

**Hanukkah**  
**Day Six Readings**  
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***We open Day six with Psalm 27:1***

*Yahweh is my **LIGHT** and my salvation; whom shall I fear? Yahweh **IS THE STRENGTH OF MY LIFE**; of whom shall I be afraid?*

That is exactly what the Maccabees believed, and that **IS** also what should be at the core of our own belief system, we **ARE** to believe beyond a shadow of a doubt, that Yahweh **IS WITH US**, and that He **IS CAPABLE OF DEFEATING ANY AND ALL** of our enemies, with simply the blink of an eye. We also have to believe and understand that our heavenly Father has **PROMISED US** in His inerrant and everlasting Word, that He would **NEVER LEAVE US NOR FORSAKE US**, and **IF** we can truly believe that, then we can have the courage of ten Mattathias' or ten Joshua's.

Just imagine for a moment, standing in front of an enemy believing and knowing beyond a shadow of a doubt as David did with Goliath, that **YOUR BACK UP, YOUR PROTECTION, IS** the one and only Omnipotent, Omniscient and Omnipresent Elohim. I don't know about you, but that gives me a lot of courage.

This brings to mind the story of a young David in *1 Samuel 17:26* *And David spoke to the men that stood by him, saying, **What shall be done to the man that kills this Philistine, and takes away the reproach from Yisrael? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should DEFY THE ARMIES OF THE LIVING ELOHIM?***

Furthermore, David said to Saul, in *verse 32* *Let no man's heart fail because of him; **YOUR SERVANT WILL GO AND FIGHT WITH THIS PHILISTINE.*** *33* *And Saul said to David, you are **NOT** able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for you are but a youth, and he is a man of war from his youth. **THEN** David said: *verse 36* *Your servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine **SHALL BE AS one of them, seeing HE HAS DEFIED THE ARMIES OF THE LIVING ELOHIM.*** *37* *Moreover, **YAHWEH THAT DELIVERED ME OUT OF THE PAW OF THE LION, AND OUT OF THE PAW OF THE BEAR, HE WILL DELIVER ME OUT OF THE HAND OF THIS PHILISTINE.*** *And Saul said unto David, Go, and Yahweh be with you.**

That, my friends, **IS** the kind of courage and **TRUST** that our heavenly Father **IS** looking for in His children. He is looking for people who will willingly choose to surrender their wills to Him and **TRUST** Him completely and nor have any doubts whatsoever.

***Psalm 104: 1–2*** *Bless Yahweh, O my soul. O Yahweh my Elohim, You are very great; You are clothed with honour and majesty. 2 Who covers Yourself with **LIGHT** as with a garment: who stretches out the heavens like a curtain?*

In case anyone has any doubts about Yahweh's omnipotence, here we are told that Yahweh **IS**

very great, He is clothed with honour and majesty (*reserved only for royalty*), He covers Himself with **LIGHT**. In other Scriptures, we are told that the Light that He covers Himself with **IS** a **LIGHT** that is even brighter than the sun; and to finish it off, we are told that **IT IS** He who stretched out the heavens. Try as hard as I can, I can't cover myself with light, nor stretch out the heavens. The only thing I have been able to stretch out at this time of year, is my waist, because of the amount of food and drink that we consume at Hanukkah.

**Psalm 119: 105** *Your Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a **LIGHT** unto my path.*

If you want to make a difference in this world, and be a **LIGHT** unto the nations, then there is only one way that that can be done, and that is, by willingly and lovingly choosing to follow and obey what Messiah came to show us and teach us, which is the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life. We are to do exactly what Messiah did, we are to believe, follow, obey and **DO ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, the Words of **LIGHT**, that are contained in His Torah of Life, for they will always illuminate our way and guide us in the right Path, Elohim's Path of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, and that **LIGHT** my friends, **IS** the Words of His Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life made flesh.

