

Hanukkah

Day Five Readings

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We open Day five of Hanukkah with Daniel 9:1 – 19

*1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans; 2 In the first year of his reign, I Daniel understood by books, the number of the years, whereof the Word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish **seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem**. 3 And I set my face unto Yahweh Elohim, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: 4 And I prayed unto Yahweh my Elohim, and made my confession, and said, **O Yahweh, the great and awesome Elohim, keeping the Covenant and mercy to them that love Him, and to them that keep His Commandments;***

In verse 4, Daniel tells us that our heavenly Father keeps His Covenant and has Mercy upon those who **LOVE Him, AND, WHO WILLINGLY AND LOVINGLY CHOOSE TO KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS**, which of course **IS Yahweh's TRUTH**, the Words of His Torah of Life. Daniel could **NOT** make it any clearer, when he said that **IF** we want to be **IN** Covenant with the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, **WE MUST, WE ABSOLUTELY MUST** make **OBEDIENCE** of the Living Word of our Heavenly Father, **OBEDIENCE** of the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **OUR EVERYDAY GOAL**.

Furthermore the sixth word in the Hebrew script of verse 4 which I have written below is the word *Ana*, אָנָּא, which is translated as *beseech* in our English bibles.

וְאֶתְפַּלֵּל לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יְאֻתְוָדָה וְאֶמְרָה אָנָּא אֲדֹנָי הָאֵל הַגָּדוֹל וְהַנּוֹרָא שׁוֹמֵר הַבְּרִית
וְהַחֶסֶד לְאֶהֱבָיו וְלִשְׁמֵרֵי מִצְוֹתָיו :

Ve'etPallah LaYahwah Elohay VeEtvadeh Ve'Amrah ANA Adonay Ha'El HaGadol Ve'Hanora Shomer HaBrit VehaChesed LeOhavayv UlShomrey Mitzvotayv.

As you can see, the word *Ana*, אָנָּא, is spelled with an Aleph א, a Nun נ, and another Aleph א. The letter Aleph א in Scripture, represents our heavenly Father, and the letter Nun נ represents life, and as you can see for yourself, the letter Nun **IS A FINAL NUN**, a Nun sophit, which is normally only used at the end of word, and never used in the middle of the word, therefore when it appears in the middle of a word, **IT IS** of special significance. The letter nun, as I said above, represents life, and I believe that the Nun sophit placed in the middle of the word *Ana*, אָנָּא, represents **eternal life**. One more thing I have to add, and that is, that the number **six** in Scripture, represents man or mankind, and since this word, *Ana*, אָנָּא, is the sixth word in this *verse*, I believe that Yahweh is telling us, that **IF** mankind **WILL** surround and or immerse themselves in Yahweh, who is represented here, by the letter Aleph א, and this letter Aleph is on both sides of the letter Nun sophit, נ, **THEN** Yahweh will give those who willingly choose that Life Path, **ETERNAL LIFE**, represented by the Nun sophit נ in the middle of the word.

Furthermore, I believe that the Nun sophit, surrounded by the two Aleph letters, is Yahweh's way of telling us, ***I will never leave you nor forsake you, IF you don't leave and forsake Me.***

Verse 5 We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and from Your judgments (together, these two words, *precepts* and *judgments*, refer to the Words of Yahweh's Torah, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions). ***6 Neither have we hearkened*** (we did **NOT** shemah, we did **NOT** hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow, **NOR** obey) ***YOUR SERVANTS, THE PROPHETS, who spoke in YOUR NAME*** (Shem, שֵׁם, although it does mean name, it has a much deeper and more profound meaning, it means, ***the character, or the essence of***, therefore that means that the prophets spoke of, and about, the character and or essence of Yahweh) ***to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.*** ***7 O Yahweh, RIGHTEOUSNESS belongs unto You, BUT UNTO US CONFUSION (Boshet, בִּשְׁתָּה) OF FACES, AS AT THIS DAY.***

(בִּשְׁתָּה, Boshet, means, ***shame, disgrace***, it is from the word, Bosh, בָּשָׁה which means, ***to be ashamed, was ashamed, embarrassed***, was disappointed, put to shame, he acted shamefully)

