

GUARDING THE TREASURE CHEST OF OUR HEARTS!

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Shabbat Shalom family,

It is always good to recognise the joy of being able to bring a joyful offering of thanksgiving and praise to our Master and Elohim - יהוה of Hosts – for He has called us out of darkness into His marvellous light!

In this message, I want to discuss the treasure of our heart and look at some key passages and the root meaning of some of the Greek and Hebrew words that will help us be reminded of the responsibility that we have, to guard the Good deposit of His Word that He has written upon our hearts, with this message being called:

“GUARDING THE TREASURE CHEST OF OUR HEARTS!”

Qorintiyim Bet/2 Corinthians 4:6-7 “For Elohim, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” is the One who has shone in our hearts for the enlightening of the knowledge of the esteem of Elohim in the face of יהושע Messiah. 7 And we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the excellence of the power might be of Elohim, and not of us”

As we recognise the great gift that we have received in Messiah, which is abundant life, we must also realise that His Light that He has shone in our hearts is His Living Word – His Torah (instructions) – as He has, by the Blood of Messiah, written His laws and commands on the fleshly tablets of our hearts, and as earthen vessels who now have this precious treasure, of the Covenants of Promise to which we have been grafted into, written upon our hearts, we must do our utmost to guard the good deposit, as we diligently hear, guard and do His word and love Him with all our hearts.

I want to go through a number of Scriptures in this message, in order for us to clearly be reminded what ought to be upon our hearts and what the outward working of our lives should be, as a result of having that which is supposed to be written on our hearts!

Having the Torah on our hearts is not a ‘new’ thing as we see clearly see in:

Debarim/Deuteronomy 30:14 “For the Word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart – to do it.”

Sha’ul quotes this verse in **Romiyim/Romans 10:8** and he makes it very clear, that our belief is seen in our obedient walking according to that which is on our hearts and on our lips. Sadly, there have been so many that have twisted these words of Sha’ul into thinking that all you have to do is ‘believe’ and be saved, yet what he is saying, is that you must believe what is written on your hearts, then by the confession of your mouth declaring the Truth, you must walk in the belief of His Living instructions that have written on your heart, so that your actions line up with your words.

Those who reject the Torah of Elohim, are simply rendering a vain lip service while their hearts are far from Him, as His Word finds no place in their wicked and dark hearts! More and more of late, I have been emphasising the clear picture of having a pure and undefiled heart – that is: to make sure that there is no lawless or rebellious thinking being rooted deep within, which causes a rejection to walking in the pure instructions of our Master and King, but rather: we are to recognise the need for us to guard our hearts and minds, in Messiah, and holding fast to that which He has shone upon our hearts. The tests that we go through in life, is to see if we do in fact guard His commands or whether we have let His commands be stolen from our hearts:

Debarim/Deuteronomy 8:2 “**And you shall remember that יהוה your Elohim led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, prove you, to know what is in your heart, whether you guard His commands or not.**”

If we are not careful to guard our hearts, we may just end up allowing other junk to be stored up in our hearts, which will quickly cause us to fall away and follow after other false mighty ones of self and the damaging pleasures of this life:

Debarim/Deuteronomy 11:16 “**Guard yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other mighty ones and bow down to them.**”

Our thought life is driven by what we store up in our hearts and when the Torah is neglected, then so is a proper love for Elohim and love for one another neglected, as lawlessness/sin roots itself in the place where love and obedience should be, as a result of meditating on the Torah, day and night!

Debarim/Deuteronomy 15:9 “**Be on guard lest there be a thought of Beliya'al in your heart, saying, 'The seventh year, the year of release, is near,' and your eye is evil against your poor brother and you give him naught. And he shall cry out to יהוה against you, and it shall be a sin in you.**”

Guarding the heart, is a clear theme that we find all throughout Scripture and it is a very important theme that makes us realise how critical it is for us to be sober and awake, as we keep our hearts filled with His Good word – so that we are able to love Him with ALL our heart:

Debarim/Deuteronomy 26:16 “**Today יהוה your Elohim is commanding you to do these laws and right-rulings. And you shall guard and do them with all your heart and with all your being.**”

Our hearts are the treasure chest for His Word and the question that we must continually be asking ourselves, is whether we are guarding the Word of Elohim that He has entrusted to us or not – and the state of our hearts can be clearly seen in our speech and actions – therefore I ask you:

“How is your heart?”

