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Psalms 105: 1 – 11

Often when we come to certain Scriptures, we are reminded of other Scriptural passages that have had some impact on our thoughts and even our lives. Today as I read what the Psalmist is saying, I was awed by the fact that Yahweh remembered His Covenant for ever, even though **WE**, through our forefathers, broke it, just a few days after it was given to us. The Hebrew word translated into the English word **remember**, is the word Zakar, which means *to speak and act on behalf of*. Therefore the Psalmist is telling us, that the Creator of the universe, Yahweh, the Creator of all things, **spoke and acted on behalf of His Torah**. Why do you think Yahweh would speak so highly of His Torah, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions? It is because He knows that it is beneficial to all who would turn to it, in loving surrendered obedience. So as I thought more and more about this Covenant, the Covenant that we are in with the Creator of the universe, I took the time to read and reread this Psalm and it spoke loud and clear to me of the incredible love that our heavenly Father has for us; but before I elaborate even further, please take the time to go over these wonderful Psalms and see where it leads you.

Psalms 37: 31-40

*31 The Torah of his Elohim is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide. 32 The wicked watches the righteous, and seeks to slay him. 33 Yahweh will **NOT** leave him in his hand, **NOR** condemn him when he is judged. 34 Wait on Yahweh, and keep His Way, and He shall exalt you to inherit the Land: when the wicked are cut off, you shall see it. 35 I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. 36 Yet, he passed away, and, lo, he was **NOT**: yea, I sought him, but he could **NOT** be found. 37 Mark the **perfect man**, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace, Shalom. 38 But the transgressors, **SHALL** be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off. 39 But the salvation of the righteous is of Yahweh: He is their strength in the time of trouble. 40 And Yahweh shall help them, and deliver them: He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they **TRUST** in Him.*

Today I would like to talk about what the Psalmist says in *verse 34*, he says: *34 Wait קָוֶה, Qaveh on YHVH, וּשְׁמַר, UShamar, and keep, His דַּרְכּוֹ, Darko, Way, and He shall גִּירוֹמִמְכָה, VeyeRomimka exalt you לְרֵשֶׁת אֶרֶץ LaReshet, to inherit, Eretz, the Land: when the wicked are cut off, you shall see it.*

Let's begin with defining some of the words that the Psalmist used. The Word Qaveh, קָוֶה, means, to call, invoke, to wait for, he endured, remained, waited, expected, hoped for, it also means he collected, gathered water, the word, Shamar, שְׁמַר, means, to keep, guard, heed, beware, watch over, observe, put a hedge around, to wait upon, attend to, preserve, save, protect, he celebrated, he took heed, he paid regard, he took care, was kept, was observed, the word Darko, is from the word Derek, דֶּרֶךְ, means, way, road, journey, custom, conduct, manner, method, a course of life or mode of action, along, away, because of, conversation, custom, passenger, the word, VeyeRomimka is from the word, Rum, רִים, which means, to be high, be exalted, rise, to lift, hold, it is used as up, 63 times,

as exalt, 47 times, as high, 25 times, as offer, 13 times, as give, 5 times, as heave, 3 times, as extol, 3 times, as lofty, 3 times, as take, 3 times, as tall, 3 times, as higher 2 times, it is used miscellaneously, 24 times, as haughty, levy, loud, presumptuously, proud, taller, breed worms, it means, he lifted up, he elevated, he raised, reared, was high, was exalted, rose, he elevated himself, he set up, established, he lifted up and presented, he offered, height, elevation, greatness, the word Lareshet, is from the word Yaresh, יָרֵשׁ, means, to inherit, possess, take possession of, he took possession of, he caused to possess, to occupy, drive out previous tenants and possessing in their place, expel, made to inherit, he dispossessed, to make poor, impoverish, ruin, cast out, destroy, consume, disinherit, dispossess, became poor, came or come to poverty, to and the word Yareshah, יְרֵשָׁה, which means, inheritance, heritage, possession, and the word Aretz, אֶרֶץ, which means, earth, land, country, ground.

Now with this information we can really see what the Psalmist was trying to communicate to us through these words. He says: If we call upon, and or invoke, Yahweh, and then willingly choose to wait upon, endure and have hope, **IF** we keep, guard, heed, watch over, observe, preserve, protect and celebrate, Yahweh's Derek, His Way, His customs, His manner, His methods, the righteous course or mode of Life that He has set for us, then according to the Psalmist, Yahweh, VeyeRomimka, He will exalt us, raise and elevate us high above the other nations of the world, and Lareshet, and cause us to inherit the Aretz, the Land, which is a metaphor for His everlasting kingdom, where we will become the Bride of Messiah to rule and reign with Him for eternity.

This is definitely longer than what the Psalmist wrote, **BUT**, I can guarantee you, that this is exactly what he was trying to communicate to us, through the words that he chose to use.

The only way to get to the complete meaning of what is written in Scripture, is to go back to the original language that it was written in, for therein lies the beauty and the Truth of what Yahweh is communicating to us, and as you can see, by this translation of just one verse of the Psalmist words, in *verse 34*, there is a treasure trove of information for all of us to experience, if we will just take the time to look for it.

