

Counting of the Omer, עֹמֵר

Day 39

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Psalms 98: 1 – 9

This is the third Psalm reflection in as many days that has a musical theme. However, as you take a deeper look at this particular song of praise, you will see that it has an emphasis on the final redemption of mankind that occurs at the end of the age. The final *verse* is one that reminds the reader of the inevitability of the righteous judgment that is scheduled for the Creation. Apparently, it is beneficial for us to be reminded of the ultimate destiny of mankind, so that we will take our daily walk as a *serious* endeavor, that paves the way for our final resting place. Great confidence can be placed in Yahweh as we sing praises about the salvation He provides. But before we consider humming a few bars from this particular Psalm, perhaps, if you are led, you can offer up your own praise and remember to count the Omer with thankfulness for His salvation. And if you listen, depending on where you are located, maybe you will hear the seas roaring or the rivers clapping or the mountains singing in harmony with your joyful sound.

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.

Yesterday, we discussed what the Psalmist meant when he spoke of the qualities of a *righteous* person, and I posed you a question, as to whether you thought of yourself as being a person that is *righteous* like the Psalmist described. The reason I asked you that question, is because, it is of paramount importance, that we all become *righteous* people, for the Psalmist tells us, that the *righteous will inherit the Land*, and the Land that they will inherit, is a metaphor, for the everlasting Kingdom of Yahweh our Elohim. It should be obvious to all people who read these *verses*, that Yahweh is talking about the Land that His obedient children will receive *AFTER* judgement day, because, Scripture makes it very clear, in *Hebrews 9:27*, that it is given to everyone, once to die, and then, the resurrection. On that day, we will all be judged for our *WORKS*, which means, that we will be judged by how we willingly chose to live our lives. On that day, Yahweh will show us a picture of our lives, where we will be able to see for ourselves, where, we willingly chose to obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and where we didn't. Then, our heavenly Father will usher all the people that tried with their whole hearts to believe follow and obey all the Words of His Torah of Life, into His everlasting kingdom. However there will be a different outcome for all the

people who willingly chose to **reject** the Words of His Torah, the Words of His Directives for everlasting Life, for they will hear Yahweh Elohim say to them, similar words to what Messiah said, to the people that He was speaking to in *Matthew 7:21-23* **NOT** every one that says unto Me, Master, Master, **shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; BUT he that does the WILL of My Father who is in heaven.** Many will say to Me in that day, Master, Master, have we **not prophesied in Your Name?** And in Your Name **have rebuked devils?** And in Your Name **done many wonderful works?** And then, I Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, **WILL** profess unto them, **I never KNEW you: Yada You, I was never intimate with you, DEPART from Me, you that work Lawlessness, iniquity,** you that constantly transgress the Words of My Father's Torah of Life.

Psalms 98: 1 – 9

*O sing unto Yahweh a new song; for He has done marvelous things: His Right Hand, and His Holy Arm, has gotten Him the victory. 2 Yahweh has made known His **salvation**: His righteousness has He openly showed in the sight of the heathen. 3 He has remembered His **MERCY** and His **TRUTH** (Torah, Psalm 119:1142) toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the **salvation** of our Elohim. 4 Make a joyful noise unto Yahweh, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise. 5 Sing unto Yahweh with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm. 6 With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before Yahweh, the King. 7 Let the sea roar, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. 8 Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together 9 Before Yahweh; for He comes to **judge** the earth: with **righteousness** shall He **judge** the world, and the people with **equity**.*

Who **IS IT** that this Psalmist says has gotten the victory for our heavenly Father? It is His Right Hand, His Holy Arm. In *verse 2* the phrase *His Salvation* is used, and in Hebrew, it is the word, Yeshuato יְשׁוּעָתוֹ and in *verse 3* the word *salvation* is from the Hebrew words Et Yeshuat, אֵת יְשׁוּעָה, and both of these words are from the same root, and it is the name of our Redeemer and Saviour, Yeshua, יֵשׁוּעַ. Furthermore, the second time it is used in the phrase Et Yeshuat, we have a stand alone Aleph Tav, אֵת, that is used in front of the word Yeshuat, and the stand alone Aleph Tav happens to be, the first and last letters of the Hebrew Alephbet, and they represent our Messiah, for He too **IS** the First and the Last, the Alpha and the Omega or the Beginning and the End.

Throughout Scripture, we are told that the Salvation of our heavenly Father comes through His Son, who is also known as, the Right Hand of our heavenly Father, therefore the Psalmist is showing us through the use of the Name Yeshua, and the stand alone letters, the Aleph and the Tav, that he is referring to the One and only Messiah, the only begotten Son of the Father, who **IS** sent from our heavenly Father, to save as many people of this world as He can. *John 3:16*.

In *verse 3* we are told that Yahweh has remembered His **Mercy and His TRUTH** toward the house of Yisrael. We have also learned in the past, that when the word **TRUTH** is used in Scripture, it always refers to the Words of Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, and, we have also found, that the words, Torah, Righteousness, Grace, and Mercy, **ARE ALL** all synonymous terms, for, they all speak of the Love with which Yahweh has created His Word, His Life Giving Torah.

In *Galatians 3:29* it says: *And if you be Messiah's, then are you Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

Do you belong to Messiah; did you truly surrender your heart, mind, soul and strength to our heavenly Father? If you did, which I am sure you did, otherwise you would not be reading this study, then ***YOU ARE*** the seed of Abraham, and as the seed of Abraham, you ***ARE*** part of Yahweh's family, Yisrael, therefore, you ***ARE*** an heir to the promises of Yahweh. You have ***NOT*** replaced Yisrael, ***BUT*** you have become ***PART of Yisrael***; which means, that you have, by the Grace of Yahweh, been grafted into the family of Yahweh. Therefore when Yahweh says, He remembered His ***Mercy*** and His ***TRUTH*** towards Yisrael, it means that He remembered His ***Mercy*** and ***TRUTH*** towards ***YOU***.

The word remembered, ***IS*** the Hebrew word Zakar, זָכַר, which does mean, to remember, but, it has a much more profound meaning, than to just intellectually recall something, it means, ***to speak and act on behalf of***; therefore, Yahweh is saying that He is speaking and acting on behalf of His ***Mercy*** and His ***TRUTH***, which He is extending to ***YOU***. Since the Word ***TRUTH*** always refers to our heavenly Father's Torah, and since the Words of the Torah, quickens us, or gives us life, then that means that our heavenly Father has offered ***YOU*** His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions for ***LIFE***. He formed us from the dust of the earth that He created, and since He is omniscient, He knows exactly what we need for a long, healthy, fulfilling and joyful life.

So this morning, as you read the words of this beautiful Psalm, please take the time to ***SING*** praises to Yahweh. Raise your voice to Him in a song that honours Him, and let your emotions flow, for He is your Abba, your Father, and He loves you with a perfect and infinite love. Show Him how much you love Him in return, praise Him with your voice, make a joyful sound with your heart, and let Him know how you feel about all that He has done and will do for you and your family.

Eleven more days remain to the blessed event of giving us His Living Torah, His ***TRUTH*** from the mountain. 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!*