What struck me this week and stirred me to look into this topic of our hearts being a treasure chest for the Word, is by the words of Messiah that we see in:

Mattithyahu/Matthew 6:21-24 “For where your treasure is, there your heart shall be also. 22 “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, all your body shall be enlightened. 23 “But if your eye is evil, all your body shall be darkened. If, then, the light that is within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! 24 “No one is able to serve two masters, for either he shall hate the one and love the other, or else he shall cleave to the one and despise the other. You are not able to serve Elohim and mammon.”

Where your treasure is – there your heart will be also!!!

The Greek word that is translated as ‘treasure’ is **θησαυρός** *thēsauros* – Strong’s G2344 which means, ‘*treasure, storehouse, magazine, repository*’, and refers to, ‘*the place in which good and precious things are collected and laid up*’.

What Messiah is saying here, is that your heart is a treasure chest and what is inside it, will determine who you are and how you walk.

Metaphorically, the treasure speaks of the storehouse of the mind and heart, and speaks of one’s thoughts, feelings, and what counsel is taken in and treasured up.

In other words, our hearts are a place to keep precious things – the question is simply this:

“What is precious to you?”

The English word ‘**thesaurus**’, in general use, is a reference work that lists words that are grouped together, according to similarity of meaning (containing synonyms and sometimes antonyms).

The main purpose of such reference works is to help the user “to find the word, or words, by which [an] idea may be most fitly and aptly expressed”.

Can you see what treasure we have been given?

It is not just some random words, but rather, it is the very living Words of our Master that He has put in us, giving us all we need in helping us to ‘**find**’ the proper words and actions that can be most fitly applied to every situation!

He has put His **thesaurus** in us, so to speak!!!

His Word is so powerful that it enables us to rightly divide and discern the Truth, so that we can behave, and live, as true set-apart ones in complete righteousness, even whilst we are in exile and are faithfully enduring, looking for the blessed expectation and esteemed appearance of the great Elohim and our Saviour, **יהושע** Messiah!

This word **θησαυρός** *thēsauros* comes from the root word **τίθημι** *tithēmi* – Strong’s G5087 which means, ‘*to lay up, lay aside, appoint, establish*’.

Mattithyahu/Matthew 12:35 “The good man brings forth what is good from the good treasures of his heart, and the wicked man brings forth what is wicked from the wicked treasure.”

In Hebrew, we know that the term 'good' means to be functional, and by that, I mean: functional according to the Creators design; whereas 'wicked or evil' means the exact opposite, meaning to be dysfunctional and operating outside of the design and function of the Creators design!

We who were once in darkness, having been called out and found this great treasure of the Light of His Word, must do our utmost to not let the darkness of the world come and steal away the joy of the light of His Truth that has been deposited in us, and this means that we must count the cost and forsake all that would defile the treasure chest of our hearts!

Mattithyahu/Matthew 13:44 “**Again, the reign of the heavens is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man having found it, hid, and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.**”

The reign of the heavens, to which we ascribe, is the rule and authority under which we submit and choose to live by and therefore, as clay vessels with the treasure of His reign in us, we must guard it with our all – and it will cost you your all”

The treasure of His Truth is hidden in the field, which is the world, and few find it, because few are actually seeking it; and when we see that it is the esteem of Elohim to hide a matter, and the esteem of sovereigns to search out a matter, we realise that we who have found this treasure, are a very small remnant and therefore, must be aware of the desperate need to guard what we have found, with our all!

By the work of His Right Hand, Elohim created for Himself a people, which for Him is a costly possession and a choice treasure; and therefore, we who are His treasured possession must recognise what is, in turn, demanded of us!
And that is: to live a life full of zeal and being ardent for the good works that have been prepared beforehand for us to do, which is: to walk in His Torah, as we live soberly in righteousness!

Shemoth/Exodus 19:5-6 “**And now, if you diligently obey My voice, and shall guard My covenant, then you shall be My treasured possession above all the peoples – for all the earth is Mine – and you shall be to Me a reign of priests and a set-apart nation.’ Those are the words which you are to speak to the children of Yisra’el.**”

The Hebrew word that is translated here as **treasured possession** is סְגֻלָּה segullah – **Strong’s H5459** which means, ‘**valued possession or property**’.

This could also be expressed as “**My uniquely valued and guarded treasure above all the nations**”!

How awesome is that!!!

