

PARSHAT NITZAVIM  
DEUTERONOMY 29:9-30:20  
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*Nitzavim*

The Land of Promise

Painting by Yoram Raanan

“We have been blessed to have returned to our land where past, present and future are meeting.”

## IN OUR HANDS

1. You are standing here today, all of you...with whoever is standing here with us today...and with whoever is not here with us today. (Deuteronomy 29:9, 14)
2. Covenant

“And as for Me, behold, I establish My covenant with you and with your offspring after you...” (Genesis 9:8)

“Walk before Me and have integrity, and I will grant My covenant between Me and you...I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout the generations as an eternal covenant.” (Genesis 17:1, 7)

“Now, if you listen well to My voice and guard My covenant, you shall be to Me the most beloved treasure of all peoples...” (Exodus 19:5)

“All of you are standing here today before Adonai your God...to enter into the covenant of Adonai your God...” (Deuteronomy 29:9, 11)

3. Adonai has anointed me. God has sent me as a herald of joy to the humble. To bind up the wounded of heart. To proclaim release to the captives, liberation to the imprisoned...To provide for the mourners of Zion, to give them splendor instead of ashes, oil of joy instead of mourning, a cloak of praise instead of a dim spirit...They will rebuild ancient ruins, restore wastelands of old. They will renew ruined cities, generations of desolation. (Isaiah 61:1-4, haftarah for Parshat Nitzavim)
4. Faith is not waiting for God. Faith is the realization that God is waiting for us. (Rabbi Jonathan Sacks)
5. Awe rather than faith is the cardinal attitude of the religious Jew. (Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel)