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Psalms 119: 97 – 104

Sometimes, the time spent in meditating on the Words of our heavenly Father, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, is beyond description. Reading and contemplating the very utterances of our heavenly Father, the Holy One of Yisrael, as preserved in the Sacred Texts, is one sure way to carry on, at least a *one-way* conversation with the Creator. By reading His Word, I believe that a person can actually *hear or listen* to Yahweh's heart, and what He desires to convey to *US*, His created beings. Now I hope you understand how important it is that these beautiful Words, have been preserved and how the enemy of our souls, has attempted, over the centuries, and especially today, to discredit the validity of these **TRUTHS**, by having translations that water down the pure Word of our heavenly Father. But before commenting on today's selection, please take the time if you are led, to feast upon His Words, and may they be as sweet as honey to you!

Psalm 1:1-6

1 Blessed is the man that does NOT walk in the counsel of the ungodly, NOR stands in the way of Sinners, NOR sits in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight, IS in the Torah of Yahweh, in His Torah, does he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, a tree that brings forth his fruit in its season; his leaf also shall NOT wither; and whatsoever he does shall prosper. 4 The ungodly are NOT so: BUT are like the chaff which the wind drives away. 5 Therefore the ungodly, shall NOT stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. 6 For Yahweh knows the way of the righteous: BUT the way of the ungodly, shall perish.

Yesterday we talked about the man that does **NOT** walk in the counsel of the ungodly, and is blessed because of it, and today, I want to talk about the Man that does **NOT stand in the way of Sinners**. Now if you were to ask a dozen people what **Sin is**, you would more than likely get a dozen different answers, **BUT** since the words of the Psalmist are in Scripture, let us take the Scriptural definition of the word, Sin, which is found in *1John 3:4 Whosoever commits, Sin transgresses also the Torah: for Sin IS the transgression of the Torah.*

Well, if Sin, **IS indeed, transgression of the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life**, as Scripture quite clearly points out, then, that means that we are **NOT** to stand with people, who have, of their own accord, chosen to reject and **NOT** believe, follow, **NOR** obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life. In Hebrew it says: **וּבְדֶרֶךְ הַחַטָּאִים לֹא עֹמֵד**, UbeDerek Chata'iym Lo Amad. The literal translation of those words is: And in the Derek, **דֶרֶךְ**, in the way, the road, the journey, the customs, the conduct, the manner, the method, in their chosen course in life, or in their mode of action, Chataiym, in their sinful ways, in their constant daily transgressions of the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, Lo, no or do not, Amad, **עֹמֵד**, stand nor lean on what they persist is their foundational belief, what they have established in their hearts and minds, and believe **IS** truth. For there is only One eternal **TRUTH**, and that **TRUTH**, my friends, **IS** Yahweh Elohim's inerrant

and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life. Therefore use your Elohim given discernment, and walk away from such people, do not associate with them in any way.

Psalms 119: 97 – 104

*O how I love Your Torah (Law)! It is my meditation all the day. Your Commandments (Torah) make me **wiser** than my enemies, for they are ever mine. I have more **insight** than all my teachers, for Your Testimonies (Torah) are my meditation. I **understand** more than the aged, because I have observed Your Precepts (Torah). I have **restrained my feet from every evil way**, that I may **KEEP** Your Word (Torah). **I have not turned aside from Your Ordinances** (Torah), for You Yourself have taught me. How sweet are Your Words (Torah) to my taste! Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth! From Your Precepts (Torah), I get understanding therefore I hate every false way.*

Have you ever had this happen to you, where you tried to solve a problem by your own limited wisdom, only to find out, that your so called solution to the problem, did not work out so well? And once you were made aware that your solution did **NOT** work, then, you decided to invite Yahweh Elohim into the situation, by praying, and, all of a sudden, you have the answer that you were looking for, and the problem is either gone, or well on its way to being totally solved.

The Psalmist says *Your Commandments (Torah) make me **WISER** than my enemies, for they (Your Commandments) are ever mine.*

What the Psalmist is saying, is that the Commandments of Yahweh **ARE WISDOM**, and **IF** we can learn to willingly internalize and obey the Commandments of Yahweh, then we too will be filled with Yahweh's Wisdom, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah, His directives for everlasting Life. The Psalmist goes on to say, that the Commandments *are always his*, the actual words that he uses are, *for they are ever mine*. The only way that the Commandments of Yahweh can be **ever ours** or the Psalmist's, on an everlasting basis, **IS IF** the Commandments or the Words of Yahweh **ARE ACTUALLY EVERLASTING**, and then, we have to realize that **IF**, Yahweh's Commandments **ARE** to be **ever ours** as the Psalmist claims, then that means, that we absolutely **MUST LEARN TO OBEY** Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, with all of our hearts, minds, souls and strength. **IF**, on the other hand, **IF** we choose to **rebel** against the Commandments of Yahweh or start believing that some or all of them have somehow been changed or done away with, **THEN**, please understand that anyone who choose to believe that nonsense is actually **NEGATING** the Promises of Yahweh, **AND** His Commandments will no longer yield their blessings for that person.

What we have to understand, **IS** that the Words of Yahweh and Yahweh **ARE ONE** and the same entity, they are Echad. This is a major paradigm shift for most people, because they have separated the Word of Yahweh from Yahweh. In *John 1:1* we are told, *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word **WAS Elohim***. John cannot make it any clearer, the Word of Yahweh **IS INDEED YAHWEH**, and the Word of Yahweh was manifested in the flesh in the form of the only begotten Son of our heavenly Father. **BUT**, we have to also understand that the Word of Yahweh has always existed, because Yahweh has always existed, and since Yahweh and His Word made flesh are indeed **ONE**, then, **IF** One exist forever, it means that the other **ONE**, also exist forever.

Why is it so important that we **UNDERSTAND** that Yahweh and His Word are **ONE** and the same entity? It is important to understand that, because, **IF** we can grasp that concept, then we can understand that what was said to Abraham, to Yitzchaq, to Ya'aqov, to Mosheh, and to all the people that Yahweh spoke to, **IS** exactly what Elohim **IS SAYING TO US TODAY**. Messiah confirmed that fact, when He said in *John 8:28* *Then said Yeshua unto them, When you have lifted up the Son of man, then shall you KNOW that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; BUT as My Father has TAUGHT Me, I speak these things.*

If like Messiah says, in *John 8:28*, that He doesn't do anything except what the Father taught Him, then that means that Messiah, who is the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, **ONLY** speaks what the Father has instructed and or commanded Him to speak, and Messiah also said that He only does what the Father taught Him to do. Now the next question has to be, what do you think our heavenly Father instructed Messiah to speak and to do?

Let's go to *Deuteronomy 18:18-19* where Yahweh is speaking to Mosheh and He says: *I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto you Mosheh, and I will put MY WORDS in His mouth; and He shall speak unto them ALL THAT I SHALL COMMAND HIM. 19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will NOT HEARKEN (Shema) unto MY WORDS WHICH HE SHALL SPEAK IN MY NAME, I WILL REQUIRE IT OF HIM.*

Is there any doubt in your mind that the Word of Yahweh, that is spoken of here, in *Deuteronomy*, is the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions? **IF THERE IS A DOUBT IN YOUR MIND, THEN** you had better read and re-read these words over and over again, because Yahweh has made it **QUITE CLEAR, IN THE HEBRAIC SCRIPTURES** that His Word, **IS** His Torah.

Well, **IF** our heavenly Father instructed Messiah, to only speak what He, our heavenly Father Commanded Him to speak, and we have established that the Word that the Father instructed Him to speak, **IS** the Words of the Father's Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **THEN**, that means that Messiah only spoke, lived by and taught the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, given to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, since Messiah **IS** an obedient Son.

I have said all this, to show you, that the Torah, the Living Word of Yahweh, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, when obeyed, with a loving surrendered contrite obedient heart, **WILL BRING YOU, WISDOM, INSIGHT, UNDERSTANDING, IT WILL KEEP YOU FROM ALL EVIL, IT WILL KEEP YOU ON YAHWEH's PATH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, for the Torah IS, YAHWEH's RIGHTEOUSNESS (Deuteronomy 6:25), and IT WILL** teach you to **HATE EVERY false way.**

On this, the thirteenth day of counting the Omer where you have decided to obey Elohim's Commandment to count the Omer, please take the time to meditate on what you have just read, and I believe, that you will see for yourself, that the Word of Yahweh **IS** everlasting and that **NONE** of what He has promised **IS abolished** or done away with, for the Word of Yahweh **IS INERRANT AND EVERLASTING** and when Yahweh gives us a Command, **IT IS** an everlasting Commandment and **NO MAN can ANNUL it, NO One, NOT** the Rabbis, **NOR** the Church Fathers, **NOR** the Pope, **NOR** the Archbishop of Canterbury, **NOR** any human being, **NOR** any entity whether real or imagined.

Malachi 3:6 For I am Yahweh, I DO NOT CHANGE; therefore you sons of Ya'akov are not consumed.

Proverbs 24:21-22 My son, fear You Yahweh and the king: and DO NOT MEDDLE with them that are given to CHANGE: 22 For their CALAMITY SHALL rise suddenly; and who knows the RUIN of them both?

Scripture emphatically states that Yahweh **DOES NOT CHANGE** and, that He wants us to learn to willingly and lovingly follow His ancient Paths, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, and **NOT BE** part of all those who want to **CHANGE OR DO AWAY WITH** His Torah of Life, His instructions or directives on how we are to live a Holy life as He is Holy. Amen

For your meditation pleasure today, I would like you to go over each *verse 97-104 of Psalm 119*, and see, what Yahweh will reveal to you.

97 O how love I Your Torah (Law)! It is my meditation all the day.

Here in this *verse* the Psalmist boast about how much he truly loves the Words of Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, and that by choice, he meditates in Yahweh's Word, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, all day, every day. Why would the Psalmist or anyone else for that matter meditate in the Torah of Yahweh all day? The Psalmist meditates in the Torah of Yahweh because he somehow knows, that within the Words of the Torah, are found **ALL** the blessings of our heavenly Father, and our infinite, omnipotent, and omniscient Yahweh, promises **ALL** people who read, internalize and then obey the Words of His Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions for Life, will be blessed beyond what they could ever imagine, both in their life here on earth, but especially for eternity.

98 You, through Your Commandments, have made me WISER than my enemies: for they are ever with me.

Here the Psalmist says that the Words of Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions; the Words of His Torah of Life, has made him **WISER**. The question that has to be asked is, **HOW** does the Torah make someone **WISER**? The answer is very simple, it is because the Words of the Torah **ARE** the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of the **infinite limitless mind** of Yahweh, who promises us, that **IF** we learn His Words, and commit to believe, follow and obey what He has Commanded us **TO DO, IN HIS WORD, THEN WE ARE** the ones who benefit, for in His Word, **IS** hidden **ALL** of our heavenly Father's **WISDOM**, and furthermore, when we choose to **KEEP** and **DO** His Word, **NOT** only do we accumulate **WISDOM** by learning and obeying His Word, **BUT** Yahweh also promises us, that, as we study, learn and obey His Word, we shall know the **TRUTH** and the **TRUTH WILL set us free**.

We are told in Scripture that the fear of Yahweh **IS** the beginning of **WISDOM**, *Psalm 111:10 and Proverbs 9:10*; then we are told in *Deuteronomy 4:5-6 Behold, I have taught you Statutes and Judgments, as Yahweh my Elohim has Commanded me, that you should DO them in the land where you are entering, to possess it. 6 And you SHALL KEEP them, therefore, and DO them; FOR THIS IS YOUR WISDOM and your understanding in the sight of the nations which shall hear all these Statutes, and will say, Surely this great nation is a WISE and understanding people.*

And finally in *James 1:5* **If any of you lack WISDOM**, let him ask of Yahweh, who gives to all men **liberally** and with Grace; and it shall be given him.

