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Psalms 130: 1 – 8

As I read today's Psalm, I was lead to reflect on my own life, and if you read it carefully and meditate on this Psalm, I believe you will see what I mean. The Psalmist's words made me reflect on my life, and the oh, so many mistakes that I have made over the years, grievous mistakes that I am sure have grieved our heavenly Father and His Holy Spirit. When I consider what my life was like, and what I did before I accepted the Living Word of Yahweh as my Master and Saviour, and began to surrender my whole being to Yahweh, I have no idea why Yahweh would forgive me, for like Paul says in *1 Timothy 1:15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Messiah Yeshua came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.* I did not in any way deserve forgiveness and **YET**, Yahweh sovereignly chose to forgive me, as He will forgive **ALL** who willingly choose to turn to Him with repentant contrite hearts. The Hebrew word translated into the word *forgiveness* is Sliychah, סְלִיחָה, which means pardon. Therefore, each time Yahweh chooses to forgive us our sins, our transgressions of His Torah of Life, He doesn't just wash part of us; He washes our whole being, and renews or regenerates us. That is why, confessing ones sins, confessing our Torah transgressions to Yahweh, is such a wonderful event, for, once a person has done that, the burden that was on one's shoulders, is totally removed. That is the feeling that I had this morning as I read this oh so beautiful Psalm. But before we discuss any further, please take the time to read it for yourself and I am sure you will see that grace and the love of Yahweh contained therein, for **ALL** have sinned and fallen short of the glory of Yahweh.

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 your side, and ten thousand at your 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 has 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 shew him my salvation.*

Yesterday I showed you what the Psalmist was communicating to us, in *verse 3*, where he said that Yahweh shall **deliver the righteous person**, from, the Pach, the snare, of the Yaqush, the hunter, and that the snare is this particular hunter, **IS**, quoted as, MiDaber Havot, which means, **the words of the hunter**, who, as I said is a shadow picture of the enemy, satan. And if his weapons, his arrows, strikes its target, and stays attached to its target, they will actually destroy the people that they are attached to, unless, they realize that they have indeed been shot, and then choose to surrender their hearts to Yahweh, who will lovingly rid them of the enemy's arrows, his words of death.

Today I want to discuss what Yahweh will do for those, who willingly turn to Him, with repentant contrite surrendered hearts. The Psalmist says in *verses 4-6*, *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*

Have you ever been close to an eagle with his wings totally spread out? It is a beautiful majestic sight, and because I have actually seen an eagle up close, spreading his wings, it is not difficult for me to imagine how large our heavenly Father's wing would be, and the shield that it would form for me, **IF** the Father did what the Psalmist is saying He will do for all people that turn to Him, with surrendered contrite hearts, that are committed to believe follow and obey the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life.

Now instead of the Daber, the word, the arrows of the enemy, who has come to steal, kill and destroy all of us, the righteous person who is under the covering of Yahweh's wings, will easily learn to **trust** Him more and more. Then we are told that the Words of His Torah, which Are His arrows, shall form an impenetrable shield and buckler for us, which means that no weapons formed against us, including the enemy's arrows will have any effect on us, for we will be shielded by Yahweh's feathers, which is a metaphor for His Words of Life. Now, listen to what else the Psalmist says, because it is very important that we all understand what he is communicating to us, he says: You **SHALL NOT BE AFRAID**, for the terror by night, **nor** the arrow that flies by day. Please understand the implications of this statement, for the Psalmist is saying, there **WILL** be acts of terrorism all around us, with guns and rifles being fired, and maybe even some bombs going off, **BUT**, they will **NOT** be able to harm us!

WHY?

It is because no one, nor anything that man can dream up, can penetrate the shield of protection that Yahweh puts around His **righteous people**. The Psalmist continues and warns us, that it is not only the military or terrorist attacks that can harm us and Yahweh knows that, therefore, the Psalmist tells us that **not** only will Yahweh protect us from any military attacks, **BUT**, He will also, protect us from the *pestilence (man made plagues), that walks in darkness; and from the destruction that waste at noonday.*

That is how much our heavenly Father loves His righteous people, and all we have to do to appropriate His impenetrable protection, is to willingly surrender our hearts, minds, souls and strength, to Him, and commit to believe, follow and obey the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life.

We are so close to the blessed event where Yahweh showed us His immeasurable Love, at Mount Sinai, by giving us the key to the pathway of **everlasting life**, and that key, my friends **IS** the Words His wonderful inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions for eternal Life, the Words of His

Torah. Each Psalm that I read, seems to have special significance, because I see things in them that I never saw before. Today we saw how Yahweh will be our shield and buckler, and I look forward to discovering what else he has for us in the rest of this Psalm. See you tomorrow Amein.