A hearing, guarding and doing people, are the uniquely valued and guarded treasure of יהוה's; that is to say: that He holds us firmly in His hand and never takes His eyes off of us and He guards us continually, so as to never let us go, for we are extremely valued and precious to Him.

When outsiders look at us, they may see it as being locked away in a box, thinking that we ‘have to do’ things that are not required by them and erroneously claim that we have lost our rights and are ‘under law’, so to speak, but it is not so: for we are kept secure and safe and are a prized possession that submits under the protective authority of His Good Word.

Do what He says, and you will be glad you did.

Sha’ul is referring to this verse, from **Shemoth/Exodus 19:5-6**, in his letter to Titos, as we see in him speaking of Messiah, in:

Titos/Titus 2:14 “**who gave Himself for us, to redeem us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for Himself a people, His own possession, ardent for good works.**”

This Greek word that is used here for ‘possession’ is **περιούσιος periousios** – Strong’s **G4041** meaning, ‘*peculiar*’ and speaks of that which is one’s own, or belonging to one’s possessions.

This is the only time that this word is used in the Renewed Writings (N.T.) and it is the word that is used in the Septuagint (Greek translation of the Tanak (O.T.) as the equivalent to the Hebrew word **שְׂגֻלָּה segullah** – Strong’s **H5459**.

This Greek word **περιούσιος periousios** – Strong’s **G4041** is a compound of two words:

- 1 - **περί peri** – Strong’s **G4012** which is a preposition that has the meaning, ‘*about, concerning, around*’ and denotes a place, cause or subject, and
- 2 - **εἰμί eimi** – Strong’s **G1510** which is a prolonged form of a primary verb that means, ‘*I exist, I am, it is I*’

And so, by understanding that we are the treasured possession and chosen elect of The I AM – the Most-High – and that we are a purchased people, we in turn see our need to be ardent for good works, unto Him who causes us to exist and be, and to whom we belong!

As we walk in obedience to the commands, we see in **Deḅarim/Deuteronomy**, as part of the blessings for obedience, that His good ‘treasure’ of the heavens are opened to us:

Deḅarim/Deuteronomy 28:12 “**דְּהָרָה opens to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. And you shall lend to many nations, but you do not borrow.**”

This word for ‘treasure’ is **אֹצָרֹת otsar** – Strong’s **H214** which means, ‘*storehouse, treasury, armoury*’ and comes from the root verb **אָצַר atsar** – Strong’s **H686** which means, ‘*to lay up, store up, appointed*’.

This root verb **אָצַר atsar** – Strong’s **H686** is used in:

Neḅemyah/Nehemiah 13:13 “**And I appointed as treasurers over the storehouse Shelemyah the priest and Tsadoq the scribe, and Pedayah of the Lēwites. And next to them was Ḥanan son of Zakkur, son of Mattanyah. For they were reckoned trustworthy, and it was on them to distribute to their brothers.**”

Neḥemyah appointed, as treasurers, trustworthy men who would guard the duty and when we look at these names, we see a powerful description of a true treasurer of the Word of Elohim:

The Hebrew name שְׁלֵמְיָהוּ **Shelemyah – Strong’s H8018** means, **‘repaid by יהוה’** who was the priest and the name צָדוֹק **Tsadoq – Strong’s H6659** means, **‘righteous’**, who was the **‘scribe’**, which is the verb סָפַר **saphar – Strong’s H5608** which means, **‘to score with a mark as a tally or record, to inscribe, to count, declare, number, tell’**.

Next was פְּדַיָּהוּ **Pedayah – Strong’s H6305** which means, **‘Yah has ransomed’** and he was a Lēwite: The Hebrew word לֵוִי **Lēwi – Strong’s H3881** means, **‘joined to’**.

Next to them was חָנָן **Hanan – Strong’s H2605** which means, **‘favour/ he is merciful’**, and he was the son of זָכָר **Zakkur – Strong’s H2139** which means, **‘mindful’**, the son of מַתַּנְיָהוּ **Mattanyah – Strong’s H4983** which means, **‘gift of Yah’**.

Those who have counted the cost and received the gift of Elohim, that He paid in His own Blood, and are willing to declare His Good News, are able to be appointed as trustworthy treasurers of His treasure.

יהוה, in His righteousness, has paid our debt, in order for us, who are in Him, to be counted, for He has ransomed us and by His own blood He has caused us to be joined to Him by His great favour, which He has poured out on us as a gift, always being mindful of His covenants of promise that we are grafted into, being enabled to have our treasuries filled with His treasure!

