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Psalm - 133

¹ Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! ² It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; ³ As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there YHVH commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

Torah - Deu 9

Take the land possessed by the Anakim for the righteousness of El not Yisrael

¹ Hear, O Israel: Thou art to pass over Jordan this day, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and fenced up to heaven, ² A people great and tall, the children of the Anakims, whom thou knowest, and of whom thou hast heard say, Who can stand before the children of Anak! ³ Understand therefore this day, that YHVH thy Elohim is he which goeth over before thee; as a consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as YHVH hath said unto thee. ⁴ Speak not thou in thine heart, after that YHVH thy Elohim hath cast them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness YHVH hath brought me in to possess this land: but for the wickedness of these nations YHVH doth drive them out from before thee. ⁵ Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heart, dost thou go to possess their land: but for the wickedness of these nations YHVH thy Elohim doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform the word which YHVH swore unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ⁶ Understand therefore, that YHVH thy Elohim giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy righteousness; for thou art a stiffnecked people.

Recalling the provocation of YHVH at Mt. Sinai, the two tablets and the Golden Calf

⁷ Remember, and forget not, how thou provokedst YHVH thy Elohim to wrath in the wilderness: from the day that thou didst depart out of the land of Egypt, until ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious against YHVH. ⁸ Also in Horeb ye provoked YHVH to wrath, so that YHVH was angry with you to have destroyed you. ⁹ When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant which YHVH made with you, then I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights, I neither did eat bread nor drink water: ¹⁰ And YHVH delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of Elohim; and on them was written according to all the words, which YHVH spake with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly. ¹¹ And it came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights, that YHVH gave me the two tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant. ¹² And YHVH said unto me, Arise, get thee down quickly from hence; for thy people which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted themselves; they are quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image. ¹³ Furthermore YHVH spake unto me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: ¹⁴ Let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven: and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they. ¹⁵ So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount burned with fire: and the two tables of the covenant were in my two hands. ¹⁶ And I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned against YHVH your Elohim, and had made you a molten calf: ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which YHVH had commanded you. ¹⁷ And I took the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes. ¹⁸ And I fell down before YHVH, as at the first, forty days and forty nights: I did neither eat bread, nor drink water, because of all your sins which ye sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of YHVH, to provoke him to anger. ¹⁹ For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, wherewith YHVH was wroth against you to destroy you. But YHVH hearkened unto me at that time also. ²⁰ And YHVH was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him: and I prayed for Aaron also the same time. ²¹ And I took your sin, the calf which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, and ground it very small, even until it was as small as dust: and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount.

Recalling Israel's rebellion and Moshe's intervention

²² And at Taberah, and at Massah, and at Kibrothhattaavah, ye provoked YHVH to wrath. ²³ Likewise when YHVH sent you from Kadeshbarnea, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you; then ye rebelled against the commandment of YHVH your Elohim, and ye believed him not, nor hearkened to his voice. ²⁴ Ye have been rebellious against YHVH from the day that I knew you. ²⁵ Thus I fell down before YHVH forty days and forty nights, as I fell down at the first; because YHVH had said he would destroy you. ²⁶ I prayed therefore unto YHVH, and said, O Lord GOD, destroy not thy people and thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed through thy greatness, which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand. ²⁷ Remember thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; look not unto the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin: ²⁸ Lest the land whence thou broughtest us out say, Because YHVH was not able to bring them into the land which he promised them, and because he hated them, he hath brought them out to slay them in the wilderness. ²⁹ Yet they are thy people and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest out by thy mighty power and by thy stretched out arm.

My Commentary and Notes

Stand alone Aleph Tav for Deu 9:7, 25

For an explanation of the Aleph Tav teaching, click here → <http://torahlawform.com/Documents/AlephTav.doc>

⁹⁻⁷ Remember, *and not* forget ~~not~~, **Aleph Tav** how thou provokedst YHVH thy Elohim to wrath in the wilderness: from the day that thou didst depart out of the land of Egypt, until ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious against YHVH.

Deu 9:7 זְכוֹר אֶל-תְּשׁוּבַת [את] אֲשֶׁר-הִקְצַפְתָּ אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ
בַּמִּדְבָּר לְמִן-הַיּוֹם אֲשֶׁר-יָצֵאתָ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם עַד-בְּאֶחָד
עַד-הַמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה מִמֵּרִים הָיִיתֶם עִם-יְהוָה:

⁹⁻²⁵ Thus I fell down before YHVH **Aleph Tav** forty days and forty nights, as I fell down at the first; because YHVH had said he would destroy you.