Psalms 105: 1 – 11

O give thanks unto Yahweh; call upon His Name: make known His deeds among the people. 2 Sing unto Yahweh, sing Psalms unto Him: talk you of all His wondrous works. 3 Glory you in His holy Name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek Yahweh. 4 Seek Yahweh, and His strength: seek His face evermore. 5 Remember His marvellous works that He has done; His wonders, and the judgments of His Mouth; 6 O you seed of Abraham, His servant, you children of Jacob, His chosen. 7 He is Yahweh our Elohim: His judgments are in all the earth. 8 He has remembered (Zakar) His Covenant for ever, the Word which He Commanded to a thousand generations. 9 Which He made with Abraham, and His oath unto Isaac; 10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a Torah (Law)

On Thanksgiving Day, it is customary to give thanks for what it is that Yahweh has provided for us, and then, when next year comes along, we go through the same motions again and give thanks once more for Yahweh's provisions; you could say, that it most of people's lives, it has become rote routine. But have you ever thought about what kind of world this would be, **IF** there was no Elohim, no source for good on this earth? What **IF** Yahweh had **NOT** done the deeds that He did, by bringing

the people of Yisrael out of bondage, and chose instead to allow the people of the world, to just go on doing things their own way; what kind of world do you think we would be living in today?

I believe it would be a world of *chaos*, where there was *no hope*. The strong would put the weak under bondage and that would be the end of all *hope* for them. The deeds, the Aliylah, עֲלִיָּלָה of Yahweh, *ARE* what keeps this world together, and when we, as a people, decide to do away with this or that Torah Commandment (Law), which our Omniscient heavenly Father has put in place, as an *EVERLASTING ORDINANCE*, we are doing away with the *DEEDS*, the *ACTS*, the Aliylah, עֲלִיָּלָה of our Omnipotent and inerrant Yahweh.

What baffles my mind *IS*, when I ask most people who profess to believe in the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, does our heavenly Father make any errors? They will emphatically state, *NO* He certainly *DOES NOT*, He does *NOT* make any *mistakes*, He is infallible, and then, in the same breath, they will also say that *part or all of His Torah (Law) has somehow been changed and or done away with*. That my friends, *IS* an oxymoron, which is, to say one thing and believe another. An example of other oxymoron, are, Jumbo shrimp, military intelligence, civil servant, killed by *friendly fire*, and that my friends, I am sorry to say, matches up with the logic that states, Yahweh/Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, *never changes BUT He changed His Word*.

In verse 4 we are told to *SEEK* Yahweh, and His strength: *SEEK* His Face evermore.

In English the word *SEEK* is rather abstract, it means to *look for* or *search for*, but it does not convey any *urgency* nor *passion*, while in the Hebrew, the first word that is translated as *SEEK*, is the word Dârash, דָּרַשׁ, which means, *to seek, inquire of, study, pursue*, to expound, he examines, he instructed, taught, he learned, studied, interpreted, he sought, consulted, inquired, he asked for, demanded, required, *he sought with study*, sought with application, followed, *he sought in prayer, he sought in worship*, he let himself be inquired of, was sought out, homiletical interpretation of Scripture, exposition).

The Hebrew word Darash tells us to *PURSUE* after Yahweh, inquire of Him, worship Him with *ALL* our heart. It is what we do every Shabat when we *midrash* after the teaching, which means that we study and diligently seek the *TRUTH* that is embedded in the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the words of His Torah of Life.

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When the Psalmist tells us to **SEEK** Yahweh's Face, He is telling us to do it, in any way possible, we are to **ASK** Yahweh to draw us near to Him, **beg** Him **IF** we have to, **beseech** Him from the depths of our souls, **desire** His presence with all our hearts, **inquire** of Him and **do not let Him rest** until we get an answer, and pray as hard as we can, that He hears us. This conveys to us in a very real sense that **Seeking** Yahweh's strength and **Seeking** His Face, **are matters of Life and Death, and of utmost urgency**. We do not get that in the English version, but that is what the Psalmist is trying to convey to us here in this *verse*.

So next time you read any of the Psalms, please, try and remember that they are written by Hebrews that truly believed, that **Seeking** Yahweh's Face, was the **highest calling** that any person could aspire to. And **IF** you can truly understand the heart of the Psalmists, it will make each and every Psalm come alive before your very eyes.

Let me try and explain it to you, this way, just think of when a grandparent describes their grandchildren, especially when they have accomplished something, like their first word, you would think that they have just graduated from university with a PHD, because of how proud the grandparents are of their grandchild, or when a grandchild takes its first step, you would think that the grandparents were describing their grandchild winning an Olympic event; because they are so proud of their grandchild. **WHY** is that the case? It is because the Grandparents love their grandchildren with a **PURE LOVE**, and each and every grandparent, **has high expectations** that **THEIR** grandchildren **ARE** going to somehow, conquer the world, and make it a better place. Well, **IF** we could take that kind of enthusiasm, along with the **PURE LOVE** of those grandparents for their grandchildren, and multiply it, a thousand fold, and then, transpose that onto the Psalmist, **THEN**, it would give you a small idea of how these Psalmists **feel** about the Word of Yahweh. **IT IS THEIR LIFE**, it is at the core of their being, and they are trying to convey that to us by using words.

So please, when you read any of the Psalms, prepare yourself by praying first, and ask Yahweh, to help you understand, not only what the Psalmist is saying, **BUT** what his heart condition is, when he is speaking those words to Yahweh, and I believe, it will change your life, for the wisdom, excitement, and passion found in these Psalms **IS immeasurable**. Yeshua said it best in *Luke 14:26* *If any man come to Me, and does NOT hate his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and even his own life also, he CANNOT be My disciple.*

The love that we are to have for the Living Word of our heavenly Father, our Saviour, Messiah, **IS** to be so great, that in comparison to the love that we have for our father, mother, wife, children, brethren, and even ourselves, is to be counted as hate; that my friends is the kind of love that is expressed in these Psalms.

Please continue in your diligence of obeying the Commandment of counting the Omer, only now, as we are getting closer to the blessed event, and try doing it, with the heart of the Psalmist as described above, and I believe, you will experience for yourself the joy and the exaltation of the Psalmist, as he wrote these beautiful words. 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!*