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SIMCHAT TORAH

(REJOICING OF THE LAW)

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ON THE 23RD DAY OF TISHREI, 5772
(EQUIVALENT TO THE 21ST OF OCTOBER,
2011). ON THIS FRIDAY, SIMCHAT TORAH IS
OBSERVED THROUGHOUT WORLD JEWRY.

WE AT SHALOM SCRIPTURE STUDIES, INC.,
HONOR THIS DAY ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT PART
OF THE SEVEN FEASTS OF THE LORD
(FOUND IN LEVITICUS 23), IT SURELY
ALLOWS US THE OPPORTUNITY TO
REMEMBER AND REJOICE WITH THE LORD
AND HIS WONDERFUL WORD.

SIMILARLY, OUR BLESSED LORD Y'SHUA
REMINDS US IN MATTHEW 5: 17-19, THESE
PRECIOUS WORDS,

5: 17 Think not that I am come to destroy the
law, or the prophets: I am not come to
destroy, but to fulfil.

5: 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven
and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in
no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

5: 19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

AS HEBREW-CHRISTIANS (a.k.a., MESSIANIC JEWS), WE TAKE THE WORD'S OF Y'SHUA SERIOUSLY AND LEARN FROM THEM THAT AS THE LORD HIMSELF NOT ONLY KEPT BUT FULFILLED THE LAW, SO ALSO, WE HONOR THE LAW, FOR IT'S CONTENTS AND CONSECRATION THROUGH THE INSPIRATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

SIMCHAT TORAH IS A REMINDER TO US THAT THE YEARLY CYCLE OF THE READING OF TORAH IS COMPLETE WITH THE READING IN DEUTERONOMY THIRTY-TWO, AND AFTERWARDS, IT STARTS OVER ONCE AGAIN IN GENESIS CHAPTER ONE.

THE LORD GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB MAKES IT PERFECTLY CLEAR IN THE WORD OF GOD THAT WE, AS HIS CHILDREN, ARE TO HONOR HIM BY THE REMINDER FOUND IN

DEUTERONOMY 6: 4-6.

6: 4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD

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170 Let my supplication come before thee:
deliver me according to thy word.

171 My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast
taught me thy statutes.

172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all
thy commandments are righteousness.

173 Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen
thy precepts.

174 I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD;
and thy law is my delight.

175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee;
and let thy judgments help me.

176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek
thy servant; for I do not forget thy
commandments.

IN Y'SHUA'S PRECIOUS AND HOLY NAME.

שְׁלוֹם - *Shalom - Peace*

*"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
they shall prosper that love thee."
Psalm 122: 6*

6: 5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God
with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and
with all thy might.

6: 6 And these words, which I command thee
this day, shall be in thine heart:

**AS WE LOVE THE LORD, WE ARE ALSO
CHALLENGED TO OBSERVE THOSE THINGS
WITHIN THE TORAH (THE LAW) THAT ARE
VIABLE TODAY, AND NOT IN ANY WAY GOING
AGAINST ANY PORTION OR SECTION OF THE
WORD OF GOD WITHIN THE PAGES OF THE
OLD AND THE NEW TESTAMENT.**

**IN HONORING THE MESSIAHSHIP OF Y'SHUA
(JESUS), WHAT BETTER WAY IS THERE THAN
TO TAKE THIS DAY OF SIMCHAT TORAH TO
ELEVATE AND EXTOLL THE ALMIGHTY IN
WORD AND DEED.**

**HERE ARE SOME GOOD THINGS TO
REMEMBER ON THIS BEAUTIFUL DAY OF
SIMCHAT TORAH:**

**THE ALMIGHTY GOD (EL SHADDAI)
IS OUR,**

**CREATOR, REDEEMER, SUSTAINER,
PROVIDER AND ETERNAL ONE.**

CREATOR:

Ecclesiastes 12: 1

'Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them';

REDEEMER:

Psalm 19: 14

'Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer'.

SUSTAINER:

Psalm 55: 22

'Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved'.

PROVIDER:

Genesis 22: 8

'And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together'.

ETERNAL ONE:

I John 2: 24-25

160 Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

 *Shin*

Verses 161-168

Sa-Rim

Princes

161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

162 I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.

163 I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love.

164 Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments.

165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

166 LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.

167 My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.

168 I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ways are before thee.

 *Tav*

Verses 169-176

Tik-rav

Come

169 Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD: give me understanding according to thy word.

150 They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law.

151 Thou art near, O LORD; and all thy commandments are truth.

152 Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.

↵ *Resh*

Verses 153-160

Re-eh

Look

153 Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.

154 Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.

155 Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.

156 Great are thy tender mercies, O LORD: quicken me according to thy judgments.

157 Many are my persecutors and mine enemies; yet do I not decline from thy testimonies.

158 I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word.

159 Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.

'Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life'.

EVEN THOUGH SIMCHAT TORAH IS NOT PART OF THE FEASTS OF THE LORD LISTED HERE FROM LEVITICUS CHAPTER TWENTY-THREE:

SHABBAT

PESACH

BIKKURIM

SHAVUOT

ROSH HA SHANAH

YOM KIPPUR

SUKKOT

THE SABBATH

PASSOVER

FIRST FRUITS

PENTECOST

THE FEAST OF

TRUMPETS

DAY OF

ATONEMENT

TABERNACLES

SIMCHAT TORAH IS SURELY AN HONORABLE AND HOLY DAY BEFORE THE LORD IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE LAW (HIS HOLY AND INSPIRED WORD).

LET US TOGETHER GIVE HONOR AND GLORY TO THE ALMIGHTY GOD BY SETTING ASIDE THIS DAY OF SIMCHAT TORAH TO READ AND RECITE *PSALM 119*.