What is His treasure?

The answer is clear, as we are told the following, in:

Yeshayahu/Isaiah 33:6 “And He shall be the trustworthiness of your times, a wealth of deliverance, wisdom and knowledge. The fear of יהוה – that is His treasure.”

The fear of יהוה – that is His treasure!!!

I have spoken recently on the fear of יהוה, which is a clear reference to that which flows from His gut – in other words: His Word!

And we who walk in the fear of יהוה, guard to walk carefully in His Word!

His Word is no longer on tablets of stone inside an ark, but is now written upon our hearts, and we must diligently guard our hearts, so as to not make the same mistake that our forefathers made, in the enemy stealing away the presence of His Word because of rebellion and sin and a hard heart!

Melakim Aleph/1 Kings 8:61 “Let your heart therefore be perfect to יהוה our Elohim, to walk in His laws and guard His commands, as at this day.”

A perfect heart is a guarded heart, and a guarded heart of good treasure brings forth that which is good and pleasing to Elohim.

Tehillah/Psalm 119:34 “**Make me understand, that I might observe Your Torah, and guard it with all my heart.**”

Understanding comes in the doing, and the doing cannot come from that which is not stored up and treasured in the heart!

Mishlë/Proverbs 4:4 “**Then he taught me and said to me, “Let your heart hold fast my words; Guard my commands, and live.”**

Mishlë/Proverbs 4:20-21 “**My son, listen to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. 21 Let them not depart from your eyes; guard them in the midst of your heart”**

Qolasim/Colossians 3:16 “**Let the Word of Messiah dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing with pleasure in your hearts to the Master in psalms and songs of praise and spiritual songs.”**

Being entrusted with the Word of Elohim, must cause us to realise that we are not to try to be pleasers of men, as this attempt at trying to please man often results in a disregard for the Torah:

Tas’loniqim Bět/ 2 Thessalonians 2:4 “**But as we have been approved by Elohim to be entrusted with the Good News, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but Elohim who proves our hearts.”**

Guarding requires an alertness and a soberness, in order to properly fix our eyes on the Truth; and as Messiah tells us that the lamp of the body is the eye, we are also reminded, in **Tehillah/Psalm 119:105**, that the Word is a lamp to our feet!

In other words, where you look to is where you will be walking to and we must always be assessing our lives, in order to determine in which direction we are in fact walking, as it is so easy to be blinded by deception and follow “false lights”.

ידוּשֶׁע Messiah is the Light of the world, that came to separate the light from the darkness and we who turn to Him have had the veil removed and so, we are to fix our eyes on Him, and with unveiled faces, we see His esteem through the mirror of His Word and are to be changed and transformed into that same likeness, as set out in His instructions for a set-apart and treasured people!

Mishlë/Proverbs 6:23-24 “**For the command is a lamp, and the Torah a light, and reproofs of discipline a way of life, 24 to guard you against an evil woman, from the flattering tongue of a strange woman.”**

What we must recognise, is that those who have a wrong lamp and are following the flattering lies of the strange woman will have their lamps put out!

Mishlë/Proverbs 13:9 “**But the lamp of the wrong is put out.”**

My encouragement and warning to you, in this message, is to guard the treasure chest of your heart and as we have heard through the words of our Master, that out of the treasure of one's heart, be it good or evil, will flow forth words, either of truth or of inherited lies!

What is the state of your heart?

What does the storehouse of your heart look like?

Are you guarding it with your all or have you given free access and reign to the enemy and are lured away from diligently guarding the good deposit, as the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life have a way of drawing you away from keeping the soil of your heart good?

What you sow you shall reap!

What are you sowing daily into the soil and treasuries of your heart?

Is it His Word or is it selfishness and pride?

Is it a true belief that comes by a proper hearing and meditating of the Word or has doubt, worry and anxieties of life choked out the Word that you had once sown and have sadly neglected to water and guard?

Have you grown weary of doing good, because you let the enemy steal some of your joy?

Can you echo the words of Sha'ul as he tells us, in:

Qorintiyim Bet/2 Corinthians 4:1-2 "Therefore, having this service, even as we received compassion, we do not lose heart, 2 but have renounced the secret ways of shame, not walking in craftiness nor falsifying the Word of Elohim, but by the manifestation of the truth recommending ourselves to every human conscience, in the sight of Elohim."

Do not lose heart!!!

