

Counting of the Omer, עֹמֶר

Day 40

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Psalms 99: 1 – 9

As day forty of the Omer count arrives, many things that are associated with the number forty come to mind; Yisrael's spies being in the Promised Land for forty days, then returning to their camp, and having *ten* of the *twelve* spies give a bad report, then, Yisrael deciding not to go into the Promised Land, and then, suffering the consequences of their decision and walking in the wilderness for forty years. But there is also some good news associated with the number 40 and we will investigate those events. But before we do, before leaping back into the historical records and reflecting upon any parallels that might exist, if you are led, please take the time to read the following psalm selections as you offer up praise to Him, Who reigns *from* Heaven above.

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 verse 30, where it says: *The mouth of the Righteous speaks Wisdom, חָכְמָה, Chakmah, and his tongue talks of Judgment, מִשְׁפָּט, Mishpat.*

Yesterday we discussed what **Righteousness IS**, according to Scripture, and Scripture makes it very clear, that Righteousness is defined as willingly and lovingly choosing to believe, follow and obey all the Words of our heavenly Father's Directives for everlasting Life, the Words of His Torah. Today I would like to talk about the byproducts of choosing to obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life. In *verse 30* the Psalmist says: the mouth of the **Righteous** speaks **Wisdom**. As I said above, we have established that a Righteous person **IS**, a person, who willingly chooses to believe, follow and obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, and here, the Psalmist tells us that the **Righteous person** speaks **Wisdom**. Well, **IF** the **righteous person IS a person that does indeed believe, follow and obey the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, then**, that means, that the **Wisdom** that they accumulated over the years, through obeying our heavenly Father, **MUST** come from the Words of the Father's Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, when this **Wise** person chooses to speak!

The word **wisdom** used here in our English Scriptures, is from the Hebrew word Chakmah, חָכְמָה,

which means, wisdom, prudence, skill, learning, knowledge, it is from the word Chakam, חכם, which means, wise, acted wisely, he grew wise, prudent, learned man, scholar.

Therefore, it is easy to deduce from the evidence that we are given in Scripture, that the **Righteous person's wisdom** originates, and is founded upon the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life, and the rest of the Hebraic and Apostolic Scriptures. The question therefore that we should all ask ourselves **IS**, Do I want to be a **WISE person**, do I want to live my life based upon the **JUST Judgements** that can only be found in the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father?

We all know, that things, that are really worthwhile, take years, and, a lot of dedication to develop, and it is just as sure that no one becomes a **Wise person** overnight, **BUT** Yahweh has given us the opportunity to **BECOME Wise**, and all a person has to do, **IS**, firsts, choose to surrender your heart, mind and soul to our heavenly Father, commit to believe, follow and obey the Words of His Torah of Life, which contains His infinite **Wisdom**, and commit to spend some quality time in the Scriptures, and watch your **Wisdom** grow. Listen to what James instructed us on how to get **Wisdom**, Yahweh's **Wisdom** into our hearts and souls.

*James 1:1-8 James, a servant of Elohim and of the Master, Yeshua Messiah, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting. 2 My brethren, count it all **joy** when you fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your belief (faith) works patience. 4 But, let patience have her **perfect work**, that you may be **perfect** and entire, wanting nothing. 5 If any of you **lack Wisdom**, Chakmah, let him ask of Elohim, **WHO GIVES TO ALL MEN LIBERALLY**, and does **NOT** upbraid, hold anything back; **AND it shall be given him.***

However, there is a Caveat:

*6 **BUT**, let him or her, ask in **believing** it will happen (faith), and **NOT** wavering in his belief. For he that wavers, is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let **NOT** that man **THINK** that he shall receive **any thing** of Yahweh. 8 A double minded man is unstable **IN ALL HIS WAYS.***

By these words in the book of James, we can see that Yahweh has given each and every person the ability to accumulate **Wisdom**, the very same infinite **Wisdom** that He, Himself possesses, for that is what He imparts to all people who willingly choose to surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to Him, in total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of His Torah of Life. That is why Paul can say in *1Cor 2:16* that he has **the MIND OF MESSIAH**,

*1Corinthians 2:14-16 But the natural man does **NOT** and **CANNOT** receive the things of the Spirit of Elohim:*

WHY?

For they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them,

WHY?

Because they are spiritually discerned.

*15 But, he that is spiritual (he that is filled with the Holy Spirit of Yahweh) judges all things, yet, he himself, is judged of no man. 16 For who has known the Mind of Yahweh/Messiah, that he may instruct Him? But we (those who have willingly chosen to surrender their hearts to our heavenly Father) **HAVE the Mind of Messiah.***

That is why we can cry Abba, Father, and He will hear, shema, hear us.

Like the rest of **LIFE**, there is a price to pay to attain Yahweh's **Wisdom**, and the price is loving surrendered obedience, to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and, a commitment to spend time with Him and His Words of Life, which is when, He imparts His nuggets of **Wisdom** to all who choose to spend some quality time alone with Him. Amein!