PSALM 119

Ⓐ Aleph

Verses 1-8

Ashere

Blessed

1 Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.

2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

3 They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

4 Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

5 O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

8 I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

ב Bet

Verses 9-16

Bam-Meh

How

9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

139 My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

140 Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

141 I am small and despised: yet do not I forget thy precepts.

142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.

143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights.

144 The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

כ Koph

Verses 145-152

Kra-a-ti

Cry

145 I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O LORD: I will keep thy statutes.

146 I cried unto thee; save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

147 I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word.

148 Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word.

149 Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness: O LORD, quicken me according to thy judgment.

 *Pe*

Verses 129-136 Pe-la-o-vt Are Wonderful

129 Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

131 I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.

132 Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.

133 Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts.

135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.

136 Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.

 *Tzaddi*

Verses 137-144 Tzad-dik Righteous

137 Righteous art thou, O LORD, and upright are thy judgments.

138 Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded are righteous and very faithful.

11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

12 Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.

13 With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches.

15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

 *Gimel*

Verses 17-24 Ge-Mol Deal

17 Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word.

18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

19 I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.

20 My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thy judgments at all times.

21 Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed, which do err from thy commandments.

22 Remove from me reproach and contempt;
for I have kept thy testimonies.

23 Princes also did sit and speak against me:
but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.

24 Thy testimonies also are my delight and
my counsellors.

† *Dalet*

Verses 25-32

Da-ve-Kah

Cleaves

25 My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken
thou me according to thy word.

26 I have declared my ways, and thou
heardest me: teach me thy statutes.

27 Make me to understand the way of thy
precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous
works.

28 My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen
thou me according unto thy word.

29 Remove from me the way of lying: and
grant me thy law graciously.

30 I have chosen the way of truth: thy
judgments have I laid before me.

31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O
LORD, put me not to shame.

32 I will run the way of thy commandments,
when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

118 Thou hast trodden down all them that err
from thy statutes: for their deceit is
falsehood.

119 Thou puttest away all the wicked of the
earth like dross: therefore I love thy
testimonies.

120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I
am afraid of thy judgments.

‡ *Ayin*

Verses 121-128

A-si-ti

Have Done

121 I have done judgment and justice: leave
me not to mine oppressors.

122 Be surety for thy servant for good: let not
the proud oppress me.

123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for
the word of thy righteousness.

124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy
mercy, and teach me thy statutes.

125 I am thy servant; give me understanding,
that I may know thy testimonies.

126 It is time for thee, LORD, to work: for
they have made void thy law.

127 Therefore I love thy commandments
above gold; yea, above fine gold.

128 Therefore I esteem all thy precepts
concerning all things to be right; and I hate
every false way.

108 Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgments.

109 My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.

110 The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.

111 Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

112 I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes always, even unto the end.

 Samech

Verses 113-120 Se-a-fim Who

113 I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.

114 Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.

115 Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

116 Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

 He

Verses 33-40 Hov-re-ni Teach

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.

38 Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear.

39 Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments are good.

40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

 Vav

Verses 41-48 Vi-vo-u-ni Come

41 Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD, even thy salvation, according to thy word.

42 So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.

43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.

44 So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.

45 And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

46 I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.

48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.

י *Zayin*

Verses 49-56

Zekor

Remember

49 Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.

50 This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.

51 The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined from thy law.

52 I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD; and have comforted myself.

53 Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law.

97 O how I love thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.

100 I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.

101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.

102 I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.

103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

נ *Nun*

Verses 105-112

Ner

Lamp (Light)

105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

106 I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

107 I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.

87 They had almost consumed me upon earth;
but I forsook not thy precepts.

88 Quicken me after thy lovingkindness; so
shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

 *Lamed*

Verses 89-96

Le-Olam

Forever

89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in
heaven.

90 Thy faithfulness is unto all generations:
thou hast established the earth, and it
abideth.

91 They continue this day according to thine
ordinances: for all are thy servants.

92 Unless thy law had been my delights, I
should then have perished in mine affliction.

93 I will never forget thy precepts: for with
them thou hast quickened me.

94 I am thine, save me: for I have sought thy
precepts.

95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy
me: but I will consider thy testimonies.

96 I have seen an end of all perfection: but
thy commandment is exceeding broad.

 *Mem*

Verses 97-104

Mah

How

54 Thy statutes have been my songs in the
house of my pilgrimage.

55 I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in
the night, and have kept thy law.

56 This I had, because I kept thy precepts.

 *Chet*

Verses 57-64

Chel-ki

Is My Portion

57 Thou art my portion, O LORD: I have said
that I would keep thy words.

58 I intreated thy favour with my whole
heart: be merciful unto me according to thy
word.

59 I thought on my ways, and turned my feet
unto thy testimonies.

60 I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy
commandments.

61 The bands of the wicked have robbed me:
but I have not forgotten thy law.

62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto
thee because of thy righteous judgments.

63 I am a companion of all them that fear
thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.

64 The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy:
teach me thy statutes.

 *Tet*

Verses 65-72

Tov

Well (Good)

65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O LORD, according unto thy word.

66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

68 Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.

69 The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.

70 Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in thy law.

71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

72 The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

 Yod

Verses 73-80 *Ya-dei-cha* *Your Hands*

73 Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

74 They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word.

75 I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

76 Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.

77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight.

78 Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: but I will meditate in thy precepts.

79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies.

80 Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.

 Kaf

Verses 81-88 *Ka-le-tah* *Languishes*

81 My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word.

82 Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?

83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; yet do I not forget thy statutes.

84 How many are the days of thy servant? when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?

85 The proud have digged pits for me, which are not after thy law.

86 All thy commandments are faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.