The Greek word that is used here for 'lose heart' is ἔκκακέω *eklakeō* – Strong's G1573 which means, '*lose heart, grow weary, exhausted, become faint*' and comes from two words:

1 - ἐκ *ek* – Strong's G1537 which means, '*from, from out of*' and is used as a preposition denoting the origin or point from where the action proceeds; and

2 - κακός *kakos* – Strong's G2556 which means, '*evil, wicked, bad things, loathsome, wrong*'.

To lose heart, speaks of growing weary of doing good, as a result of wickedness and evil being present in one's life, or as a result of being involved in doing that which is wrong and loathsome in the sight of Elohim, as measured against the clear plumb line of His Word.

Ĕsaw came in demanding a bowl of food after being exhausted, and in the process, he sold his birthright!

Do not lose heart! For that is the result of those who walk according to the flesh and seek to satisfy the flesh rather than seek the righteousness of Elohim.

Galatijim/Galatians 6:9 "And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not grow weary."

Timotiyos Bet/2 Timothy 1:14 “Watch over the good deposit that was entrusted to you, by the Set-apart Spirit dwelling in us.”

As we watch over the good deposit that has been entrusted into the treasure chest of our hearts, by guarding to do all that He has commanded us, then His treasured treasurers have this as a sure promise:

Pilipiyim/Philippians 4:7 “And the peace of Elohim, which surpasses all understanding, shall guard your hearts and minds through Messiah **יהושע**.”

In these last days we see, as Messiah told us, that as lawlessness increases so will the love of many grow cold!

Let us not be one of them but rather, let us fervently encourage each other daily and not neglect the gathering of the set-apart ones, but encourage one another all the more each day, while it is called “Today”, lest any of us be hardened by the deceivableness of sin and find that our treasure chest has been emptied of the good treasure of Elohim!

Perhaps you have been through some trials and have been battle weary, under the pressures and worries of life, so much so that your heart has become defiled in some degree or another.

Then hear these words and cleanse the heart from all sin and lawlessness, as you look to our Master, turning away from all wickedness and sin and setting your eyes on His pure Torah, that leads us in the life that He has freely given us.

Do your utmost to guard your heart, in order that you are able to love Him with all your heart and let no defiled attempt at love be present!

Choose today whom you are going to serve and where you lay up your treasures.

Remember that where your treasure is there will your heart be also!

“Where is your heart?”, is today’s question?

In Hebrew, the word that is translated as ‘heart’ is **לֵבָב** **lebab** – Strong’s H3824 and the heart is not only seen as the seat of emotions, as we would understand it in our culture, but also as the seat of thoughts, whereas we see the brain as the seat of thoughts, the inner man, the mind the will and the heart.

To the ancient Hebrew, the heart was the mind, which includes all thoughts and includes emotions.

In other words, to love **יהוה** with all your heart is not simply speaking of an emotional love, but rather it is an exerted continual effort in keeping all of our emotions and thoughts working for, and unto, Him.

Mattithyahu/Matthew 5:8 tells us that blessed are the pure in heart or those with a clean heart for they will see Elohim.

Dawid, in **Tehillah/Psalm 24**, asks who can ascend the mountain of **יהוה** and stand in His set-apart place – those with innocent hands and a clean heart.

To be pure in heart means to be single minded in our devotion to יהוה and in our determination to love Him wholeheartedly.

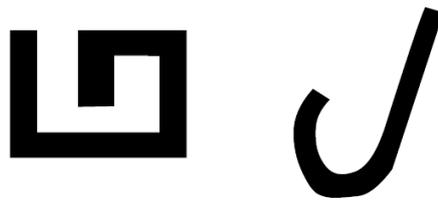
It is a **heart thing** – and obedience flows from the heart, and in a Psalm, that is all about the praise of the Torah and commands of Elohim, we see Dawid saying in:

Tehillah/Psalm 119:111-112 “Your witnesses are my inheritance forever, for they are the joy of my heart. 112 I have inclined my heart to do Your laws Forever, to the end.”

The Hebrew word for ‘heart’ is לבּ לֵב - Strong’s H3820 which means, *‘inner man, mind, will thought’*, or, as mentioned, is often written as לֵבָב לֵבָב – Strong’s H3824 which means, *‘inner man, heart, mind, understanding’*;

And what is interesting to take note of here, is that these two letters for ‘heart’, in the ancient Hebrew pictographic Script, make it clear that the rule and authority of Elohim is to be upon our hearts!

