

## LET TODAY BE A GOOD DAY!

23<sup>rd</sup> of the 3<sup>rd</sup> month 2020/2021

Shalom all,

As many of you may have noticed, when looking at key moments in Scripture, that with today being the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the 3<sup>rd</sup> month, we can be reminded of the good news that was decreed on this day, during the days of Estër, where we are told the following:

**Estër/Esther 8:8-17** “Now you write on behalf of the Yehuḏim, as it pleases you, in the sovereign’s name, and seal it with the sovereign’s signet ring. For a letter which is written in the sovereign’s name and sealed with the sovereign’s signet ring no one turns back. 9 So the sovereign’s scribes were called at that time, in the third new moon, which is the new moon of Siwan, on the twenty-third day. And it was written, according to all that Mordeḳai commanded to the Yehuḏim, and to the viceroys, and the governors, and the princes of the provinces from India to Kush, a hundred and twenty-seven provinces, to every province in its own writing, to every people in their own language, and to the Yehuḏim in their own writing, and in their own language. 10 And he wrote in the name of Sovereign Aḥashwërosh, and sealed it with the sovereign’s signet ring, and sent letters by runners on horseback, riding on royal horses bred from speedy mares: 11 That the sovereign has granted to the Yehuḏim who were in every city to be assembled and stand for their lives – to cut off, to kill, and to destroy all the power of the people or province that would distress them, little children and women, and to plunder their possessions, 12 on one day in all the provinces of Sovereign Aḥashwërosh, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth new moon, which is the new moon of Aḏar. 13 The copy of the writing to be made law in every province was announced to all the peoples, so that the Yehuḏim would be ready on that day to be avenged on their enemies. 14 The runners, riding on royal horses, went out, hastened and pressed on by the sovereign’s command. And the decree was given out in the citadel of Shushan. 15 And Mordeḳai went out from the presence of the sovereign wearing royal garments of blue and white, with a great crown of gold and a garment of fine linen and purple. And the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad. 16 For the Yehuḏim there was light and gladness and joy and value. 17 And in every province and in every city where the sovereign’s command and decree came, the Yehuḏim had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. And many of the people of the land were becoming Yehuḏim, for the fear of the Yehuḏim had fallen upon them.”

When looking at this passage this morning, I was once again gripped by the events that this passage declares, and how this passage is one that we are able to relate to and recognise what we have in our Beloved Master and Elohim!

As we remember the historical events that are recorded in the Book of **Estër/Esther**, we are able to recognise how it was the enemies plan to **break, crush, destroy and bring to nought**, the exiled Yehuḏim that were in all the **127** provinces that Aḥashwërosh reigned over, from India to Kush.

Aḥashwërosh was the king to whom Estër would become queen to, and the king before whom she would boldly intercede for the life of all the Yehuḏim in these **127** provinces, who had been given a death sentence under the craftiness of a wicked man named Haman.

We are told in **Chapter 2:7** that **Estĕr** was **Hadassah**.

The name **אֶסְתֵּר** Estĕr – **Strong’s H635** is of Persian origin and means, ‘**star**’, while the Hebrew name **חַדַּסָּה** Hadassah – **Strong’s H1919** means, ‘**myrtle**’, which comes from the noun **חַדָּה** hadas – **Strong’s H1918** which is translated as, ‘**myrtle or myrtle trees**’.

The myrtle tree is a very significant tree in Scripture!

The myrtle tree stays green the longest and the branches of myrtle trees were used to make the booths for Sukkot/Tabernacles – which is also a great reminder to us of **יְהוֹשֻׁעַ** being in our midst as we sojourn here!

The story of **Estĕr**/**Esther** is a great encouragement for us all, as we consider how she was raised up for the purpose of shining the light of **יְהוָה**, in the face of darkness and death, as a true ‘star’ that reflects the brilliance of our Creator.

She was not a star that would be swept away by the tail of the fiery dragon that has ten horns, as spoken of in:

**Ḥazon/Revelation 12:3-4** “**And another sign was seen in the heaven: and see, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns on his heads. 4 And his tail draws a third of the stars of the heaven and throws them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, to devour her child as soon as it was born.**”

This picture of a great fiery dragon that has 10 horns and seeks to devour the righteous, is pictured through the accounts of a wicked Haman and his 10 sons, who were all put to death, giving us a clear witness of the sure hope we have in Messiah, the One who stands in our midst!

