

Counting of the Omer, עֶמֶר

Day 37

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Psalms 95: 1 – 7

Once again as we are given another Psalm to consider; the reflection on **Psalms 95** only recommends the first eight *verses*, but upon examination, it seemed prudent to go ahead and read the entire Psalm by simply adding an additional four *verses* to complete the Psalmist's thoughts. This reminder, is to encourage us, to not only extend the liberty to ourselves to read more, but also, to determine for ourselves the context of what the Father is attempting to communicate to us through His Word. In *verse 2*, the Psalmist reminds us that **it is** alright to sing a multitude of songs or Psalms of praise to our Creator and to worship Him in loving obedience at every opportunity. We need to be reminded that our heavenly Father never tires of our praise and adoration of Him, and as we take the time to read more about Him from the expressions of the different Psalmists, we can grow more intimate in our relationship with our Heavenly Father. Therefore, if you can devote the time, and make Him your focus for a time of meditation, He will be pleased and you will be blessed.

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, חָכְמָה, Chakmah, and his tongue talks of judgment, מִשְׁפָּט, Mishpat.

Today I would like to talk about the fact that the Psalmist has mentioned that throughout the passage of his lifetime, he has never seen any righteous person forsaken by Yahweh, nor has he seen any righteous person, having to beg for bread. Based on what is said in this verse, I would like to talk about Yahweh's promised **GUARANTEE**, to **ALL** of His children, who have willingly committed to believe follow and obey **ALL** the Words of His Torah of Life. First lets go to the Book of Deuteronomy, and then to the Apostolic Scriptures, in the Book of Matthew, and view or read about Yahweh's guarantee to us, which are a few places in Scripture, where Yahweh's guarantee is found.

Deuteronomy 4:31 (For Yahweh your Elohim is a merciful Elohim;) He will NOT forsake you, NEITHER destroy you, NOR forget the Covenant of your fathers which He SWORE unto them.

Deuteronomy 31:3-63 Yahweh your Elohim, He WILL go over before you, and He WILL destroy these nations from before you, and you SHALL possess them: and Joshua, he SHALL go over before you, as Yahweh has said. 4 And Yahweh SHALL DO UNTO THEM as he did to Sihon and to Og, kings of the Amorites, and unto the land of them, whom He destroyed. 5 And Yahweh SHALL

give them up before your face, so that you may do unto them according unto all the Commandments which I have Commanded you. 6 Be strong and of a good courage, **do NOT fear, NOR be afraid of them:** for Yahweh your Elohim, He, it is, that does go with you; He will **NOT FAIL you, NOR FORSAKE YOU.**

Matthew 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, Take **NO** thought for your life, **what** you shall eat, or **what** you shall drink; **NOR** yet, for your body, what you shall put on. Is **NOT** the life, **more** than meat, and the body more than raiment? 26 Behold, the fowls of the air: for they do **NOT** sow, **NEITHER** do they reap, **NOR** gather into barns; **YET**, your heavenly Father feeds them. **ARE YOU NOT** much better than these fowls? 27 Which one of you, by taking thought, can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And **WHY** are you concerned for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they do **NOT** toil, **NEITHER** do they spin: 29 And **YET**, I say unto you, that even Solomon, in all his glory, was **NOT** arrayed like one of these. 30 Therefore, **IF** Elohim so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, **SHALL He NOT** much more clothe **YOU**, O you of little belief (faith)? 31 Therefore do **NOT** take any thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after **ALL** these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father **KNOWS** that you have need, of all these things. 33 But seek you first the kingdom of Elohim **AND His Righteousness; and IF you DO, THEN ALL**, these things shall be added unto you.

These are but a few of the verses found in Scripture where Yahweh promises us, that **NOT** only will He never leave **NOR** forsake us, **BUT**, He will provide for all of our needs, which is what the Psalmist is talking about here, in Psalm 37:25 I have **NOT** seen the righteous forsaken, **NOR** his seed begging bread.

