

# Counting of the Omer, עֹמֵר

Day 36

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**Psalms 94: 12 – 23**

This morning in our reflections for counting the Omer, we are directed to the second half of *Psalm 94*. Throughout Scripture we are told that **VENGEANCE** belongs to Yahweh, and here in these *verses*, the Psalmist is asking Yahweh to pour out His **VENGEANCE** upon His enemies and cut them off, all the while recognizing that Yahweh **IS** providing for Yisrael's needs and protecting them from sure destruction by their enemies. This Psalm is very relevant for us today, especially because of what we face in our day to day lives, with the world gone mad with wokeness, gender dysphoria, people dying from being or injured from being forced to take the Covid vaccine, two to three years ago, then we have the soft on crime policies, where thieves, rapist, and murderers are let back into the streets, after just a short sentence, that is, **IF** they get a sentence at all, then we have the hatred of policeman, and the authorities using that fear to take away our human rights and then having our government officials trying to silence those that stand for the **TRUTH**, by trying to publicly humiliate those who stand up against their tyrannical ways. Our very first course of action when we are confronted by an enemy, should be to turn to Yahweh and ask for His help, for what Yahweh has said, is very true, vengeance **DOES** indeed belong to Him, and **IF** and when, we, His people, who are called by His Name, will humble ourselves, and pray, and seek His Face, and turn from our **wicked ways**; then Yahweh says, He **WILL** hear from heaven, and He will forgive our transgressions of the Words of His Torah (our Sin), and He **WILL** heal our land, of what is ailing us, including all viruses. However, before digging into this subject of Yahweh always protecting His remnant, His people, His Family, please take the time, if you are led, to first give Him the praise for another day, and lift up your voice in adoration of His Holy Name.

## **Psalms 37: 21-30**

*21 The wicked borrows, and does NOT pay again: but the righteous shews mercy, and gives 22 For such as be blessed of Him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of Him shall be cut off. 23 The steps of a good man are ordered by Yahweh: and He delights in his way. 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for Yahweh upholds him with His Hand. 25 I have been young, and now am old; yet, I have NOT seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. 26 He is ever merciful, and lends; and his seed is blessed. 27 Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore. 28 For Yahweh loves judgment, and does NOT forsake His saints; they are preserved for ever: BUT the seed of the wicked shall be cut off. 29 The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever. 30 The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, חֵכְמָה, Chakmah, and his tongue talks of judgment, מִשְׁפָּט, Mishpat.*

As I sit here, contemplating Yahweh's beautiful Word, I am thinking of Janice, my children, and my extended family, those who willingly serve the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov with their whole heart, and those who are not yet inclined to do so, but, are still part of my family, and how Yahweh has been so gracious to me, by surrounding me with people that love Yahweh, and want to know Him better, so that they can experience the privilege of walking closer to, and or with Him on their daily journey. In our own little way, we, the servants of Yahweh Elohim, are trying to make Yahweh's Way, the Words of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and

instructions, which is the only avenue that will lead all who choose to follow it, into His everlasting Kingdom, here on earth, to as many people as we can. Today on this 36<sup>th</sup> day of counting the Omer, I would like you to ask yourself this question, **HOW** has Yahweh been gracious to me, and then, let your imagination soar, and I guarantee you, that you will find a multitude of incidents in your past, where Yahweh has indeed been gracious to you, and saved you from making the wrong choice, or from suffering harm, or from being embarrassed, etc. Once you have done this, then bask in the thought that Yahweh **IS** now causing His face to shine upon you, **BECAUSE** you are being obedient to the Commandment to count the Omer. Amein

In *verse 24 of Psalm 37*, Yahweh talks about you, His dedicated servant, and He says, though he or she falls, they shall **NOT** be utterly be cast down, **FOR** I, Yahweh will uphold them with My Hand. The question that we all have to ask ourselves, **IS**, have I ever done anything that might have offended Yahweh? Well, let me give you my answer to that question, it is a resounding **YES**, I have disappointed my heavenly Father, more than once, and each time that I repented from my mistake, I sensed His forgiveness, I felt Him uplifting me and telling me that He would be at my side to help me, **NOT** to make that same mistake again, and because of it, I know that even **IF** I do make that same mistake again, and truly repent of that mistake, that He will forgive me, and set me on His path of Righteousness once more, and **IF** He does it for me, you can rest assured that He will do it for you also. Read what Messiah Himself had to say about it in *Matthew 18:21 Then came Peter to Messiah, and said, Master, how often shall my brother Sin against me, and I forgive him? Till seven times? 22 Yeshua said unto him, I say unto you Peter, NOT until seven times: BUT, Until seventy times seven.*

**IF** Messiah/Yahweh says to Peter and to us, that we have to forgive our brothers and sisters seventy times seven times, when they offend us, then can He, the Creator of the universe do any less? Is He not bound by His Word as Scripture emphatically states that He is?

### ***Psalms 94: 12 – 23***

*Blessed is the man whom You chasten O Yahweh, and whom you teach out of Your Torah (Law); 13 That You may give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be dug for the wicked. 14 For Yahweh WILL NOT cast off His people, neither will He forsake His inheritance. 15 But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it. 16 Who will rise up for Me against the evildoers? Or Who will stand up for Me against the workers of iniquity? 17 Unless Yahweh had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence. 18 When I said, my foot slips; Your mercy, O Yahweh, held me up. 19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me, Your comforts delight my soul. 20 Shall the throne of iniquity (Sin) have fellowship with You, which frames mischief by a law (Romans 8:23)? 21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood. 22 But Yahweh is my defense; and my Elohim is the Rock of my refuge. 23 And He shall bring upon them, their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, Yahweh our Elohim shall cut them off.*

Do you remember being scolded or punished by your father or mother, when you were young, because you were caught doing something you should not have done? When the punishment was meted out to you, did you feel blessed while you were being chastened by your father or mother? I can tell you for a fact, that I certainly **DID NOT feel blessed, when** my dad laid the strap across my posterior; as a matter of fact, being blessed was the farthest thing from my mind. And yet, Yahweh Himself tells us here in these *verses*, that we are blessed when He chastens us.

