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1. Sfara embodies some of Jsm's loftiest ethical insights - so much so that if Jews or non-Jews with latent anti-Torah tendencies were to read this portion carefully, they would be convinced error of their prejudices....

2. Perhaps some of greatest ethical insights: אם אין אני לי מי לי. Thus: exemptions for [illegible]

3. Even more - כל מיונין נכנסין לבית... R. Akiva: literally. But רבי יוסי הגלילי: אם אין אני לי מי לי - fails self morally inadequate to stand in camp of [illegible], refuses endanger others or self because of own guilt.

4. Even more (see [illegible] and Rashi on Torah): [illegible] so that 3 classes exemption legislated to prevent embarrassment to the unrepentant sinner (עבריין) who is morally so contemptible that he cannot & will not give up the evil he is consciously practicing - so great is Torah's reverence for the integrity of human dignity & a man's sensitivity to public opprobrium.

5. Perhaps, ..., 2 meaning to Mishnah's requirement that this speech by Chaplain (אמר אמרה) be in לשון קודש - not only Hebrew language, but the ~~Hebrew~~ spirit of Hebrew...

6. We, too, in our relations fellow-man, ought live up this kind of לשון קודש, morally considerations, empathy...

7. Where can a man derive this sacred ability of profound warm fellow-man?

8. Jerusalem Talmud: know law of לשון of אמר אמרה by [illegible] ... if there is לשון within, there will be לשון without...

9. So, our country: can effectively speak to nations of Africa, Asia, or לשון of Democracy, Freedom, only if internally destroy race prejudice - in our own [illegible]

So Israel - if its appearance to outer world is effective as diplomatic לשון, it is not so much because of a Rodat tiring as because of a true, bloodless direction: לשון אמת בארץ

So every man can practice לשון in social relationships only if in [illegible], basic own family, is courtesy with, patient w. children, reverent parents - לשון אמת. Then, in struggle & competition of business world & society, אמרה, also will use לשון.

10. [illegible] - [illegible]. If live up to literal meaning (humans) in אמת of family, country, etc., then also metaphorical - we will learn approach of holiness to God, & He will reciprocate w. [illegible]

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