Now let me ask you a question, ***IF*** we were to look at the state of the so called houses of the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov today, ***IF*** we were to look at Christianity, Catholicism and Judaism, which by the way, are ***ALL*** man made religions, which operate by, and with, man made doctrines and theologies, known as the oral torah by the followers of Judaism, and the man made traditions of the church fathers by the followers of Christianity, or the Catechism of the Catholic Church, ***WOULD YOU, OR COULD YOU SAY*** that ***THE DESCRIPTION*** of the State of mind the people of Yisrael as described by Daniel where he says:

*We have sinned,
we have committed iniquity,
we have done wickedly,
we have rebelled,
we have departed from Your precepts and from Your judgments
Neither have we hearkened* (we did **NOT** shemah), *we did NOT listen to Your SERVANTS, the PROPHETS, who spoke in YOUR NAME* (in your shem, שֵׁם) *to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land;*

IS ANY DIFFERENT TODAY? ARE NOT ALL the Christian, Catholic and Jewish religious denominations, and their man made doctrines, their man made oral torahs, their man made traditions, a form of ***CONFUSION*** (בִּשְׁתָּה, Beshet) ***OF FACES?***

Their doctrines vary so much, that none of them, none of the man made religions, nor any of their so called denominations, who profess to believe and follow the very same Scriptures, agree on hardly anything. And that my friends ***IS*** indeed what I would call ***CONFUSION***, בִּשְׁתָּה ***to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto ALL Yisrael, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries where You Yahweh have driven them, BECAUSE OF THEIR TRESPASS*** (of the Words of the Father's Torah) ***that they have trespassed against You.***

Can you see by the text itself, that Yahweh **IS** talking to **ALL** the people of His houses, including those who have been scattered throughout the world, the Diaspora? **THAT MEANS US, MY FRIENDS**; we are the ones that have been scattered throughout the world **BY YAHWEH HIMSELF**.

Verse 8 O Yahweh, **TO US belongs CONFUSION בַּשֶּׁת, Bashed, OF FACE**, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, **BECAUSE WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU** (We have, and continue to transgress the Words of Your Torah of Life, 1John 3:4). 9 To Yahweh our Elohim belong **MERCIES and FORGIVENESS, though we have REBELLED against Him**; 10 Neither have we **OBEYED the Voice of Yahweh our Elohim, to walk in obedience to the Words of His Torah (Law), His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, which HE SET BEFORE US BY HIS SERVANTS THE PROPHETS.**

IF Daniel, who **IS** a prophet of Yahweh, describes **NOT OBEYING the Voice of Yahweh**, the voice that instructs and commands us to walk in obedience to **ALL** the Words of His Torah of Life, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, which was set before us by Yahweh's **SERVANTS**, Mosheh and **ALL** the prophets, **IF** Daniel describes that, **AS WICKEDNESS and EVIL**, and since the Word or the **TRUTH** of Yahweh **DOES NOT CHANGE because TRUTH IS eternal, DOES THAT NOT THEREFORE MEAN** that what Daniel said back then, **STILL APPLIES TODAY?**

Daniel said that, **NOT OBEYING THE VOICE OF YAHWEH** who Commands us to **WALK IN**, and **OBEY** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, which Yahweh Himself gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinay, **IS WICKEDNESS, REBELLION, WHOREDOM, ABOMINATION AND EVIL.**

Therefore, based on what Daniel has said, **IF** you believe in your heart of hearts, that the Scriptures are indeed **inerrant and everlasting**, and **IF** you agree with the **FACT** that Yahweh does **NOT** change, **THEN**, that means, that the Father's inerrant and everlasting Word, **ALSO DOES NOT change, THEREFORE WE MUST CONCLUDE**, that choosing to **NOT willingly OBEY** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, **IS INDEED EVIL, IT IS WICKEDNESS, IT IS REBELLION, IT IS WHOREDOM, and IT IS AN ABOMINATION.**

Proverbs 28:4 They that **FORSAKE THE TORAH (Law)** praises the **WICKED**: but such as **KEEP and DO the Torah (Law)** contend with them.

Proverbs 28:9 He that **turns away his ear from hearing (shema) the Torah (Law)**, **EVEN HIS PRAYER SHALL BE ABOMINATION.**

Daniel makes it very clear, that **IF WE DO NOT WANT TO BE ACCUSED OF PRAISING THE WICKED**, and, **IF WE DO NOT WANT OUR PRAYERS TO BE AN ABOMINATION to YAHWEH**, **THEN** the only conclusion that we can arrive at, **IS**, we **MUST** obey **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's **INERRANT** and everlasting teaching and instructions, His inerrant and everlasting Word, from our hearts.