Why is that, why **IS IT** that Yahweh tells us we are **blessed** when He chastens us? He gives us the answer in the very same *verse*, He says *and whom You teach him out of your Torah*. YHVH **IS** equating His blessings, to the teaching of His Torah. How **IS** the Torah, the Words of the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of Yahweh, a blessing to us? Let me count the ways. First of all, the Scriptures tell us, that obedience to the Torah **IS LIFE TO US**, then the Scriptures go on to say, **IF** you obey the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of our heavenly Father, the Words of His Torah of Life,

**THEN**

Everything that you **PUT YOUR HAND TO WILL PROSPER**,  
**I WILL TAKE ALL ILLNESS AWAY FROM YOU**  
**NONE** of **THE DISEASES** of Egypt **WILL COME UPON YOU**,  
Your **ENEMIES WILL BE** at peace with you,

And to top it all off,

**THE BLESSINGS** of **YAHWEH WILL HUNT YOU DOWN AND OVERTAKE YOU**, etc. etc. etc.

The reason that Yahweh chastens anyone, is because, they have gone off of the Righteous Pathway that He wants all of His children to walk on, the Pathway of His Righteous Torah, that leads all who willingly choose to follow it, to His everlasting Kingdom, and the chastening, is to cause those that have fallen off of the path, to turn from their sinful ways. Therefore He chastens all of His children because He loves us, and does not want even one of us to Perish. There **IS** so much good, that happens to the person who willingly and lovingly chooses to walk in the Path that Yahweh has predetermined for all of His children to walk on, and that path, my friends, **IS** paved with the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Life Giving Torah.

When you read this Psalm, or for that matter, any other *verses* in the Word of Yahweh, please understand, that Yahweh **IS** communicating His great and infinite love that He has for **YOU**, and He does that through His Word. Let's look at a few *verses* in this part of *Psalm 94*.

Yahweh **WILL NOT** cast off His people,  
Yahweh **WILL NOT** forsake His inheritance.  
Yahweh's judgment **SHALL** return unto **righteousness**  
**ALL** the upright in heart **SHALL** follow Yahweh's Ways

In *verse 16* Yahweh asks **YOU!**

**WILL YOU RISE UP** for Me against the evildoers?  
**WILL YOU STAND UP** for Me against the workers of iniquity?

The question that every believer should be asking themselves therefore, and then, answer that question, **IS**, when I see corruption happening anywhere in the world, will I choose to stand against evil, or will I cower and hide myself, so as not to rock the boat or bring attention to myself?

To stand against the world and its **PERVERSE WAYS**, **IS** a very difficult and fearful task, **BUT** listen to what Yahweh says will happen **IF** we decide to stand with Him.

*Yahweh is my help, my soul **SHALL NOT** dwell in silence.  
If my foot slips; Your mercy, O Yahweh, **HOLDS ME UP**.  
In the multitude of my thoughts within me, **YOUR COMFORTS DELIGHT MY SOUL**.*

Through these *verses*, Yahweh **IS** telling us, that He will **NEVER** leave **NOR** forsake those who turn to Him with repentant surrendered hearts and lovingly choose to Obey and observe the Words of His Torah of Life, and choose to stand for the Truth, for the Psalmist says that Yahweh will comfort them.

Next Yahweh makes a guarantee, to all the people who choose to believe, follow and obey Him. It is very important for us to realize that fighting in Yahweh's army **IS NOT EASY**, for we will naturally be going against the **ways of the world**, and unfortunately, that will more than likely include some family members and friends also, to the point, that we might even suffer at their hands, **BUT** Yahweh says,

*Shall the throne of **iniquity have fellowship** with You, which frames mischief by a (man made) law?*

*They gather themselves together against the soul of the **RIGHTEOUS**  
They condemn the **INNOCENT BLOOD**  
**BUT YAHWEH IS** my **DEFENSE**; and my Elohim **IS** the Rock of my refuge  
He **SHALL** bring **UPON THEM** their own **iniquity**,  
He **SHALL CUT THEM OFF** in their own **wickedness**;  
Yea, **Yahweh our Elohim SHALL CUT THEM OFF**.*

My friends, following the Ways and the Words of Yahweh, will never be easy, until we receive our New or Renewed heaven and earth, in the eighth millennium, therefore, until that happens, let us resolve in our hearts, that **WE WILL** indeed stand for Yahweh's Righteousness, which means, that we will stand in defence of the Words of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, and **NOT** only are we to stand for and defend the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, **BUT**, we should also willingly choose to live by and obey Yahweh's Directives for everlasting Life, which He has, and continues to teach us through His written Word, His Torah. Furthermore, we are to do so, in complete loving surrendered obedience to the Words of the Torah of Yahweh, as it was modeled for us, by Him, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh Himself, our Messiah. I want you to know, that I believe that you are well on your way to being fully surrendered to the Ways of Yahweh by being obedient to count the Omer as He has Commanded us, to do, therefore continue on your path of obedience and Yahweh will bless you with more and more of His understanding. Amen.

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