We who are in Messiah, and stay in Him, are enabled to stand and shine with much boldness, in the face of a wicked and corrupted world!

I am sure that you are all aware of the complete story of deliverance that the book of Ester/Esther gives us, and without going in to every detail, let me remind you why this passage that I have quoted from 8:8-17, carries great insight for us, so that we can bear the good news of our Redeemer, with constant joy and gladness.

Mordekai, as we know, sat in the sovereign’s gate, which tells us that he was a well-respected man who gave right-ruling and judgements on certain matters.

He had heard of a plot that was being made by two of the king’s eunuchs, who were seeking to kill the king.

Mordekai told Estĕr and she told Aḥashwĕrosh in Mordekai’s name, and after the matter was proved to be true the two guilty eunuchs were hanged!

After this Aḥashwĕrosh promoted Haman above all his princes and commanded all to show obeisance to Haman. Mordekai refused to do so and this angered Haman, who had then sought to kill Mordekai and after finding out that Mordekai was a Yehudi, Haman sought, with great vengeance, to destroy all the Yehudim!

In the 1<sup>st</sup> new moon of the 12<sup>th</sup> year of Aḥashwĕrosh, someone cast Pur – that is – the lot, before Haman, until it fell on the 12<sup>th</sup> new moon.

Haman then plotted a complete assassination and destruction of the Yehuḏim in all the **127** provinces of Aḥashwērosh, and after receiving the signet ring of the king, the scribes were called on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> new moon to write according to the commands of Haman – to cut off, kill and destroy all Yehuḏim (that is both young and old, little children and women) in one day!

That day was decreed to be the **13<sup>th</sup> of the 12<sup>th</sup> month**, where they would not only cut off and kill all Yehuḏim, but also plunder all they had!

This was made law and runners were sent throughout all the provinces and lands.

Can you, for a moment, imagine this decreed death sentence being sent out and knowing that in 12 months' time you were going to be killed and wiped out as a people!!!

Haman, having got the law he that he had wanted, put into action, sat down to drink and celebrate while there was great confusion in Shushan!

I mean, can you for a moment think what it must have been like in the city at that time?

All of a sudden there is a huge target on the backs of all the Yehuḏim!

This was a direct attack and an all-out war of destruction upon יהוּדָיָה's people, and while there may have been seeming peace for a long time, anyone who was identified as belonging to יהוּדָיָה, had a clear death sentence, which would be carried out in 12 months' time!

Mordekai heard of this and he tore his garments and put on sackcloth and ashes and went about mourning!

There was mourning throughout all the land – wherever the decree was sent and heard there was mourning and wailing – after all what could the Yehuḏim do!!!

**Estēr/Esther 4:3 “And in every province where the sovereign’s command and decree came, there was great mourning among the Yehuḏim, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing. And many lay in sackcloth and ashes.”**

As you know – Estēr did step up, and boldly went before the king – and in doing so, Haman’s wickedness was exposed and the decree of death upon all the Yehuḏim was turned around and Mordekai was promoted to the highest position in the land!

Mourning was turned to joy, as we see in:

**Estēr/Esther 9:22 “as the days on which the Yehuḏim had rest from their enemies, as the new moon which was turned from sorrow to joy for them, and from mourning to a good day, that they should make them days of feasting and joy, of sending portions to one another and gifts to the poor.”**

12 months after the decree had gone out to kill all the Yehuḏim – on the **13<sup>th</sup> of the 12<sup>th</sup> month** – all had been turned around!

In this message, I am not looking at the day that these events led to, but rather, I am looking at the day where the actual decree of the turn-around was written and sent out to all.

It was on this day of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the 3<sup>rd</sup> month, where, as we read at the beginning, it was written, as commanded by Mordekai, that the decree of death against the Yehuḏim, was no changed to a decree where they could stand for their lives and destroy their enemies.

And the verse that struck me, in this regard, was **verse 16**:

**“For the Yehudim there was light and gladness and joy and value.”**

Just take a moment to ponder on these words and what these words highlighted for the Yehudim back then, as well as then recognising how powerful these words are for us today, who are in Messiah!!!

For a while, the people of יהודה were under a dark cloud of despair and sorrow, without hope and were seen as being of absolutely no value in the eyes of Haman and all the wicked ones who followed him.

After he got what he deserved, this turning around of the decree of death, brought much rejoicing, where mourning was turned to dancing and sure promise and expectation of life, had now been restored!