Verse 11 *Yea, all Yisrael have **TRANSGRESSED Your Torah (Law), even by departing, that THEY MIGHT NOT OBEY YOUR VOICE;*** (again, I ask you, would you not say that the people of the houses of Elohim of today, which consist of Christianity, Catholicism and Judaism have actually **DEPARTED** from keeping and doing the Words of the written Torah of Elohim, departed from willingly choosing to **KEEP** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah, **IN THE MANNER THAT YAHWEH PRESCRIBED AND WANTED US TO DO IT)** and therefore **THE CURSE IS Poured UPON US,** and the oath that is written in the Torah of Mosheh the servant of Elohim, **BECAUSE WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST HIM.** 12 And He has confirmed His Words, which **He spoke AGAINST US,** and **AGAINST** our judges that judged us, **BY BRINGING UPON US, A GREAT EVIL:** for under the whole heaven has **NOT** been done as has been done upon Jerusalem. 13 As it is written in the Torah (Law) of Mosheh, **ALL THIS EVIL is come upon us: YET MADE WE NOT OUR PRAYER BEFORE YAHWEH OUR ELOHIM,** that **WE MIGHT TURN** from our iniquities, our Torahlessness and begin to **UNDERSTAND** your **TRUTH,** the Words of Your Torah. 14 Therefore has **Yahweh** watched upon the **EVIL,** **AND BROUGHT IT UPON US:** for Yahweh our Elohim, **IS RIGHTEOUS** in **ALL** His works which He does: **FOR WE DID NOT OBEY HIS VOICE.** 15 And now, O Yahweh our Elohim, that has brought your people forth out of the land of Egypt with a Mighty Hand, and has gotten You renown, as at this day; **we have SINNED, we have transgressed the Words of Your Torah, WE HAVE DONE WICKEDLY.** 16 O Yahweh, according to all Your **righteousness,** I beseech You, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from **YOUR CITY JERUSALEM,** your holy mountain: **BECAUSE, FOR OUR SINS, AND FOR THE INIQUITIES of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are become a reproach to ALL that are about us.** 17 Now, therefore, O our Elohim, hear (shemah) the prayer of Your Bondservants, and our supplications, and cause Your Face to shine upon Your sanctuary, that is now desolate, **for Yahweh's sake.** 18 O my Elohim, incline Your ear, and hear; open Your eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by Your Name: for we **DO NOT** present our supplications before You **FOR OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, BUT FOR YOUR GREAT MERCIES.** 19 **O YAHWEH, HEAR; O YAHWEH, FORGIVE; O YAHWEH, HEARKEN AND DO;** do **NOT** defer, for **YOUR** own sake, O my Elohim: for Your city and Your people are called by Your Name.

From the very beginning, of Yisrael's existence, there have been men that have recognized and admitted the Sin and rebellion of the people of Yisrael, their Torahless behaviour, and cried onto Elohim to forgive **ALL** of His people. They didn't cry out just for themselves, **BUT** for the people that Yahweh loved and that they also loved. Mattathias and His sons **DID THE EXACT SAME THING.** They stood up for the Word of Yahweh and for the people of Yisrael, for those that wanted to follow the Word of Yahweh as is mentioned in verse 4 of Daniel above, **O Yahweh, the great and awesome Elohim, KEEPING the Covenant and mercy to them that love Him, and to them that KEEP His Commandments;** let us, who profess to be servants of the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, who are present here today, and those of you who will read this study in the future, have the very same heart as Mattathias and his sons did, and dedicate our own temples, our bodies, and make an earnest commitment, to live according to the Words of the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of Yahweh, the Words of the Father's inerrant and everlasting Torah, and thereby, be assured, that our supplication, our prayers, to have Yahweh intercede in the Life of the people of Yisrael, Yahweh's choosing people, for His Name's sake, **WILL** indeed be heard.

