

Counting of the עֶמֶר, Omer, 2024

Day 48

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Psalm 148: 1 – 14

By the time you get to this point on the annual Omer count, you are beginning to more fully appreciate what a blessing it has been to devote some of your time to this daily discipline. The benefits of focusing on Yahweh and the Wonderful Words of His Torah of Life, through the suggested Psalms, has been a joyful experience as we once again realize that we are simply scratching the surface in our knowledge of who Yahweh and our heavenly Father truly **ARE**. As you learn more about Him, I am sure that you will be reminded of how little you, or any of us for that matter, really do know about His unfathomable wisdom, riches and glory. The humbling reality that **WE**, as finite creatures, **ARE** desperately trying to comprehend the Infinite Creator, creates a humble and contrite heart, in the pursuer of **TRUTH**. But the walk of belief, that leads you to count the days from the early Feast of First Fruits, is nearly over, as the ascent to Jerusalem for Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks has begun in earnest. Bags are packed and transportation means are prepared for the trek. Some of the spring harvest gleanings are being sorted and arranged for the joy of offering it to the Provider of all increase. However, before we get too carried away with the images of *Shavuot* celebrations from past, present, and future expeditions, please take the time, if you are led, to picture the daily offerings being sacrificed on the Temple Mount altar. Listen to the praise and worship echoing forth from those gathered as the count down to the Day of Pentecost progresses. Without too much imagination, you might find yourself exclaiming *Praise Yahweh* as you read and declare the following Psalm selections.

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 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 show him my salvation.

Today I would like to talk about verses 7-9 where it says, *7 A thousand shall fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall NOT come near 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;

That kind of lines up with what I said yesterday, that the enemy is coming for us, and that many will indeed perish, and they **WILL** perish because they rejected the Words and the Ways of Yahweh, and chose to walk in and by their own understanding instead. The Psalmist tells us, that a thousand shall fall at our side, at the side of the righteous person. So let's do a little math and see what that means for the people of the world, **IF** this event were to take place right now. There is approximately 9,000,000,000 nine billion people in the world today, and if we divide that amount of people in the world today, by one thousand, since that is, according to the Psalmist, the number that will fall at the side of a righteous man, then that means that there will only be, 9,000,000,000 divided by 1,000 which means that there will be 9,000,000 nine million people left, which is 0.001 percent of the current world population. These are alarming numbers and there is no way to prove or disprove these numbers, so I don't want to get into an argument with anyone about it, I just want people to think about what will happen, when Yahweh returns

I believe that this event is a shadow picture of end times, which in turn, can be a picture of judgement day, and how many will make it into the kingdom and how many will be sent to the lake of fire to suffer the second death. But again it is only speculation on my part.

Now I know that there are many people that would argue with me about these numbers and, I have to admit that there is no way that I can prove one way or the other, that these numbers are correct, **BUT** it should give everyone, food for thought, and maybe, being aware of this particular **POSSIBLE SCENARIO**, will help many people to understand how serious this is, for one thing is for sure, this end time event, **WILL** indeed happen in Yahweh's timing. So, whether these numbers are correct or not, there are indeed going to be many that will be lost forever

Now with that in mind what side do you want to be on, do you want to be on the side where you will be able to see the reward of the wicked, because, you have chosen to make Yahweh your refuge, even the Most high your habitation, or would you prefer to receive the reward of the wicked? Like I said, it is something to think about?

Psalms 148: 1 – 14

Praise you Yahweh. ***Praise*** you Yahweh from the heavens: ***praise*** Him in the heights. 2 ***Praise*** you Him, all His angels: ***praise*** you Him, all His hosts. 3 ***Praise*** you Him, sun and moon: ***praise*** Him, all you stars of light. 4 ***Praise*** Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters that are above the heavens. 5 Let them ***praise*** the Name of Yahweh: for He Commanded, and they were created. 6 He has also established them for ever and ever: He has made a decree which shall not pass. 7 ***Praise*** Yahweh from the earth, you dragons, and all deeps: 8 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling His Word: 9 Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars: 10 Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl: 11 Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth: 12 Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children: 13 Let them ***praise*** the Name of Yahweh: for His Name alone is excellent; His glory is above the earth and heaven. 14 He also exalts the horn of His people, the ***praise*** of all His saints; even of the children of Yisrael, a people near unto Him. ***Praise*** you Yahweh!