The Hebrew word that is translated as ‘**mourning**’ in **Estër/Esther 9:22** comes from the root word אָבֵל ebel – **Strong’s H60** which means, ‘**mourn, mourning**’, and is also used in: **Yeshayahu/Isaiah 61:3 “to appoint unto those who mourn in Tsiyon: to give them embellishment for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. And they shall be called trees of righteousness, a planting of יהודה, to be adorned.”**

#### **The oil of joy for mourning!**

That is primarily what we are able to celebrate, in our Master, and it is this picture of celebration, of victory in Him, that we are able to identify with, through the accounts that are recorded for us, in the Book of Estër/Esther, as we celebrate the joy of victory over sin and death, that our Master had brought for us, through His Blood, having that which was written against us taken away, through His life, death and resurrection!

The Hebrew word that is translated as ‘**joy**’, in **Yeshayahu/Isaiah 61:3**, comes from the root word שָׂסוֹן sason – **Strong’s H8342** which means ‘**exultation, rejoicing, gladness, joy**’, which comes from the primitive root verb שָׁשׂ ‘sus’ **H7797** which means, ‘**to be bright, cheerful, exult, rejoice, display joy**’.

**Yeshayahu/Isaiah 12:3 “And you shall draw water with joy from the fountains of deliverance.”**

It is with great gladness that we draw water from the fountain of deliverance!

It is the root word שָׂסוֹן sason – **Strong’s H8342** that is translated as ‘**joy**’ in **Estër/Esther 8:16**

The Hebrew word that is translated as ‘**turned around**’, in **Estër/Esther 9:1**, comes from the root verb הָפַךְ haphak - **Strong’s H2015** which means, ‘**to turn, overturn, change**’, which is also used in **Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 31:13**, from the following passage:

**Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 31:10-14** “Hear the word of יהוה, O nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, ‘He who scattered Yisra’el gathers him, and shall guard him as a shepherd his flock.’ 11 “For יהוה shall ransom Ya‘aqob, and redeem him from the hand of one stronger than he. 12 “And they shall come in and shall sing on the height of Tsiyon, and stream to the goodness of יהוה, for grain and for new wine and for oil, and for the young of the flock and the herd. And their being shall be like a well-watered garden, and never languish again. 13 “Then shall a maiden rejoice in a dance, and young men and old, together. And I shall turn their mourning to joy, and shall comfort them, and shall make them rejoice from their sorrow, 14 and shall fill the being of the priests with fatness. And My people shall be satisfied with My goodness,” declares יהוה.”

You may also notice, that the root word שִׂשׂוֹן sason – Strong’s H8342 is also translated here as ‘joy’.

The reason for me highlighting this, is simply for the purposes of emphasising the Good News of Messiah, who has turned our mourning to joy, as we celebrate the life we have in Him who has defeated our enemies and in whom we find refuge, strength and complete provision, equipped to stand and fight the good fight and be more than overcomers in Him!

It is with this picture of the joy that the Yehudim had on this day that I want to highlight here in this message I am sharing with you today.

Along with the joy we are told that they had light, gladness and value. These are the words that I am opening up for you today, with the hope that you too can be filled with the fullness of the Good News of The Good: יהושע Messiah!!!

I have already looked at the Hebrew word for ‘joy’, so now let us take a look at the other 3 words that are used here too:

#### **LIGHT:**


The Hebrew word that is translated here as ‘light’ is אֹרַח orah – Strong’s H219 which means, ‘*a light, dawn*’ and it is the feminine of the root word אֹר oor – Strong’s H216 which means, ‘*a light, daylight, early morning*’ and comes from the primitive root verb אִר or – Strong’s H215 which means, ‘*to be or become light, give light*’.

Figuratively, the word אֹרַח orah – Strong’s H219 can also be understood as carrying the meaning of ‘*prosperity, cheerfulness, favourable circumstance*’.


The Hebrew word that is translated as ‘light’ – אֹר oor – Strong’s H216 is written in the ancient pictographic script as follows:




Aleph – א:

This is the letter 'aleph', in the ancient script is pictured as , 'the head of an ox', and represents 'strength', meaning 'muscle' as the ox is the strongest of the livestock animals. This also carries the meaning of 'yoke', as an ox is placed in a yoke in order to plough or pull a heavy load in the right direction. This can also picture for us the 'red heifer' sacrifice that יהושע Messiah fulfilled!