It is more difficult for us here in Canada and the United States, because we live in a time of plenty, and in a land where we are blessed. Our forefathers established this land on the Righteous Word of Elohim, and we have reaped the benefits for years. When we need food, we simply have to open the kitchen cabinet and take out what it is we need and or want to eat. Our store shelves are stocked with food, we have water at our fingertips, water to drink, water to wash with etc. In our affluence, we sometimes forget that we live in a global village and that over 80% of the world lives in poverty and hopelessness. It may be hard for us to grasp, because we don't experience it personally, but their poverty **IS OUR PROBLEM** and we are, or have been part of the cause for it.

Elohim has created us all, as one race, the human race, and we are all His children. We can and should live lives that are obedient to Elohim, obedient to the Words of His Torah, and feel pretty good about ourselves; feel good about what we are doing, and so it should be, because Elohim promises rewards to those who would be obedient to the Words of His Torah. **BUT** even though we are living obedient lives, or at least trying to live obedient lives, can we call ourselves successful, **IF** over 80% of Elohim's creation, is living in abominable conditions and have somehow distanced themselves from the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov. We have to ask ourselves, **WHY** do they live like that? And the only answer that I can come up with, is **BECAUSE OF SIN** in the world, **THEIR SIN, AND OURS**. We, as a human race have sinned, we have acted in a Torahless manner, we have turned away from Elohim and the Words of His Torah of Life. In cities across the world, man made light pollution drowns out the beauty of the star lit nights, so to, does man's teachings and instructions, man made doctrines, **BLOT OUT THE BEAUTIFUL LIGHT CONTAINED IN THE WORDS OF YAHWEH'S TORAH OF LIFE**.

Man has deluded himself into believing that what man teaches today, **IS MORE RELEVANT THAN THE WORDS OF ELOHIM'S ETERNAL TORAH**. With every new shopping centre and each new Torahless doctrine, it becomes harder and harder to see the Light of Elohim's creation. It is only when we leave the presence of man made lights, which are metaphors for man made theologies and doctrines, can our eyes become sensitive to the soft, brilliant glow and splendour of Elohim's creation, brought about by the Words of His Torah, the very same Words that created everything.

Men have tried to teach away the foundation of our belief, our faith, the revelation of Messiah, who **IS** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life made flesh, and the infallible inerrant and everlasting Word of Elohim, and in doing so, have darkened our world as they snuff out more and more of Yahweh's **Lamp of righteousness**.

*Proverbs 6:23 For the Commandment is a **LAMP** and the Torah **IS LIGHT**; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life.*

*Psalms 119:105 Your Word (Torah) **IS** a **LAMP** unto my feet, and a **LIGHT** unto my path.*

Without that Light, the Light contained in the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, we are left to stumble in the darkness of our own subjective ideologies. For millennia now, as Daniel mentions above, mankind has turned away from Elohim, and even worse, the people that Yahweh chose to be His express image here on earth, the people of Yisrael, have turned away from Elohim, and the Words of His inerrant and everlasting Torah of Life made flesh.

So while we can be pretty satisfied with our obedient lives on a personal level, **WE ARE A DISMAL FAILURE AS A HUMAN RACE**. I am not going to list the problems of the world because we would be here for a very long time just going through the list, but suffice it to say that **THE WORLD IS IN A PRETTY BAD STATE**.

This Hanukkah, let us resolve in our hearts, to truly cry out to our Heavenly Father on behalf of all the peoples of the earth, cry out to Elohim that they, the peoples of the earth would come to know our heavenly Father, as we, you and I, are now experiencing Him. Elohim has promised us in His Word that **IF** we cry out to Him, He will **HEAR US** and **HEAL** our land, our earth.

2 Chronicles 7:14 If My people, who are called by My Name, (think of the Aaronic blessing where Yahweh commanded Aharon to put His Name, His Shem, Yahweh upon the children of Yisrael) shall humble themselves, and pray, AND SEEK My Face (My Shem), AND TURN from their wicked ways, their Torah transgressive ways; THEN (and only then) I will hear (shema) from heaven, and I WILL forgive their Sin, their constant transgressions of the Words of My Torah, and I will heal their land.

