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Day 46

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Psalms 128: 1 – 6

As the pace to the Feast of Weeks continues to quicken, the Psalm selections for the next two days are what is labeled *Songs of Ascent*. These are actually Psalms that were sung or recited during the times when the priests were ascending the Temple Mount or when various pilgrims were ascending to Mount Tzion. The Psalmist has fifteen *Songs of Ascent* that correspond to the fifteen steps leading from the lower Courtyard of the Temple to the upper Courtyard. *Psalms 120-134* are the fifteen Psalms that have been recorded for our edification. Interestingly, during the feast of Tabernacle's water processional, the Levite singers and musicians would perform one of these Psalms on each of the steps along the way. However, before we consider the blessings associated with progeny, if you are led, please consider reading the following selections as you ascend into His courtyard. In so doing, the pleasant aroma that you will be generating to Him will please Him as He gazes down upon you who truly fear Him.

Psalms 91: 1-16

*He that dwells in the secret place of the most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of Yahweh, He is my refuge and my fortress: my Elohim; in Him will I trust. 3 Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. 4 He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings shall you **trust**: His **Truth** shall be your shield and buckler. 5 You shall **not** be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flies by day; 6 **Nor** for the pestilence that walks in darkness; **nor** for the destruction that waste at noonday. 7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; **but it shall not** come nigh you. 8 Only with your eyes shall you behold and see the reward of the wicked. 9 Because you have made Yahweh, who is my refuge, even the most High, your habitation; 10 There shall **no evil befall you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling**. 11 For He shall give His angels, charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. 12 They shall bear you up in their hands, **lest you dash your foot against a stone**. 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shall you trample under feet. 14 Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore **will I deliver him**: I will set him on high, because he has known My Name. 15 He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him: **I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him**. 16 With long life **will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation**.*

Today I would like to talk about what Yahweh will do for the people, that the Psalmist says, dwell in Yahweh's secret place, those that have chosen to abide under the Shadow of the almighty, and that have chosen to put their Trust in Yahweh. The Psalmist says that Yahweh shall **deliver** these people, from the Pach, פַּח, the snare, the net, the Gin, the trap or deception of the יִקְוֶשׁ, Yaqush, and the Yaqush **IS**, the hunter, trapper or the fowler, and what **IS** the **snare** of the Fowler, according to the Psalmist? It is, from מִדַּבֵּר תְּהִיֹת, MiDaber, translated as, noise or noisome, but this word, Daber is from the root word Dabar, דַּבַּר, which means, **to speak, he said, speaking**, he spoke of, he spoke to or with, he told someone something, he communicated, was spoken, **was stipulated, was agreed, he talked, speaking, word, speech, thing, matter, affair**, business, occupation, **manner**, something,

anything, came to an agreement, *to follow behind someone's back*, to drive cattle or sheep to the pasture, it also means, pasture, to lead, guide, it also means, *pestilence, plague*, the word Havot, הַיָּוֹת, is from the word, Havah or Havuh, הָיָה which means, to be, to fall, fall in, come to pass, come to be, actual occurrence, happening, occurrence, *he fell, fell down, destruction, ruin, disaster*)

So, if we take all the definitions of these words, and put them all together, we can see and understand what the Psalmist is actually communicating to us, through these *verses*, for he tells us, that the Pach, the snare, the net, the trap or the deceptive measures of the Yaqush, the hunter, the trapper, the fowler, who is a shadow picture of satan, *ARE* the Dabar, the words that he speaks, they are his *manner* of entrapping as many people as he can, and then, lead these people, to his pastures, which are full of pestilence and plagues, where he will Havot, not only corrupt, ruin and destroy, their flesh, *BUT*, he will also corrupt, ruin and destroy their souls, and he does that by starving them of Yahweh's Bread of Life, the Words of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of life from them, for from the beginning, Scripture has warned us that satan has come to steal kill and destroy all of mankind, because he hates, what Yahweh loves. My friends, the Word of Yahweh, has these hidden messages on every pages of the Scriptures, and that is why it is very beneficial to learn the language that Yahweh created the world and the whole universe, with, for therein *ARE* the real treasures of Scripture.

