



Parashat Achrei Mot

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The Sforno (Ovadhiah ben Ya'akov 1470-1550) an Italian Biblical commentator said, "Trust in G-d should be so absolute that even when imprisoned, one should prepare themselves to leave." For two thousand years, we Jews have been wandering from place to place. Much too often we have had to deal with "Achrei Mot" (after the death). Today we no longer have to move around (following devastation). We have a homeland. We can live a life of being a light unto the nations. There is so much to be thankful for. Yet peace is still far away. While we can defend ourselves with honor there are still too many sacrifices.

Achrei Mot, after the death, it is most challenging to have faith. Have faith even in prison because wherever we are leaving from, we are going to Israel.

Good Shabbos!

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