I know that the situation may seem hopeless because as believers and keepers of the Words of the Torah of Mosheh, we are so small in numbers, **BUT** the Scriptures says, **IS ANYTHING IMPOSSIBLE FOR ELOHIM?**

Let's pray. Heavenly Father, give us the resolve to live lives that are fully surrendered to You and the Words of Your inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of your marvellous Torah of Life. Please, **USE US**, as Your vessels, to heal this land and all the earth, along with all the peoples of the earth, through the Words of Your Torah, Your Living Torah, our Master Yeshua the Messiah. Help us, to truly become the **LIGHT** that You have intended us to become, from the very beginning of time, help us reflect the **LIGHT** of Your Son, our Messiah, the Words of Your Living Torah made flesh, by mimicking His Torah obedient Life. We have come to expect the ugliness of the world around us, **BUT YOU CREATED IT WITH BEAUTY**, help us to live our lives in obedience to Your Commandments, the Words of Your Torah, so that **THE BEAUTY WITH WHICH YOU CREATED THIS WORLD, WOULD BE RE-ESTABLISHED AND BENEFIT ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE EARTH WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF YOU**. We ask all of this in the name of Yeshua our Messiah and Saviour. Amen

Psalm 43:3 O send out Your Light and Your Truth (Torah): let them lead me; let them bring me unto Your holy hill, and to Your tabernacles.

Psalm 43:3 echos the theme found in Psalm 119:17-18 Deal bountifully with Your Servant, that I may live, and KEEP Your Word, Your Torah of Life. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Your Torah, (Law).

Both these verses in the book of Psalms, expresses the desire of the Psalmist to be enlightened to and by Yahweh's **TRUTH**, the Words of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life.

Please understand, that this is also our calling my friends; we are to internalize the Words of

the Father's Torah of Life, and be the **LIGHT** that Messiah **IS**, and commanded us to be, and we can only do that, **BY** willingly choosing to live **IN** and **BY** the Words of our heavenly Father's **TRUTH, the Words of His Torah**, and then, as we willingly and lovingly **OBEY** the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Light, the Light that can **ONLY** shine **IF** and **WHEN** we willingly and lovingly choose to internalize and **OBEY** the Words of His Torah, and Obedience to the Words of His Torah, **IS WHAT WILL CAUSE** His Light to shine brightly through us, on a world that is mired in Darkness.

Psalm 36:10 O continue Your lovingkindness unto them that know You; and continue Your righteousness to the upright in heart.

If we truly reflect the **LIGHT** of Messiah and His righteousness, mentioned above, then many people, will come to know our heavenly Father, through that **LIGHT**, the Light that a **TRUE OBEDIENT BELIEVER** and **FOLLOWER** of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **WILL REFLECT** when we choose to live obedient and upright lives through, by and for our heavenly Father.

Psalm 18:29 For by You I have run through a troop; and by my Elohim have I leapt over a wall.

If we choose to surrender our lives to our heavenly Father, He will give us all the tools we need to carry out **HIS WORK**, He will give us what we need to internalize His **LIGHT** and then have that pure Light emanate from us onto a world that is mired in darkness.

Proverbs 20:27 The spirit of man IS the candle of Yahweh, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

Can you see what we **CAN BE, IF** we will simply learn to obey the Words of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life with surrendered contrite, obedient hearts? Yahweh says, we will be **HIS CANDLE, HIS LAMP, HIS LIGHT** onto the world, and the **OIL** for our Lamps, or our Candles, **IS** the Holy Spirit of Elohim, given to us for the sole purpose of **CAUSING** each and every surrendered contrite obedient heart, to walk out and obey all the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, *Ezekiel 36:27.*

Psalm 56:13 For you have delivered my soul from death: will not You deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before Elohim in the LIGHT of the living?

Now that Yahweh has delivered our souls from death, and taught us His Ways, the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, let us choose to willingly continue to surrender our hearts to Him, and allow His Holy Spirit to **CAUSE US** to live a Torah obedient life, as Messiah did and taught us to do, when He was here on earth with us. And by and or through our Torah obedient example, we will in turn, lead others to see Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah, in us, which will cause some to turn to our heavenly Father with repentant hearts. Let us cry out everyday onto Yahweh to heal all His children and bring them **HOME** unto Him.

Job 33: 29 – 30 Lo, all these things works Elohim oftentimes with man, 30 TO BRING BACK HIS SOUL FROM THE PIT, TO BE ENLIGHTENED WITH THE LIGHT OF THE

LIVING.

Yahweh has brought back my soul from the pit of hell, and if you believe that He has done that for you also, **THEN**, together with me, let us resolve in our hearts to help others achieve the same glorious enlightenment, the enlightenment that Yahweh wants for all peoples.