The conclusion **IS, IF YOU WANT WISDOM** in your life, submit to Yahweh and learn to internalize the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **AND THEN** put them into practice in your daily life, and watch your **wisdom grow**.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: for Your Testimonies are my meditation.

Here the Psalmist tells us that he has more understanding than **ALL** his teachers, and, that he has that understanding, **BECAUSE** he meditates in the Words of the Torah of Yahweh, he studies the inerrant and everlasting Words of Yahweh, and then applies the principles that he learned from the Word of Yahweh, into his daily life; and when he does that, it teaches him **WISDOM** and **UNDERSTANDING**.

Deuteronomy 4:6 And you shall KEEP them, therefore, and do them; for this IS your Wisdom and your Understanding in the sight of the nations which shall hear all these Statutes, and will say, Surely this great nation is a WISE and understanding people.

Deuteronomy 6:25 It SHALL BE our RIGHTEOUSNESS, IF we observe to do ALL these Commandments before YHVH our Elohim, AS HE HAS COMMANDED US.

100 I understand more than the ancients, because I KEEP Your precepts.

Here again, the Psalmist says, that because he applies the principles that he learns when he meditates in the Torah, into his daily life, he has more understanding than the ancients or elder men, who do not meditate in the inerrant and everlasting Words of Yahweh. Therefore the Psalmist is telling **ALL** people to read these words, and **MEDITATE** on the Word of Yahweh, and you will indeed receive the gift of understanding, an understanding, that surpasses the understanding of older and so called wiser people.

101 I have refrained my feet from EVERY EVIL WAY, that I might KEEP Your Word.

Here we have to understand what **EVERY EVIL WAY** means, or else, we will **NOT** understand the depth of what the Psalmist is telling us. Many people have a preconceived idea of what **EVIL IS**, and they try to avoid doing or participating in what they believe **IS** evil deeds. However, evil deeds, according to Scripture **IS SIN**, and **SIN**, my friends, according to Scripture, **IS TRANSGRESSION OF THE WORDS OF YAHWEH'S TORAH**, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Directives for everlasting Life, *1John 3:4*. When the Psalmist says: I have **NOT** walked in any **EVIL WAYS**, because **I KEEP** and **DO** Your Torah, Your Words of Life, he is telling us that he has chosen to obey the Words of Yahweh's Torah, and therefore, he does **NOT SIN**, for **SIN**, as Scripture points out, **IS** transgression of the Words of Yahweh's Torah. We have to understand that Evil, **IS anything and everything** that does **NOT** comply, nor line up with, the Words of Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Living Torah, from the smallest transgression to the biggest one; for according to Paul in *Romans 6:23* the wages of any and **ALL Sin, is death**.

102 I have not departed from Your judgments: for You have taught me.

Here the Psalmist says that he has **NOT** departed from the Words of Yahweh's Torah, he has **NOT**

stepped away from obeying Yahweh's Words of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, because, Yahweh has taught him ***IN His inerrant and everlasting Word***, His Torah of Life, that departing from His Torah, ***IS WICKEDNESS, IT IS SIN AND SIN LEADS TO DEATH, ETERNAL DEATH.***

103 How sweet are Your Words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Have you ever tasted honey from the honeycomb? Well I can tell you, that ***IT IS*** extremely sweet, and ***IT IS*** a taste that you will remember forever. Here the Psalmist compares the Word of Yahweh, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life to the sweetness of ***PURE HONEY***, a taste that you will indeed remember for ever.

104 Through Your Precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

Here the Psalmist reiterates that he obtains understanding from, and by, studying and ***KEEPING*** the Words of Yahweh's Torah, His inerrant and everlasting Words of Life, and that because he ***NOW*** has this understanding, he hates anything that is ***FALSE*** according to the Word of Yahweh. Why is that? Why does the Psalmist hate ***EVERY*** false way? It is because, like our heavenly Father, he knows that these false ways lead people onto the path of destruction, and since the Psalmist loves Yahweh, he wants what Yahweh wants, and that is, like our heavenly Father the Psalmist does ***NOT*** want anyone to Perish and that is ***WHY*** he hates every false way. 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!*