Psalms 99: 1 – 9

*Yahweh reigns; let the people tremble: He sits between the Cherubim; let the earth be moved. 2 Yahweh is great in Tzion; and He is high above all the people. 3 Let them praise Your great and awesome Name; for it is Holy. 4 The king's strength also loves judgment; You do establish equity, **You execute judgment and righteousness in Jacob.** 5 Exalt you Yahweh our Elohim, and worship at His footstool; for He is holy. 6 Mosheh and Aharon among His priests, and Samuel among them that call upon His Name; they called upon Yahweh, and He answered them. 7 He spoke unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept His Testimonies (Torah), and the Ordinance (Torah) that He gave them. 8 You answered them, O Yahweh our Elohim: You were an Elohim that forgave them, though You took vengeance of their inventions. 9 Exalt Yahweh our Elohim, and worship at His holy hill; for Yahweh our Elohim is holy.*

As I read this Psalm, it sent shivers up and down my spine, when I realize the greatness and power of Yahweh. But the shivers that I sense, are not shivers of fear, but of awe. How can the Creator of all things, care about people, and even more difficult to understand is **WHY** does He care about me, or you, or any single individual? The answer my friends lies in the love with which we were all formed. If you are a parent, just remember the love that you had for your child, at birth, and how much that love grew as your child learned to do things that you taught them. That kind of love is very difficult to put into words, and yet, if you could multiply that type of love a thousand fold, then maybe we could quantify the love that Yahweh has for us.

The judgment and righteousness that Yahweh executes, is the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, which when obeyed, **gives us Life, blessings, prosperity and much more**, is monumental. As our loving Father, He has given us an instruction booklet, that when followed with a surrendered loving obedient heart, will give us length of days, health, joy and prosperity. That, my friends, is the depth of the love that Yahweh has for us.

Since this is the fortieth day of the counting of the Omer, let us investigate what has happened throughout the ages with this number. Number **forty** is a number of judgment in Scripture, for it rained **forty** days and **forty** nights when the earth was flooded, it is a number of testing, for Yisrael sent spies in the land for **forty** days and **forty** nights, judging the land, to see if it was suitable for them and worth taking the risk to battle for it; **forty** is also the number of punishment and redemption, for Yisrael walked in the wilderness for **forty** years, before entering the Promised Land, furthermore, Messiah was tested for **forty** days in the wilderness, and the greatest of all, was the **forty** days that Messiah was here on earth, after His death and resurrection until His ascension into heaven to sit at the Right Hand of our heavenly Father.

As you meditate on this number, and what it represents, remember the love that our heavenly Father

has for us, and, what lengths He went to, to bring us salvation. In this Psalm, the Psalmist is telling us that Mosheh, Aharon and Samuel, are among those that called upon Yahweh's Name, and the Psalmist says that Yahweh **answered** them. Why would the Creator of the universe bother with **answering** these mere mortals? I believe that Yahweh **answered** them, **because** of their obedient surrendered hearts, and I believe He will also answer all that call upon Him from loving surrendered obedient hearts.

I hope that you can see how important it is to keep the Words of Yahweh's Torah of life, **IF** you want Him to answer your prayers, and that is **WHY**, taking the time to count the Omer as we have been commanded to do, **IS** so important. Since coming to this Hebraic understanding of Scripture, this time of year, where we of count the Omer, which is one of many of the Commandments that are close to Yahweh's own heart, for the countdown to Pentecost **IS** a picture of a very special event, for Pentecost or Shavuot in Hebrew, represents the giving of the Torah to Yisrael. *Yahweh so loved the world that He gave us His only begotten Son*, which Scripture confirms, **IS, THE WORDS OF THE LIVING TORAH OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, MADE FLESH**, that whosoever **believes** in the Words our heavenly Father's Living Torah made flesh, should **NOT perish, BUT have everlasting life**.

Please understand the implications of what you have just read here, because **IT IS** a profound and a major paradigm shift, from what has and is still being taught in all the Christian churches today.

Not only did Yahweh give us the Words of His inerrant and eternal Torah, in a written form, but He sent His written Torah to earth, manifested as a Living human being, called Yeshua, so that our Father's One and Only Torah, His inerrant and everlasting Living Word, His eternal **TRUTH** made flesh, our Messiah, **COULD SHOW US**, as a man, that it is **INDEED POSSIBLE** to follow the Commandments of Yahweh, **IF** we can just learn to willingly surrender our hearts to Him, for Yahweh, who so loves the world, places His Holy Spirit within us, when we willingly choose to surrender our hearts to Him, and Yahweh's Holy Spirit, in turn, **CAUSES** every surrendered contrite obedient heart, that will allow Him, to walk out and obey Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, but only **IF** we will allow Him to do so.

My friends, our heavenly Father loves us so much, that He gave us the answer as to how we can actually have everlasting Life, in the Words of His written Torah, He sent us His Living Torah, manifested in the flesh as Yeshua, who in turn showed us, **HOW**, to walk out the Father's Life giving Torah, and all we have to do, **IS BELIEVE** what the Living Torah tells us, and then, willingly and lovingly choose to follow the example that He, Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, set for us, for following the Commandments found in the instructional book, that Yahweh gave us, will lead us directly to Him, to His house, where we can live with Him forever.

Enjoy the next ten days and hopefully you will be able to celebrate Pentecost, Shavuot with us. 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!