In the ancient Script the Hebrew word לבּ לֵב - Strong’s H3820 looks like this:



Lamed - ל:



The ancient script has this letter as , and is pictured as a *‘shepherd’s staff’*, can give the meaning of *‘to or toward’* and can represent that which pushes or pulls a flock in a direction, and can speak of *authority* or a yoke that is used to lead and guide, as well as the ability to bring back by Authority.

Bet - ב:



The ancient script has this letter as , which pictures a tent floor plan and means, *‘house’* or *‘tent’*. It represents family and the importance of those who are inside the tent as opposed to the tent structure itself.

In terms of these two pictures, representing the ‘heart’ or the inner man and the will and thoughts of man, we are able to see that a pure heart is one that submits to the authority of the Good Shepherd, having been grafted into His Body, that is the Tabernacle of Elohim, which in Messiah we now are.

It can clearly be expressed as:

THE RULES OF THE HOUSE

And in recognising this, we see that we, as legitimate sons and daughter of the Most-High, that have been grafted in by the Blood of Messiah, have upon our hearts His Torah, under which we submit to walking in – for His Torah are the rules of His House, which He has written on the fleshly tablets of our hearts!

Even with the word for heart being expressed as לֵבָב **lebab**, we are able to see in the ancient text a second ‘bet’ (house), showing us the clear picture of the True authority for both Houses of Yisra’el and Yehudah, that collectively make up the entire body of Messiah, or Tabernacle of Elohim, which we now are!

We are our Master’s treasured possession, whose hearts He has written His covenant and it is the true treasured possession of our Master that guards the treasure of our hearts!

I want to highlight the pictographic rendering of the Hebrew word that means ‘**treasured possession**’, which I have already discussed, and now present the ancient form to bring greater understanding of who we are in the Master:

In the ancient pictographic script, the root word סְגֻלָּה **segullah** – Strong’s H5459 which means, ‘**valued possession or property**’ looks like this:



Samek - ס:



The ancient script has this letter pictured as , which is ‘a thorn’ and has the meanings of ‘**pierce and sharp**’ and can also carry the meaning of ‘**a shield**’, as thorn bushes were used by shepherds to build a wall to enclose their flocks in the night against the attack of predators.

Another meaning would be **'to grab hold of'** as a thorn is a seed that clings to hair and clothing.

The Word of Elohim is sharper than a doubled edged sword and when we find that we do not grab hold of His word and allow His Word to be our shield of faith, we may find ourselves being pierced through with sin and compromise!

Our praise we have for our Master is that 'in Him' we are upheld forever, for He is the shield of our Help, as He Himself took the crown of thorns upon His head, bearing our sin and shame that we may be found to be shielded in Him!

It can also give a meaning of **'turning'**, for it is the thorn that turns us away from danger and to that which is secure.

Gimel – ג:



The ancient script has this letter pictured as , which is **'a foot'** and carries the meaning to **'walk, gather, carry'**, as clearly referring to the functions of a foot; and it can also give the meaning of **'a gathering of people'**, and we know that **'feet'** in Hebrew speaks of one's walk and ability to keep the Feasts of יהוה, and represents one's **'walk'**!

Lamed - ל:



The ancient script has this letter as , and is pictured as a **'shepherd's staff'**, which can give the meaning of **'to or toward'** and can represent that which pushes or pulls a flock in a direction, and can also speak of **'authority'** or **'a yoke'** that is used to lead and guide, as well as the ability to **'bring back by Authority'**.

Hey – ה:



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 completely submit to יהוה as we lift our hands in praise, declaring His authority under which we humbly submit!

In terms of these pictographic letters forming the word סגולה segullah – Strong's H5459 meaning **'valued possession or property'**, we are able to see the privilege of being the סגולה segullah of the Good Shepherd!

As the **segullah** of Elohim:

**WE ARE SHIELDED AND PROTECTED
IN OUR WALK
AS WE SUBMIT UNDER THE AUTHORITY
OF THE ONE WHO IS TO BE PRAISED!**

There is a wealth of revelation in the understanding of what it means to be the **segullah** of Elohim and when we see these pictures it helps us recognise the sure promise of protection that the **segullah** of Elohim has, while at the same time realising the responsibility that our walk in Him carries, so that we remain His סגולה **segullah!**

As you guard His Good Word in you, let all your body be enlightened and shine His truth for all to see, as you give your all to our Master and hold nothing back, amēn!

Shalom!