Additional Recommended Readings:

Genesis 1: 14 – 19

*14 And Elohim said, Let there be **lights in the firmament of the heaven** to divide the day from the night; and let them be for **signs**, and for **seasons**, and for **days**, and **years**: 15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. 16 And Elohim made **two** great lights; **the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night**: he made the stars also. 17 And Elohim set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, 18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and Elohim saw that it was good. 19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.*

What **IS IT** that Yahweh truly **SET IN THE HEAVENS? IT IS HIS INERRANT AND EVERLASTING WORD** my friends!!!

*Psalm 119:89. Forever oh Yahweh **YOUR WORD** is settled or established in heaven.*

Therefore when we look at the moon and the stars, let us remember, that they are a picture of us, for the Scripture says that Yisrael would be multiplied as the *stars in the sky* and let us also remember that the moon, which, as I said, **IS** a picture of us, **DOES NOT** have its **OWN LIGHT, BUT THAT IT REFLECTS** the light of the **SUN**, as **WE** are to reflect the Light of the **SON of Elohim**, reflect the Torah obedient Life that He lead, and taught us to lead, when He was here with us.

Psalm 19:1-14

*1 The heavens **DECLARE** the glory of Elohim; and the firmament **SHOWS** His handy-work. 2 Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night shows **KNOWLEDGE**. 3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is **NOT** heard. 4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their Words to the end of the world. In them, has He set a tabernacle for the sun, 5 Which is **AS** a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoices as a strong man to run a race. 6 His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof. 7 The Torah (Law) of Yahweh is **PERFECT, converting** the soul: the testimony of Yahweh is **SURE**, making **wise** the simple. 8 The Statutes of Yahweh are **RIGHT, rejoicing** the heart: the Commandment of Yahweh is **PURE, enlightening** the eyes. 9 The fear of Yahweh is **CLEAN, enduring** for ever: the Judgments of Yahweh are **TRUE and righteous** altogether. 10 They are to be **desired** More than gold, yea, than much fine gold: **Sweeter** also than honey and the honeycomb. 11 Moreover, by them, **IS** your servant **warned**: and **IN keeping** of them there is **great reward**. 12 Who can understand his errors? Cleanse You me from secret faults. 13 Keep Your servant back also from presumptuous **SINS**; let them not have dominion over me: **THEN** shall I be upright, and I shall be **innocent** from the great **transgression**. 14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be **acceptable** in Your sight, O Yahweh, my strength, and my redeemer.*

After reading this wonderful Psalm, I have prepared a few questions that I would like to ask you:

Do you want to be **PERFECT** (mature) before Elohim?

Do you want to be **SURE** and filled with wisdom?

Do you want to know that you are **RIGHT** with Yahweh?

Do you want to know that your heart is **PURE**?

Do you want to be **CLEANSED** by Yahweh?

Do you want to know His **TRUTH**?

If you answered yes to one or more of these questions, **THEN**, the way to achieve those goals, is simple; **BELIEVE, FOLLOW, OBEY and DO** the Words of Torah of Elohim with a surrendered contrite loving obedient heart, and you will have all these attributes.

Psalm 36:9 *For with You **IS THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE: in Your LIGHT (Torah) SHALL WE SEE LIGHT.***

Psalm 37:5–6: *Commit your way unto Yahweh; **TRUST** also in Him; and **HE SHALL BRING IT TO PASS. 6 And He shall bring forth YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS as the LIGHT, and YOUR JUDGMENT as the noonday.***

If we analyze this *verse* we can see that **IT IS** talking to all of us, who choose to surrender our hearts, mind, soul and strength to Yahweh in loving surrendered obedience to the Words of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life. Can you picture **YOUR righteousness** being brought forth as the **LIGHT**? If you can, then please realize that Yahweh says that it is **NOT JUST ANY LIGHT, BUT IT IS THE NOONDAY LIGHT** which is when the Sun **IS** the brightest. That **IS** what Yahweh promises us, **IF** we will only learn to willingly follow Him in surrendered loving obedience to the Words of His Torah. What a wonderful picture that that paints in my minds eye.

Psalm 119:105: *Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a **LIGHT** unto my path.*

IF you don't want to walk in darkness, **THEN** make sure that you follow and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, which **IS** His marvellous Light.