Waw/Vav – ו:

This is the Hebrew letter 'waw' or 'vav' which in the ancient script is pictured as , which is a peg or 'tent peg', which was used for securing or tying the tent or other items. The possibility of it having a Y-shape is to show that it prevents the rope from slipping off. The root meaning of this letter is 'to add, secure or hook' as well as 'bind'.

Resh – ר:

The ancient script has this letter as  and is pictured as 'the head of a man' and has the meaning of the head of a man as well as 'chief, top, begging or first'. It has the meaning of 'top', as in the top or head of a body, and 'chief', as in a head of a tribe or people; as well as the one who rules the people. Every House has a head of the home, and all in the House submit to the instructions of the One who is head of the home, listening to and obeying the words that the Head speaks!

When we consider these ancient pictographic letters, that render the word for 'light', we can clearly see a powerful lesson, in terms of our Master, the Light of the world, giving us the rendering:

## STRENGTH SECURED IN THE HEAD!

We have great confidence and security in being able to be strong and courageous as we walk in the Light as our Master, who is our Head, is in the Light and in Him we have been secured into His Covenants of promise, having called us out of darkness into His marvellous light, for His Word lights our path in a dark and depraved world!


### GLADNESS:

The Hebrew word that is translated as 'gladness' is שמחה simḥah – Strong's H8057 which means, 'joy, gladness, delight, festival, pleasure', and comes from the root שמח samah – Strong's H8055 and means, 'to rejoice, be glad, be joyful, delight in and be elated'.

In the ancient pictographic script this word שמחה simḥah – Strong's H8057 looks like this:




### Shin - שׁ:

This is the letter 'shin' which in the ancient script is pictured as, , which is 'two front teeth' and carries the meaning of 'sharp or press, chew or devour'; which is what the teeth do, and also speaks of the sharpened word that comes forth from the mouth, as the teeth 'chew' or 'meditate' on the Truth, making what comes forth pure and sharp! It also carries the understanding of **consuming** or **destroying** – as teeth do to food. This can give us the meaning of WORD or Words.


### Mem – מ:



The ancient script has this letter as  and is pictured as 'water', and also carries the meaning of 'chaos' (from the storms of the sea) and can also picture that which is **mighty** or massive as well as the unknown. We are also able to understand this letter as representing **the nations**, for the nations are often likened to the seas in Scripture. This also carries for us the picture of washing, as we understand the function of water being that which cleanses us and sustains us, showing us how we are washed and sustained by the Living Waters of the Word! This letter also can represent any liquid, especially **blood**!


### Het – ה:



The ancient script has this letter as  which is a 'tent wall', and carries a meaning of 'SEPARATION', as a tent wall separates two halves of the tent; or it can also reflect the outside walls that separate the people inside from that which is outside and so can also symbolise protection and security to those inside, while picturing a cutting off of those who are outside. Hence this letter can mean 'established, secure' as well as 'cut off, separated from'. As a tent wall we are also able to recognise the picture of stones being built up to make a complete wall, having been separated from the world and built up in the master!

### Hey – הׁ:



The ancient script has this letter pictured as , which is 'a man standing with his arms raised out'. The meaning of the letter is "behold, look, breath, sigh and reveal or revelation"; from the idea of revealing a great sight by pointing it out. It also carries for us the meaning of surrender, as we lift up our hands and submit to יהוה as we lift our hands in praise, declaring His authority under which we humbly submit!

When looking at this word in its pictographic form, in terms of our command to rejoice, we are able to see why we are able to rejoice as we recognise the following:

## BEHOLD, THE WORD THAT WASHES US HAS SEPARATED US AND SECURED US AND IS TO BE PRAISED!

This is a clear reason to serve with gladness, for as long as we allow the Word to wash us and keep us clean, we are able to confidently make our boast in Elohim, whom we give continual thanks and praise to with much gladness, as we are built up as living stones in the Master; living stones that offer up our lives as a daily living offering with rejoicing praise and obedient thanksgiving!

### Light and gladness!!!

This is something that we have in Messiah and are able to celebrate, as we recognise that we have light and gladness in our Master, who has called us out of darkness!

**Tehillah/Psalm 97:11** “**Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.**”

We, as children of light, have The Torah as a light for our path and a lamp for our feet, giving us the ability to confidently navigate through the darkness and depravity of the world that surrounds us, and by staying in the light, which is the path of righteousness, we are filled with true gladness that dispels all fears that darkness tries to crush us with!