Deu 9:25 וְאֶתְנַפֵּל לְפָנֵי יְהוָה [את] אַרְבָּעִים הַיּוֹם וְאֶת-אַרְבָּעִים
הַלַּיְלָה אֲשֶׁר הִתְנַפַּלְתִּי כִּי-אָמַר יְהוָה לְהַשְׁמִיד אֶתְכֶם:

Brit - Eph 2:1-3:6

¹ And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; ² Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: ³ Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. ⁴ But Elohim, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, ⁵ Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) ⁶ And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Y'shua: ⁷ That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Y'shua. ⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of Elohim: ⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Y'shua unto good works, which Elohim hath before ordained that we should walk in them. ¹¹ Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; ¹² That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without Elohim in the world: ¹³ But now in Christ Y'shua ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; ¹⁵ Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; ¹⁶ And that he might reconcile both unto Elohim in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: ¹⁷ And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. ¹⁹ Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of Elohim; ²⁰ And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Y'shua Christ himself being the chief corner stone; ²¹ In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: ²² In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of Elohim through the Spirit. ¹ For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Y'shua Christ for you Gentiles, ² If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of Elohim which is given me to you-ward: ³ How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, ⁴ Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) ⁵ Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; ⁶ That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

Gospel - Act 7:30-60

³⁰ And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush. ³¹ When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold it, the voice of YHVH came unto him, ³² Saying, I am the Elohim of thy fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, and the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold. ³³ Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground. ³⁴ I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt. ³⁵ This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did Elohim send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush. ³⁶ He brought them out, after that he had shewed wonders and signs in the land of

Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years. ³⁷ This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your Elohim raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear. ³⁸ This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us: ³⁹ To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust him from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt, ⁴⁰ Saying unto Aaron, Make us gods to go before us: for as for this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. ⁴¹ And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands. ⁴² Then Elohim turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices by the space of forty years in the wilderness? ⁴³ Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon. ⁴⁴ Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen. ⁴⁵ Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Y'shua into the possession of the Gentiles, whom Elohim drave out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David; ⁴⁶ Who found favour before Elohim, and desired to find a tabernacle for the Elohim of Jacob. ⁴⁷ But Solomon built him an house. ⁴⁸ Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet, ⁴⁹ Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest? ⁵⁰ Hath not my hand made all these things? ⁵¹ Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. ⁵² Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: ⁵³ Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it. ⁵⁴ When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth. ⁵⁵ But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of Elohim, and Y'shua standing on the right hand of Elohim, ⁵⁶ And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of Elohim. ⁵⁷ Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, ⁵⁸ And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. ⁵⁹ And they stoned Stephen, calling upon Elohim, and saying, Lord Y'shua, receive my spirit. ⁶⁰ And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Prophecy - Dan 6:1-28

¹ It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom; ² And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage. ³ Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm. ⁴ Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. ⁵ Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his Elohim. ⁶ Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever. ⁷ All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any Elohim or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions. ⁸ Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not. ⁹ Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree. ¹⁰ Now

when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his Elohim, as he did aforetime. ¹¹ Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his Elohim. ¹² Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask a petition of any Elohim or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not. ¹³ Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, which is of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day. ¹⁴ Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him. ¹⁵ Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is, That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed. ¹⁶ Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy Elohim whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. ¹⁷ And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel. ¹⁸ Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him. ¹⁹ Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions. ²⁰ And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living Elohim, is thy Elohim, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? ²¹ Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. ²² My Elohim hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. ²³ Then was the king exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his Elohim. ²⁴ And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den. ²⁵ Then king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. ²⁶ I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the Elohim of Daniel: for he is the living Elohim, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end. ²⁷ He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions. ²⁸ So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

History - 2Ch 33:1-25

¹ Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem: ² But did that which was evil in the sight of YHVH, like unto the abominations of the heathen, whom YHVH had cast out before the children of Israel. ³ For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for Baalim, and made groves, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. ⁴ Also he built altars in the house of YHVH, whereof YHVH had said, In Jerusalem shall my name be for ever. ⁵ And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of YHVH. ⁶ And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of YHVH, to provoke him to anger. ⁷ And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of Elohim, of which Elohim had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever: ⁸ Neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses. ⁹ So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, and to do worse than the heathen, whom YHVH had destroyed before the children of Israel. ¹⁰ And YHVH spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken. ¹¹ Wherefore YHVH brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon. ¹² And when he was in affliction, he besought YHVH his Elohim, and humbled himself greatly before the Elohim of his fathers, ¹³ And prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that YHVH he was Elohim. ¹⁴ Now after this he built a wall without the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entering in at the fish gate, and compassed about Ophel, and raised it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah. ¹⁵ And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of YHVH, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of YHVH, and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city. ¹⁶ And he repaired the altar of YHVH, and sacrificed thereon peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve YHVH Elohim of Israel. ¹⁷ Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, yet unto YHVH their Elohim only. ¹⁸ Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his Elohim, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of YHVH Elohim of Israel, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel. ¹⁹ His prayer also, and how Elohim was intreated of him, and all his sins, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up groves and graven images, before he was humbled: behold, they are written among the sayings of the seers. ²⁰ So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Amon his son reigned in his stead. ²¹ Amon was two and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned two years in Jerusalem. ²² But he did that which was evil in the sight of YHVH, as did Manasseh his father: for Amon sacrificed unto all the carved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them; ²³ And humbled not himself before YHVH, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but Amon trespassed more and more. ²⁴ And his servants conspired against him, and slew him in his own house. ²⁵ But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