**Psalm 19:9** *The fear of Yahweh is **clean**, enduring for ever: the judgments of Yahweh are **True** and righteous altogether.*

**Proverbs 6:23** *For the Commandment is **a Lamp**; and the Torah is **a LIGHT**; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:*

**IF**, like Mattathias and his sons, **YOU WANT RIGHTEOUSNESS IN YOUR LIFE, THEN** there is only one way to get it, and that is through the Word of Yahweh. The Scriptures tell us that the Living Word of Elohim *is clean, it endures forever, it is true and righteous altogether, it is a lamp and a light to guide us through life*. It tells us that the Torah, which **IS** Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Word of Elohim made flesh, **IS THE LIGHT** that dispels darkness, it **IS** our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting directives for life, **IT IS** the creed by which we are to live, and **IT IS** given to us directly from Yahweh for our benefit.

**IF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS** what you are looking for in your life, **THEN** search no further, because the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father **IS RIGHTEOUSNESS**. *Deuteronomy 6:25 And it SHALL be our righteousness, IF we observe to do ALL these Commandments before Yahweh our Elohim, as He has Commanded us.*

### **Additional Recommended Readings**

#### **Exodus 27: 20 – 21**

*And you shall command the children of Yisrael, that they bring you pure olive oil beaten for the **LIGHT**, to cause the lamp to burn always. 21 In the tabernacle of the congregation without the veil, which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before Yahweh: it shall be **A STATUTE FOR EVER** unto their generations on the behalf of the children of Yisrael.*

What is pure olive oil? It is the olive oil without any part of the flesh of the olive. That is what Yahweh wants from us also, that we too are to learn to set our fleshly desires aside and learn to

worship Elohim in Spirit and in Truth (*Truth IS Torah*).

### **Matthew 3: 13 – 17**

*Then came Yeshua from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. 14 But John forbade Him, saying, I have need to be baptized of You, and You come to me? 15 And Yeshua answering said unto him, allow it to be so now: **FOR THUS, IT BECOMES US, TO FULFILL ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS.** Then he baptized Messiah. 16 And Yeshua, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of Elohim descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, **THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, (The Torah made flesh) IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED.***

At His first coming, Messiah came as a servant to fulfill, pleroo, **CONFIRM** all **Righteousness**. What is the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** that Messiah came to fulfill according to Scripture? Scripture emphatically states that obedience to Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of the Father's Torah of Life **IS** our **RIGHTEOUSNESS**:

*Deuteronomy 4:5–8 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as Yahweh my Elohim commanded me, that you should **DO SO** in the land where you go to possess it. 6 Keep 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 say, **Surely** this great nation is a **Wise** and **understanding** people. 7 For what nation is there so **Great**, who has Elohim so **Nigh** unto them, as Yahweh our Elohim is in all things that we call upon Him for? 8 And what nation is there so great, **that has Statutes and Judgments so RIGHTEOUS** as **ALL** this Torah (Law), which I set before you this day?*

*Deuteronomy 6:25 And **it shall be our RIGHTEOUSNESS, IF** we observe to do **ALL** these Commandments before Yahweh our Elohim, as **He has commanded us.***

Messiah **IS** the Words of the Living Torah made flesh my friends, and He, by the grace of Elohim, has taught us, by His totally dedicated Torah obedient life, which He willingly and lovingly lived, while He was here on earth with us, that we **are to be servants to all**. Let us therefore follow in Messiah's footsteps and serve our heavenly Father and our brothers and sisters as Messiah taught us, and we must begin by being obedient to the Words of Torah of our heavenly Father, in the exact same manner that Messiah did and taught us to do, and thereby serve one another.

### **Mark 14: 1 – 11**

*1 After two days was the feast of the Passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take Him by craft, and **PUT HIM TO DEATH.** 2 But they said, Not on the Feast day, lest there be an uproar of the people. 3 And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the tanner; as He sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she broke the box, and poured it on His head. 4 And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, why was this waste of the ointment made? 5 For it might have been sold for more than **three hundred pence**, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her. 6 And Yeshua said, **leave her alone**; why do you trouble her? She has done a good work on Me. 7 For you have the poor with you always, and whensoever you will you may do them good: but Me, you have not always. 8 She has done what she could: she is come beforehand to anoint My body to the burying. 9 Verily I say unto you, wheresoever this Gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, **this also that she has done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.** 10*

*And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray Him unto them. 11 And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray Him.*