**Mishlĕ/Proverbs 4:18** “**But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.**”

In contrast to the path of the wicked, what is made perfectly clear here is that the path of the righteous shines brighter and brighter. The Hebrew word for righteous is צַדִּיק **tsaddiq** – Strong’s H6662 which means, ‘**just, righteous, blameless, lawful**’ and comes from the primitive root צָדַק **tsadeq** – Strong’s H6663 which means, ‘**to be just or righteous, justified, properly restored**’.

The Hebrew word רָשָׁע **rasha** – Strong’s H7563 which means, ‘**wicked, criminal, evil, offender**’, is frequently placed in Scripture, especially in Proverbs, as being in direct and unequivocal opposition to צַדִּיק **tsaddiq** – Strong’s H6662.

The book of **Mishlĕ/Proverbs** contains a great deal of antithetical parallelism, which contrasts the רָשָׁע **rasha** and the צַדִּיק **tsaddiq** in black and white terms. The focus is on both the quality of lifestyle and the results of these two ways of living. Whereas the wicked forsake יְהוָה, the righteous cling to him.

Though the wicked are oppressive and dishonest, the righteous are upright and lovers of truth, etc.

As we walk in the Master, the Light of the World, we shall by no means walk in darkness!

**Yohanan/John 8:12** “**Therefore יְהוֹשֻׁעַ spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall by no means walk in darkness, but possess the light of life.”**”

As we walk in the Light of the Torah of Elohim, we, as children of light, shine the light of that Truth more and more as we grow in the wisdom and understanding of Elohim.

**Eph’siyim/Ephesians 5:8** “**For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Master. Walk as children of light**”



### The perfect day!

The Hebrew word that is used for 'perfect' in **Mishlê/proverbs 4:18** comes from the root word קָנָה **kun** – **Strong's H3559** which means, '*ready, steadfast, established, firm, set up, determined, prepared*', and it is written in the 'niph'al passive' tense, rendering it to mean, '*be prepared, be ready, be steadfast, be secure, be enduring, be stable, be settled*'.

The perfect, ready and established day of יְהוָה is coming – a perfect day, of which we are shining the light of, as we sojourn faithfully as ambassadors of the coming reign of our Master and Elohim.

That perfect day will be perfect, in the sense that The Light of the world will be the light and lamp among us, having no need for the sun or the moon that is given to us for the Appointed Times!

What Shelomoh is clearly reminding us of here, is that we are on a righteous path – a path that leads to the perfect day, and as we stay on the narrow path of righteousness, we will shine brighter and brighter, perfecting our set-apartness as a Bride that makes herself ready!

Ok, so I hope that you are still with me....

In our Master, we too are able to celebrate the light, gladness and joy that we have in Him, and along with that we are reminded of the clear fact that we have value!!!

### VALUE:

The Hebrew word that is translated as 'value' is comes from the root word יָקָר **yeqar** – **Strong's H3366** which means, '*preciousness, costly thing, honour, splendour*', which comes from the root verb יָקַר **yaqar** – **Strong's H3365** which means, '*to be precious, prized or appraised, valued*'.

I am reminded of the words of Sha'ul to Timotiyos in:

**Timotiyos Bēt/2 Timothy 2:19-21** "**However, the solid foundation of Elohim stands firm, having this seal, "יהוה" knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the Name of Messiah turn away from unrighteous-ness."** <sup>20</sup> **But in a large house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some unto value and some unto no value. <sup>21</sup> If, then, anyone cleanses himself from these matters, he shall be a vessel unto value, having been set apart, of good use to the Master, having been prepared for every good work."**

If anyone cleanses himself from the filth of the world, through the proper washing of the Word, then he shall be a vessel unto value!

A vessel that is precious and of more worth than gold or precious rubies, because of the Word that is in his heart and mouth!

The Greek word that is used for 'vessel' is the **LXX** (Septuagint) is **σκεῦος** **skeuos** – **Strong's G4632** which means, '*vessel, implement, goods, article, jar*', and is used in:

**Tas'loniqim Aleph/1 Thessalonians 4:3-7 "For this is the desire of Elohim: your set-apartness! – that you should abstain from whoring, 4 that each one of you should know how to possess his own vessel in set-apartness and respect, 5 not in passion of lust, like the gentiles who do not know Elohim, 6 not to overstep and take advantage of his brother in this matter, because the Master is the revenger of all such, as we indeed said to you before and earnestly warned. 7 For Elohim did not call us to uncleanness, but in set-apartness."**

The Greek word that is used for 'value', in the expression 'vessel unto value', is τιμή *time* – Strong's G5092 which means, '(to value, honour), a valuing, price, honour, honourable use, mark of respect', and is used in:

**Qorintiyim Aleph/1 Corinthians 6:20 "For you were bought with a price, therefore esteem Elohim in your body and in your spirit, which are of Elohim."**

We were bought with a price and therefore must reflect that in our daily lives as we are valuable vessels in our Master's hand!