Psalm 119:130 *The entrance of **YOUR WORDS GIVES LIGHT**; it gives understanding unto the simple.*

This is speaking of the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah, for Yahweh's Words are the Words of the Father, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, and here it says that **IT GIVES LIGHT** and will provide understanding for the simple, meaning Elohim's children.

Proverbs 6:23: *For the Commandment is a **LAMP**; and the **TORAH (Law) is LIGHT**; and reproofs of instruction are the Way of life:*

At the risk of repeating myself; the perfect **LIGHT** of our heavenly Father **IS** found within the Words of His Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, because His Word

became flesh, and His Words were manifested as Messiah, who **IS** the Light of the world.

Isaiah 51: 4 – 8: *Hearken unto Me, My people; and give ear unto Me, O My nation: **FOR A TORAH SHALL PROCEED FROM ME, and I will make My Judgment to rest for a LIGHT of the people.*** (His judgement, **IS** His Torah)

*My **righteousness** is near;*

*My **salvation** is gone forth*

*My **arms** shall judge the people*

*The isles shall **wait** upon Me*

*And on My **arm** shall they **trust**.*

***Lift up your eyes** to the heavens,*

*And **LOOK** upon the earth beneath*

*For the heavens **shall vanish away** like smoke*

*And the earth **SHALL WAX OLD** like a garment*

*They that dwell therein **shall die** in like manner*

BUT *My Salvation shall be **FOR EVER***

*My **RIGHTEOUSNESS SHALL NOT BE ABOLISHED.*** (His righteousness **IS** His Torah, Deuteronomy 6:25) and Yahweh says, **IT WILL NEVER BE ABOLISHED.**

*Verse 7 Hearken unto Me, you that know **RIGHTEOUSNESS, the people in whose heart IS the Words of My Torah (Law); do NOT fear** the reproach of men, neither be afraid of their revilings.*

Why are we **NOT** to fear the reproach of men? **We are NOT to fear the reproach of men BECAUSE** the Words of the Father's Torah, His **TRUTH, IS** in our hearts, which means that we have His protective covering, His Shield, His Word, over us, and His Word, **SETS US FREE from any and all fear.**

*Verse 8 For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: **BUT the Words of My Torah, MY RIGHTEOUSNESS SHALL BE FOR EVER, and My SALVATION** from generation to generation.*

The **RIGHTEOUSNESS of Elohim IS** an everlasting **RIGHTEOUSNESS** and His **RIGHTEOUSNESS** can only be achieved through loving surrendered obedience to the Words of His Torah, His Living Word. **THEN**, when His Torah is embedded in, and or internalized in our heart, we live out His **RIGHTEOUSNESS**. When that happens, when Yahweh's Torah **IS** indeed embedded in our hearts, it means that we will be abiding in the Vine, abiding in Messiah, the Living Word of the Father, the Living Torah made flesh.

To Close, on this 5th day of Hanukkah, I would like to leave you with a thought that I received when I read *IMaccabees 2:49 Now the days drew near that Mattathias should die, and he said to his sons: Now has **PRIDE and CHASTISEMENT GOTTEN STRENGTH, and the time of destruction, and the wrath of indignation: 50 Now, therefore, O my sons, BE YOU ZEALOUS FOR THE TORAH (Law), and GIVE YOUR LIVES FOR THE COVENANT OF YOUR FATHERS.***

I want you to know and understand, that our heavenly Father **IS** also calling **YOU**, and me, in

the same manner that Mattathias ***CALLED HIS SONS, SAYING, O My children, BE ZEALOUS for My Torah (Law), and GIVE YOUR LIVES FOR THE COVENANT THAT I, YAHWEH MADE WITH YOUR FATHERS.***

IF WE CAN LEARN TO BECOME ZEALOUS for the Words of YAHWEH's Torah of Life, THEN, WE WILL INDEED WILLINGLY GIVE OURSELVES, OUR LIVES, FOR THE COVENANT OF OUR FATHERS, in the very same manner that Mattathias, his sons and our Messiah did. Think and meditate on that before we come together again tomorrow evening.

May you have a glorious and happy spiritual renewal this Hanukkah! Amein

Studying and keeping Torah together as a community.

Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought, and your every deed. Until we meet again; Shalom Alechem! Amein!