If you want to be fondly remembered by Messiah/Yahweh, as this woman **IS** remembered, then turn all things over to the Word of Elohim, His Living Torah made flesh, especially that which **IS** precious to you, and Yahweh will remember you, *Zakar* you, which means, He will speak and act on your behalf with the Father. All I can say **IS**, Wow, what a wonderful promise. Let us learn to truly surrender **ALL** things to Him, surrender our lives to the Word of Elohim, His Torah, so that Messiah will *Zakar* us, speak and act on our behalf to our heavenly Father. Amein

### **Luke 22: 39 – 46**

Let us dedicate ourselves to carrying out, the Father's Will as Messiah did on a daily basis. *And He came out, and went, as He was wont, to the mount of Olives; and His disciples also followed Him. 40 And when He was at the place, He said unto them, Pray that you so **NOT** enter into temptation. 41 And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and knelt down, and prayed, 42 Saying, Father, **IF YOU ARE WILLING, REMOVE THIS CUP FROM ME: NEVERTHELESS, NOT MY WILL, BUT YOUR WILL BE DONE.** 43 And there appeared a messenger unto Him from heaven, strengthening Him. (That is what our heavenly Father will do for us also, in our time of need, He will strengthen us) 44 And being in agony Messiah prayed more earnestly: and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. 45 And when He rose up from prayer, and was come to His disciples, He found them sleeping for sorrow, 46 And said unto them, Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation.*

As a man that knew his destiny, and what he should suffer, Messiah cried out to the Father to remove this cup from Him, **BUT**, in His heart, which was fully and totally surrendered to the Father, He wanted the **WILL** of the Father to be fulfilled more than His fleshly well being. We too, are to pray that the Will of the Father be done in our lives, so that we can become vessels, ready, willing and able to fulfill, pleroo, confirm, and establish the Father's purposes here on earth.

### **Luke 24: 50 – 53**

*And He led them out as far as to Bethany, and He lifted up His hands, and blessed them. 51 And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: 53 And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing Elohim. Amen.*

After many days of being taught by the resurrected Messiah, the apostles and the disciples watched, as Messiah was taken up to heaven and they rejoiced. They did **NOT** rejoice **BECAUSE** He was leaving them, **BUT BECAUSE** of what He had taught them. He taught them the Words of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, and through that teaching, people **REALIZED** that the Words that Messiah spoke to them when He said, *You shall know the **TRUTH** and the **TRUTH** shall set you free, **WAS THE ACTUAL TRUTH, AND THAT IS THE JOY AND THE FREEDOM THAT THEY WERE NOW EXPERIENCING.***

## **Acts 1: 1-11**

*1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Yeshua began both **TO DO AND TEACH**, 2 Until the day in which He was taken up, after that He through the Holy Spirit had given Commandments unto the Apostles whom He had chosen: 3 To whom also He showed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, **and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of Elohim**: 4 And, being assembled together with them, Commanded them that they should **NOT** depart from Jerusalem, **BUT WAIT for the promise of the Father**, which, He said, **you have heard of Me**. 5 For John truly baptized with water; **BUT YOU** shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence. 6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of Him, saying, Adonai, will You at this time restore again the kingdom to Yisrael? 7 And He said unto them, It is **NOT** for you to know the times or the seasons, **which the Father has put in His own power**. 8 But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: **and you shall be witnesses** unto Me, both in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judea**, and in **Samaria**, and unto **the uttermost part of the earth**. 9 And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, **two men stood by them in white apparel**; 11 Which also said, You men of Galilee, why stand you gazing up into heaven? This same Yeshua, which is taken up from you into heaven, **shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him go into heaven**.*

Luke is telling us in the Book of Acts, that during the forty days of teaching the apostles and their disciples in His resurrected state, Messiah spoke of *the things pertaining to the kingdom of Elohim*. What do you think the *things pertaining to the kingdom of Elohim* **ARE**? I can say without a shadow of a doubt, that what Messiah taught them, was the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, the Words of Elohim's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the kingdom of Elohim's constitution. How can I say that with such certainty? I can say that with certainty, because, it comes directly from Messiah's lips. First let's go to 2 John 9 where we read, *Whosoever transgresses, and abides **NOT in the Doctrine of Messiah**, has **NOT** Elohim. He that abides in the Doctrine of Messiah, **HE HAS BOTH** the Father and the Son*.