Commentary

Ahavta

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Commentary - Year 3 Sabbath 30

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SHABBAT MEVAREKHIM / SABBATH of the BLESSING (ANNOUNCING ROSH HODESH HESHVAN)

Tishrei 29, 5764 / October 25, 2003, Tishrei 29, 5767 / October 21, 2006

Atah Over Hayom / You are Crossing Over Today SCRIPTURES should be read first

(V.1) “*You are crossing over the Jordan today to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than you*”. We have come through the redemption of the Passover. We have been given a betrothal covenant at Sinai. We have spent our childhood in the wilderness, learning to trust Yahweh – the Gracious One who provides for His creation to serve Him. Now it is time to take up the Sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17), and drive the enemy from our inheritance of dwelling in righteousness!

There are many groups of people in this world with the strength of desirability, strength of numbers, and the strength of pseudo-science behind their doctrines and deeds. We need to travel a straight course through them, without compromise, without fear.

(V. 6) “*Know, then, it is not because of your righteousness that Yahweh your God is giving you this good land to possess, for you are a stubborn people.*” We are easily enticed by the riches of this world, by the lure of immorality, by the pride of hyper-spirituality, by the desire for acceptance from others. Then we are so stubborn: we have our minds made up, and we don’t want to be confused by facts; or we are determined to go the way that feels best to us, and rationalize away God’s path.

We constantly deal with people who go to a certain church because their friends are there, or because they like the “pastor”. Others leave Bible teaching groups because things aren’t done their way.

Many professing believers accept evolution doctrine, because it is taught as fact by self-acclaimed “scientists”. Ballplayers are paid millions of dollars per year by those who get far more excited about a corrupt “sport” than about God. Christians are sucked into paying for “alternative medicine” remedies that contradict all real science (e.g. homeopathy), by charismatic practitioners (who often gain acceptance by professing Christianity), because they place their faith blindly – by neither Biblical nor scientific understanding.

Sadly, we often will neither seek nor hear verifiable facts. We need to get off the “we’ve got it” syndrome, and continually seek truth. We need to seek and accept correction, and to learn further truth, we need to practice what we have been shown.

We should be ready to “cross over Jordan”, into the land of truth and righteousness. But we are stubborn. God didn’t choose us because of our righteousness. But, like Moses typified, Yeshua made intercession for us. Now, if we are “of the faith”, we will display that faith by our walk – by growing in truth and obedience. We must learn to destroy the enemies of pride, immoral “entertainment”, blind acceptance of false spiritual and pseudo-science teachers, and compromising values for personal acceptance.

Moses fell down before Yahweh for forty days and nights (v.25); Yeshua gave His life. All of this was for our redemption and sanctification. Let us give heed!

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Jeremiah reminds us that God judges it immoral for a man to take back a wife whom he has divorced and who has subsequently married another man. Likewise, if we leave God for idols (spiritual adultery), how should we expect God to receive us back?

The Psalmist is telling us: We need God to build our spiritual house; it will not last if we do it our way. We need God to guard our territory; we are unable to do so by our power.

Paul explains for us (Ephesians 2): We were without spiritual life – living in sin. We indulged in the desires of the flesh and the mind – but God, in His grace, granted us salvation: not through any good work of ours, but through a God-given faith that produces fruit / works / evidence. Even we who were uncircumcised gentiles, alien to Israel and God’s covenant, were made part of His people and partakers of His covenant. (V.10) *“For we are His workmanship, created in Messiah Yeshua for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”*

God’s covenant (the Abrahamic Covenant), of which we may be partakers, is the reason He allows us to enter the Promised Land (Deuteronomy 9:5), rather than for any righteousness of ours.

If we have been granted this faith, if our desires have been turned toward God (repentance), then we have these great, comforting promises:

Matthew 5

6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Matthew 6

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 7

7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. 8 For every one that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks it shall be opened. 9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? 10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Luke 11

9 And I say to you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. 10 For every one that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks it shall be opened. 11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? 12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?