Psalms 130: 1 – 8

*Out of the depths have I cried unto You, O Yahweh. 2 Yahweh, hear my voice: let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. 3 If You, Yahweh, should mark iniquities, O Yahweh, **WHO** shall stand? 4 But there is **forgiveness** with You, that You may be **feared**. 5 I wait for Yahweh, my soul does wait, and in His **Word** do I hope. 6 My soul *waits* for Yahweh more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning. 7 Let Yisrael **hope** in Yahweh: for with Yahweh there is **MERCY**, and with Him is **plenteous redemption**. 8 And He shall **redeem** Yisrael from **all his iniquities**, from **ALL** their transgressions of His Torah of Life.*

As I read this Psalm, I feel extremely convicted to pray for all of the houses of Yahweh. I believe that Yahweh wants us to **LOVE** each other, as He **LOVES** us, **because**, the **love** that we have towards others, **IS** a reflection or better yet a barometer of the **love** that we have for Him. He wants us to **love** each other so much, that praying for each other, will be common place. He wants us to pray for our Christian and Jewish brothers, that they would be exposed to and convicted by, the Words of His **TRUTH**, the Words of His written Torah, the very same Torah that He gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, and then together, we can pray for the rest of the peoples of the world.

The Psalmist's cry, is a real heartfelt cry, as he pleads with Yahweh to be attentive to his voice. He says to Yahweh, **IF** you keep track of all of our sins, all of our transgressions of the Words of Your Torah of Life, **THEN**, there is no hope at all for any of us, therefore, I implore you Yahweh, to have mercy upon us, and forgive us. Why would the Psalmist even consider asking Yahweh for forgiveness **unless** he had already experienced some of that forgiveness at the hand of Yahweh?

When he states, *But there is **forgiveness** with You, that you may be feared*, it is obvious that he knows that Yahweh **forgives**, and his plea **IS** that Yahweh would continue to do so, and forgive **ALL** of His people, for their iniquities. The danger we face, **IF** we only pray for ourselves and **NOT** for the collective group, **IS** that we will find ourselves alone with no one to pray for us, when we need it, and believe me, in the world that we now live, **WE WILL NEED ALL THE PRAYER WE Can GET**. Yahweh wants all of us to join together in **PRAYER** for each other, for in that kind of prayer, Yahweh's love is expressed through all of His people.

Listen to the conviction in the Psalmists words, *my soul **WAITS** for Yahweh, and **IN** His Word do I **Hope***.

There are times when I pray, that I need an answer from Yahweh, and I have to say that the answer never seems to come in my timing, but, when it does come, it is worth the wait. It is obvious that the Psalmist has experienced this phenomena many times, and he is convinced that waiting on Yahweh's answer, **IS** even better than waiting for the morning. Why would he use this example, why is waiting on Yahweh better than waiting on the morning? The morning comes after a lengthy time of darkness, and seeing the light of the sunrise is a true delight; and if you have ever had the opportunity of watching a sunrise, you will know what I mean. However, here the Psalmist says that waiting on YHVH **IS EVEN BETTER** than waiting on the morning, and that is, because Yahweh **IS the Light of the world**, the everlasting Light, and with that Light, **IF** we accept it, **THEN**, **ALL** things will

eventually be illuminated for us forever. That Light, my friends, **IS** the Word of Yahweh, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life. When Messiah, defended Himself against the devil, he used the Words of Yahweh to do so, He rebuked the devil by saying **IT IS WRITTEN**; and so the Psalmist wants all of us, to understand, that it is **IN** the Word of YHVH that **HE**, does hope.

The purpose of these beautiful Psalms **IS** to help us develop such a love for our heavenly Father that that love would spill out over onto all of His created beings, and as such, it would be very easy to pray for each other, because we are doing it out of love for our heavenly Father.

However **IF** you are like me, and the love for **ALL** of mankind **IS NOT YET FULLY FORMED WITHIN YOU**, **THEN** pray to Yahweh that He would bless you with His Spirit of Love, and while you are waiting to receive His **Spirit of Love**, pray for your fellow human being, for that **IS** what our heavenly Father wants.

*2Timothy 1:7 For Yahweh has **NOT** given us the spirit of fear; but He has given us a spirit of **power**, a spirit of **LOVE**, and of a sound mind.*

So, as we approach the feast of Shavuot, and you continue to obey the counting of the Omer, see **IF YOU CAN DEVELOP** the same heart that the Psalmist has, and pray for all of mankind and especially for the people of the houses of Yahweh. 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!