This *verse* in 2 John quite clearly states that anyone that does **NOT** believe, follow and obey the Doctrine of Messiah, **DOES NOT HAVE THE FATHER NOR THE SON** come to them and make their abode with them. Therefore **IT IS** quite important that we know what Messiah's Doctrine **IS**, since all believers **WANT BOTH** the Father and the Son to indeed come and make their abode with them.

We are told in *John 7:16* what Messiah's *doctrine* is, *John 7:16 My **doctrine IS NOT** My own, **BUT IT IS** the Doctrine of Him that sent Me*, and the Scriptures very clearly state that it was our heavenly Father who sent Messiah to us. *Matthew 3:17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying,*

*This is My **beloved Son**, the Living Torah made flesh, in whom I am well pleased.*

The only conclusion that we can arrive at, according to the text of Scripture, **IS**, that **IF** we want to have the Father and the Son come and make their abode within us, we **MUST** walk in the Father's **Torah of Life, the Doctrine of the Father**, in the very same manner that Messiah walked and taught us to walk, when He was here on earth with us.

Next Messiah told them to wait for the promise of the Father which they had heard from Messiah. What was that promise? Read *Jeremiah 31:31-33* and *Ezekiel 36:22 – 30*. So in essence, Messiah is telling the apostles and their disciples to obey all that the Father Commanded, and Scripture quite

clearly states that the Father Commanded us to keep the Words of His Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions for a righteous life.

We are also told in these *verses* that the time of the restoration of all things, is set by the power of our heavenly Father, and only He knows the actual time. The key thing here, in the teaching, is not the *times*, but that the *times* are under the power of the Father. **IF**, as Scripture says that these things are indeed under the power of the Father; who do you think He will reveal it to? Will He reveal it to people that are **DISOBEDIENT** to the Words of His Torah, His Words of Life, or, will He reveal it to the people who have willingly and lovingly chosen, the believe, follow and obey the Words of His **TORAH**? I believe that the Father will reveal all things to His Torah obedient sons and daughters in His timing, to fulfill His purposes. He will reveal it to those that willingly surrender their hearts to His, and obediently follow and obey **ALL** the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions. Those people, will be witnesses unto the whole world, that Yahweh wants all of His creation to walk in obedience to **ALL** the Words of the Father's **INERRANT and EVERLASTING teaching and instructions**, the Words of His Living Torah, our Messiah. Amein

If you want to be a witness for Yahweh, then follow **HIS DOCTRINE**, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah, and you **WILL** be filled with the Holy Spirit of Yahweh, for the Torah, **(Law) IS SPIRITUAL, IT IS** spirit filled. *Romans 7:14* and you will be filled to the level that you are willing to surrender your will and your heart to our heavenly Father.

**Romans 7:11** *For sin, (NOT the Torah) taking occasion by the Commandment, deceived me, and by it (by sin, by my transgression of the Words of Yahweh's Torah) slew me. 12 Wherefore the TORAH (Law) is HOLY, and THE COMMANDMENT HOLY, and JUST, and GOOD. 13 Was then the TORAH, that which is GOOD, made death unto me? Elohim forbid. But SIN, Torahlessness, that it might appear SIN, working death in me by the TORAH which is GOOD; that SIN by the Commandment might become exceeding SINFUL. 14 For we know that the Torah (Law) is SPIRITUAL (spirit filled): but I am carnal, sold under sin.*

This Hanukkah, take your Torah obedience to a higher level, and be filled to the brim with Yahweh's Holy Spirit and then, choose to allow the Holy Spirit to **CAUSE** you to walk out the Father's Torah of Life, and see for yourself how **YOUR LIGHT WILL SHINE** from that point on. Amein

*May you have a glorious and happy spiritual renewal this Hanukkah! Amein*

*Studying and keeping Torah together as a community.*

*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought, and your every deed. Until we meet again; Shalom Alechem! Amein!*