The fact that you are taking the time out of your busy life, to keep the Commandment of Yahweh to count the omer, puts all of you who are willingly doing this, in the category of the Righteous person, which in turn means, that Yahweh will **NEVER leave nor forsake you**, and you can rest assured that He will provide all that you need, when you need it, and you will **NEVER** have to beg for anything, for Yahweh has promised to provide all of your needs. What a blessed Elohim we serve!

Psalm 95: 1 – 11

O come, **let us sing** unto Yahweh: **let us** make a joyful noise to the Rock of our Salvation. 2 **Let us** come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with Psalms. 3 For Yahweh is a great Elohim, and a great King above all gods. 4 In His hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also. 5 The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land. 6 O come, **let us** worship and bow down: **let us** kneel before Yahweh our Maker. 7 For He is our Elohim; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today **IF** you will hear His voice, 8 do **NOT** Harden your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: 9 When your fathers tempted Me, proved Me, and saw My work. 10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have **NOT** known My Ways: 11 Unto whom I swore in My wrath that they should **NOT** enter into **My Rest**.

This is a beautiful Psalm that shows us the ultimate sovereignty of our heavenly Father. The Psalmist uses the phrase, **LET US**, **five** times, and then, he tells us, what it is that He wants us to do. The number **five** in Scripture speaks of Yahweh's Grace and the Words of His Torah of Life, for they are synonymous terms. So it is easy to surmise what the Psalmist is telling us, when he says, **IT IS** by

the Grace of Yahweh, that we have been formed and sustained over these millennium, and because of the Grace and Mercy that Yahweh has shown us over these centuries, praising and worshipping Him, should be an automatic response. The Psalmist tells us to sing, to make a joyful noise (*he must not have heard me singing when he said that*), to give thanks, to worship, and to kneel before our Maker. Let me ask you a question, **WHEN** is the last time that you got down on your knees, to praise and worship Yahweh, **WHEN** no one was looking? **WHEN** is the last time that you sang to Him as a love sick young man sings to his bride to be? **WHEN** is the last time that you truly thanked Him from your surrendered heart, for your health, your family, your friends, and your life? **WHEN** is the last time that you truly worshiped our heavenly Father from the deepest recesses of your heart?

If you answered, **IT IS a while back**, to any of these questions, then maybe, **NOW**, would be a good time to set a plan in motion **TO DO THAT** on a regular basis. Our heavenly Father is omnipresent, which means He is at our side always, and is waiting for us to turn to Him with a loving surrendered, contrite, repentant and obedient heart, because, He knows that when we choose to observe His Word, when we willingly and lovingly choose to obey the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **IT WILL SET US FREE**, and the promised blessings embedded in His Word, will automatically begin to manifest themselves in our lives, **BECAUSE** of our obedience.

Let us therefore learn from the errors of our forefathers, and from our own past errors, and not harden our hearts against Yahweh's Word, **BUT instead**, let us vow today, this very minute, that even though we may **NOT** understand all the complexities of His Word, nor the reasons for all of Yahweh's Commandments, we will still obey them, for we know that He loves us with a perfect love, and we know that He **DOES NOT WANT** even one of His children to perish. Let us be obedient, and thereby grow in the knowledge of Yahweh, and become a blessing to all those that we come in contact with. Yahweh said to Abraham, that in Him, **ALL** the nations of the earth would be blessed, the Hebrew word translated into the English word blessed, is the Hebrew word Nivrechu which can also mean to be grafted in, therefore, since we have been **grafted into the family of Abraham**, our obedience will be a catalyst that leads others to follow us, and in turn, they too, will also be grafted into the family of Yahweh, and that grafting into Yahweh's Family my friends, **IS** the **ULTIMATE** blessing, for we will be with Him forever.

Continue to count the Omer, and tell your friends what you are doing and why you are doing it, you never know how Yahweh will use that information to influence their lives. Amein

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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!*