Sometimes, as I read the Psalms, I wonder what it was like for the Psalmists and what was going through their minds when they wrote some of these beautiful Psalms, and especially the Psalms of ascent. To witness the pomp and pageantry associated with climbing the steps into the house of Yahweh during His designated Feasts, and how it must have been quite an event, and especially for someone that had chosen to fully surrender their hearts to the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov. What comes to mind is, *verses like Psalm 121:1 I will lift up my eyes unto the hills, from where does my help come from?2 My help COMES FROM Yahweh, maker of heaven and earth.*

It is evident to me, that the Psalmist has so surrendered his heart to our heavenly Father, and that is why he cannot help but write glowing comments about the greatness of our Elohim. Let me ask you this, *IF* you were given the opportunity to write a Psalm about who and or what our heavenly Father represents to you, what kind of emotions do you think would stir up within you, and, would they show up in your written description of the incredible Grace, Mercy, Compassion, Fatherly Love and Forgiving Nature of our heavenly Father, and His Son, Yahweh Elohim? Maybe, it is something that you would like to do, and *IF* you are lead to do so, please bring it with you when you come to our Shavuot Feast celebration, so that you can share it with everyone else.

Psalms 128: 1 – 6

Blessed is every one that fears Yahweh; that walks in His Ways. 2 For you SHALL eat the labour of your hands: happy shall you be, and it shall be well with you. 3 Your wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of your house: your children like olive plants round about your table. 4 Behold, that thus SHALL the man be blessed that FEARS Yahweh. 5 Yahweh shall BLESS you out of Tzion: and you SHALL see the good of Jerusalem ALL the days of your life. 6 Yea, you SHALL see your children's children, and peace upon Yisrael!

Just try and imagine what the Psalmist must believe about Yahweh's abilities, to be able to make a general statement like *Blessed is EVERY ONE that fears Yahweh; and who walk in His Ways.* I have explained to you in the past, that the word *fear* used in the statement *the fear of Yahweh* is the Hebrew word Yirah, which does mean fear and awe, but, it also means, what flows out of the gut. In

other words, what flows out of your character, your inner most being, and as you know or should know, what flows out of Yahweh's inner most being, **IS** the Words of His Life Giving Torah.

Therefore when the Psalmist says, blessed **IS EVERY ONE** that **FEARS** Yahweh, and walks in His Ways, he is saying that **ALL** the people who willingly choose to believe, follow and obey Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, with a surrendered contrite obedient heart, **ARE THE PEOPLE THAT WILL BE BLESSED**. And Scripture makes it very clear that Yahweh's blessings **are endless**, and here in this Psalm, the Psalmist touches on just a few of the blessings that a person receives for willingly choosing to believe, follow and obey the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life.

As you continue to be obedient to the Commandments of Yahweh, by counting the Omer, please try and understand that the obedience that you are displaying here, by keeping the Omer, as you are Commanded to do, **IS** the very same obedience that this Psalmist is talking about, that he says **WILL BLESS YOU**.

- *You shall eat the labour of your hands*
(means you will prosper)
- *You shall be happy*
(that means that you and your family will rejoice and be content)
- *All things shall be well with you*
(that means that every aspect of your life, your physical, spiritual, emotional and financial health will be good).
- *Your wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of your house*
(means that you will love your wife and she will love and respect you, and together you will have many kids)
- *Your children like olive plants round about your table*
(means your children will obey and honour you).
- *Yahweh shall bless you out of Tzion*
(that is self explanatory)
- *You shall see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life*
(means that you love and pray for Jerusalem, the place that Yahweh has chosen to place His Name there forever and that you will see the goodness that will happen to it)
- *You shall see your children's children*
(means you shall have a long life).

What we have just read above, is just a small portion of **HOW** *the man that fears Yahweh* **SHALL** be blessed.

I encourage you to continue in your obedience to the Word of Yahweh, by counting the Omer, but please consider expanding that obedience into every aspect of your life, and you will begin to see blessings in your life, in areas that you never even thought of. When it does happen to you, as I know it will, make sure to come and tell me what wonderful things Yahweh has done for you. Praise Yahweh. 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!