The root word יָצַר *yaqar* – Strong's H3365 is used in:

**Tehillah/Psalm 139:17 "And how precious are Your thoughts to me, O ĖI! How great has been the sum of them!"**

We are precious in our Master's eyes, for we are His treasured possession and when we recognise this, we are able to truly embrace the gladness and joy of our precious value, in Messiah, which reminds us that we are to be steadfast in guarding our set-apartness and doing so with confidence, though His joy that strengthens us!

It is these 4 words that I am highlighting today, as we consider that which took place on this, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the 3<sup>rd</sup> month, during the times of Mordekai and Estĕr.

### **LIGHT – GLADNESS – JOY – VALUE**

We have the Good News – that is - Messiah, and as we stay in Him, by walking in complete obedience to His commands and staying on the righteous path of set-apartness, we have the firm assurance that the decree of death – the second death that is – has no power over us!

Our Master is coming to destroy His enemies and all who make themselves friends with the world, make themselves enemies of the Master and the fate of the wicked has been decreed and what we are able to celebrate and remember is that we have:

### **LIGHT – GLADNESS – JOY – VALUE**

We have this because we know that we have been bought at a price and our Master's Word does not return void! He is coming to destroy our enemies and we need not fear the empty threats of darkness, but rather, we are to let our light shine, be glad and rejoice in Him who has caused us to be of great value in His House, having cleansed us and given us all we need to stay clean and be of great value in His Hand!

As you take time to consider the light, gladness, joy and value that the Yehudim had when the decree of death was nullified, may you be encouraged today, to stop for a moment and ponder on what we have in our Mighty Master.

When you do this, you will soon see that the battles and pressures that may be pressing you on every side, cannot overcome you, for in Messiah we are more than overcomers... so let today be a good day! And not just today... but let the reality of today, being a good day, cause you to let every day from hereon out be good days, as you shine the light of our Master and bring the Good News of the Good to others who are bound on the chaos of darkened situations!

**Romiyim/Romans 10:15 “And how shall they proclaim if they are not sent? As it has been written, “How pleasant are the feet of those who bring the Good News of peace, who bring the Good News of the good!”**

As you reflect on the Scriptural accounts that took place over this period, at the time of Estër, be encouraged to celebrate the joyous victory that we have in the Master and do not hold back, in the celebration of His gift of life that He has given us, through His life that was poured out on our behalf!

And now, in the power of His resurrection, we have the assurance of everlasting life, if we stay in Him and hold fast to His commands, running with endurance and great expectation, the race that is set before us!

Let us all be encouraged to be able to rejoice when facing all kinds of trials, knowing that the proving of our belief works endurance.

And therefore, let us be encouraged and strengthened to let endurance have a perfect work, so that we can be perfect and complete, in the Master, lacking in naught.

After all, for with us there is....

**LIGHT – GLADNESS – JOY – VALUE**

Perhaps you have been going through some intense struggles and may even still be in the midst of some. Let not the troubles and trials that you face, disarm your belief, but rather, hear the call to take up the armour of Elohim and stand firm in the belief, for you are precious in our Master’s eyes. Let the light that is in you not be hidden because of crippling circumstances, but rather, let it shine and expel the darkness of despair, worries and sorrow, as you let our Master’s joy over you, cause you to be glad and rejoice in Him....

**LET TODAY BE A GOOD DAY!**

And let today be the beginning of a continual reflection of the goodness of our Master as you shine brighter and brighter each and every day, until our Master comes for His treasured possession!

If you let today be a good day, tomorrow will be too and so will the next and the next and the next.. etc... because our Master is with us, and with us, there is:

**LIGHT – GLADNESS – JOY – VALUE**

**LET TODAY BE A GOOD DAY!**

יהוה bless you and guard you; יהוה make His face shine upon you and show favour to you; יהוה lift up His face upon you and give you Shalom!