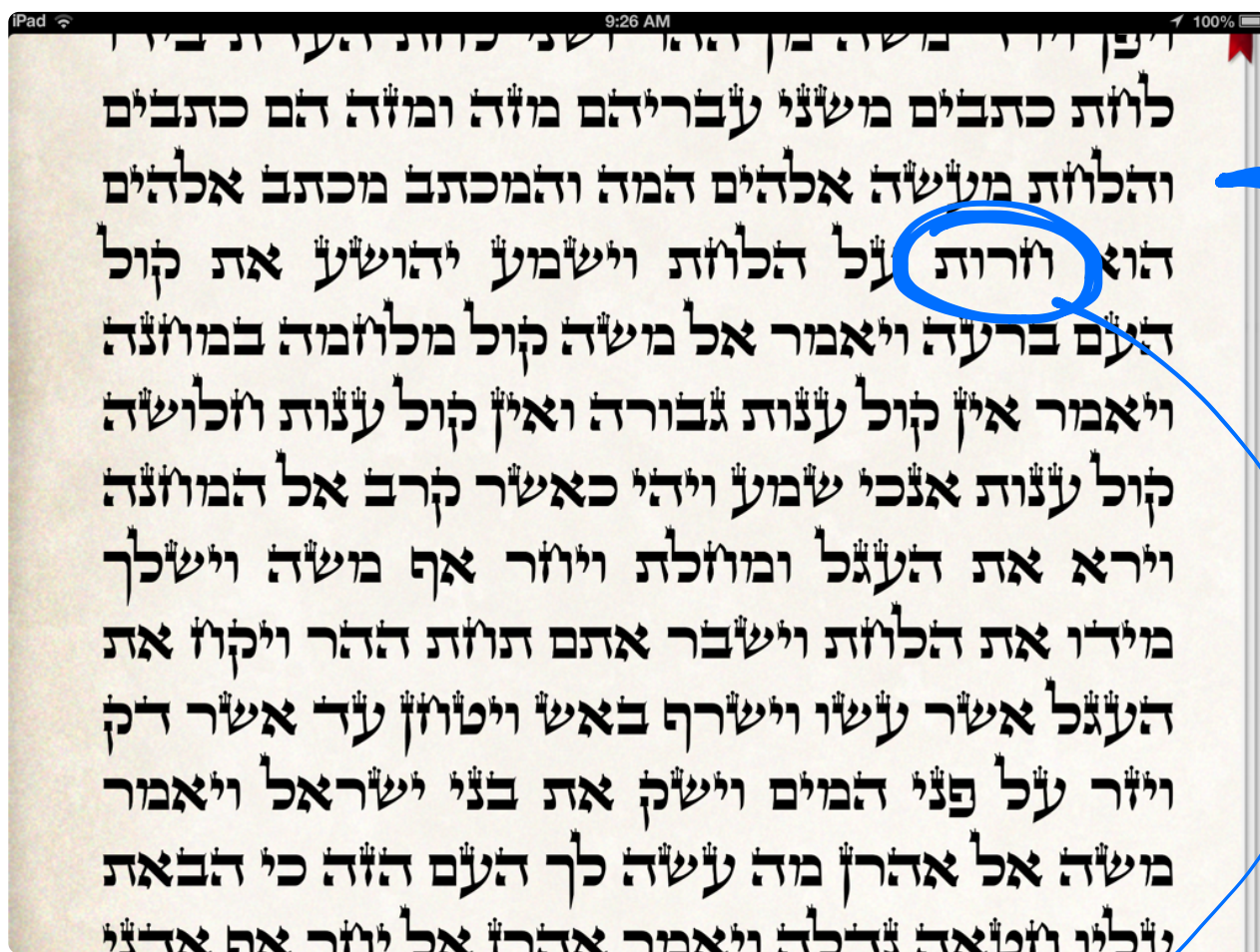
Luke 6:48

“He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock...”

- The wise man sought out the ‘hidden’ and anchored his foundation there

Obedience to the Torah is the ability to combine worlds.

The Liberating Torah! (Ex. 32:16)



חרות על הלוחות

Charut = “engraved on the tablets”

Cheirut = “freedom on account of the tablets”

Shemot Rabbah 32.1

What is meant by the word “charut”? R’ Yehudah says: It means freedom from enslavement to foreign kingdoms. R’ Nechemyah says: It means freedom from the Angel of Death.

Joshua 1:7-8

Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the Torah that Moses My servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book (of the Torah) shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

The Paradox of James 2:12

“So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the liberating Torah.”

Q: Since the Torah puts restrictions upon my speech and my actions how can it be liberating?

A: *(The answer involves a dirty little secret.)*

We are all slaves...

We have always been slaves...

We will be slaves until the day we die.

Deuteronomy 6:21

“...then you shall say to your son, ‘We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. And Adonai brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.’”

Leviticus 25:55

“For it is to Me that the people of Israel are servants. They are My servants whom I brought out of the land of Egypt: I am Adonai your God.”

Anyone who thinks that the message of Torah and the message of Yeshua are two different messages understands neither the Torah nor Yeshua.