When I read this Psalm I couldn't help but be caught up in ***praising*** Yahweh. Since the Psalmist hints at all of us, becoming sons and daughters of the Commandments, by using the word ***praise***

thirteen times, I believe that he is telling us that if we want Yahweh's perfect order in our lives, we are to begin everyday with a commitment to obey **ALL** of His Commandments, and **praise** Him from the bottom of our hearts. Now, just stop for a moment, and think of what Yahweh does for us, each and every day, and I believe, it will make it much easier for you to **praise** Him. Now I could print pages and pages of what He does for me, but that is not the point of this exercise, I want **YOU** to stop reading for a moment and reflect on what Yahweh has done, is doing and will continue to do **FOR YOU, IF** you choose to continue to obey Him with a surrendered heart. Pause, Selah.

Have you ever thought about **HOW**, the sun, the moon, all the stars, the heavens of heavens, the waters above the heavens, the dragons and all the deep, fire and hail, snow and vapour, stormy winds, mountain and hills, fruitful trees, all cedars, beasts and cattle, creeping things and flying fowl, **HOW THEY PRAISE** Yahweh. You might ask, **HOW** do they praise Yahweh Elohim?

Well, they **PRAISE** Him by obeying Him, and continuing **TO DO** what He created them **TO DO**. In other words, they praise Him by **OBEYING** Him, and functioning in the manner that He created them to function. Just think about that for a moment, all these elements actually **PRAISE** Yahweh, by their **OBEDIENCE** in fulfilling what they were created to do. These elements have no choice, they were created for an Elohim given purpose, and they absolutely **HAVE to fulfill that purpose**, and they **CANNOT** choose to do otherwise. **WE**, on the other hand, the people of this world, were also formed by Yahweh, for a purpose, and that purpose **IS**, to **praise** and **worship** our heavenly Father, because of His great and immeasurable Love for us. **BUT**, because of His great love for us, He gave us a choice, he gave us permission to love and or hate Him, and unfortunately, many people have chosen to walk away from the Word of Yahweh's Torah of Life, and because of that departure, the world and the peoples within it, **ARE** in a state of chaos, and the only thing that will **RESTORE order to this world of ours, IS** by people willingly choosing to submit to what they have rejected, for the past six thousand years, because they somehow believe that the Words of the Creator of all things, does **NOT** apply to them, or that it is no longer valid for today's progressive societies. What they have rejected, is the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life, **HIS** the Pure inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **THE WORDS OF THE LIVING TORAH** of our heavenly Father. In *John 1:1-3* we are told, *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Yahweh, and the Word WAS YAHWEH. 2 The same was in the beginning with YHVH. 3 All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.*

In *Matthew 10:29* we read: *Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without the WILL of your Father.*

So **IF** the Living Word of Yahweh, **IS** the Creator of all things, and the Word of Yahweh **IS** Yahweh, and Yahweh is One with our heavenly Father, and not even a sparrow falls to the ground without the Will of our heavenly Father, **maybe, just maybe**, it is time for us to start taking the Word of Yahweh very seriously, since **IT IS LIFE for us**.

We are just two days away from celebrating **ONE** of the greatest events that has ever happened to mankind, and that my friends **IS** the Giving of the Torah to Yahweh's people on Mount Sinai. In *John 3:16* it says *For Yahweh so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should NOT perish, but have everlasting life.* In *John 1:1* we are told that Word of Yahweh **IS** Yahweh, so when Yahweh gave us His Word, His Commandments, His Torah at Mount Sinai, not only did He give us His Son, because He loved the world so much, He also

GAVE Himself, for us, and we see that in *Genesis 22:8* *And Abraham said, My son, Yahweh will provide, Himself* (As) *a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.*

So on this 48th day of the counting of the Omer just think of what Yahweh has done for **YOU**, and for all of us, and praising Him will come naturally after we contemplate and meditate on what He has and continues to do for 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!*