



The Purpose Of Counting The Omer: Victory! Pt. 2

The Seventeen Works Of The Flesh (Galatians 5:19-21)

We learned in our previous lesson, some very important principles behind YHWH's instruction to Yisrael in their '*counting the Omer*'. Yisrael of old during their over 200 years of living in Mitzrayim/Egypt, had forgotten much that had to do with YHWH and their '*special place*' as His '*chosen nation*'. After their deliverance through Moshe, and being brought through the '*wilderness*', YHWH brought them to Mt. Sinai. There, He through Moshe, '*began the process*' to '*reacclimate*' His nation to understand His ways. As a part of this '*process*', YHWH began to '*instruct*' Yisrael on the '*realms of life and death*'. He also taught them the '*governing principles*' of each '*realm*', that of '*clean*' and '*unclean*'.

In this '*process of reacclimation*', YHWH introduced Yisrael to a practice called '*counting the Omer*'. This was a 49-day period, seven weeks and 1 day, where Yisrael was to '*count up*' to the '*Mo'ed/Appointed Time*' and '*Chagim Feast*' of '*Shavuot/Weeks*'. On the '*Fiftieth Day*', YHWH would '*pour out*' a fresh experience of Yisrael being '*immersed in His Ruach HaKodesh/Spirit of Holiness*'. Those 49 days, '*seven weeks*', were to be spent '*counting-up*', a period of '*prayerful preparation*' allowing YHWH to deal with each Yisraelite's heart. They would find deliverance from the areas where '*uncleanness*' was '*manifesting*' in them, and be restored to the '*status*' of being '*clean*'.

Today, as we who have been graciously given the understanding of YHWH's '*restoration of the Whole House Of Yisrael*', we know that Yisrael has been divided into '*two separate houses*': The Jewish House/the '*house of Yahudah/Judah*', and the Non-Jewish House... the '*house Yosef-Ephraim*'. The Jewish House has practiced the instruction of the '*counting of the Omer*' for thousands of years. Unfortunately, we of the Non-Jewish House have only recently, since the mid 1990's, been acclimating to this practice. As a result, we have much to catch up on in this important process. What does it mean to '*count the Omer*'? Is it just a '*counting process*' alone, or is there something more that should be done? YHWH is answering our cry. This 49 day '*counting process*', is intended by YHWH to be a time of '*identification*' whereby we may be able to discern the areas in our lives where the darkness has been at work. YHWH will enable us to deal with these strongholds '*hindering*' our becoming '*transformed*' to have '*Mashiach/Messiah*' formed in us... His character and likeness. **(Galatians 4:19)** Then by the power of His '*Ruach HaKodesh/Spirit of Holiness*', remove every '*spirit/demonic power*' so that these '*bondages and strongholds*' may be OVERCOME!

Rav Sha'ul/Paul, in the sefer/book of Galatians, identifies for us '*17 different areas*' where '*strongholds of sin*' maybe identified. Once these areas are '*identified clearly*', then we can '*begin, by prayer*' to allow YHWH, by His '*Ruach HaKodesh/Spirit of Holiness*', to lead us in forgiveness and deliverance from these sinful '*works of the flesh*'. In turn, asking and receiving the '*gift of teshuvah/repentance*' so we can return and attain to a place of victory in our lives. **(11 Timothy**

2:25) In the authority we have been given by YHWH, the presence of every unclean manifestation of darkness can be driven out in the Name of Yeshua! Mashiach Yeshua will be LIVING AND MOVING IN **[union with]** YOU by the anointing of our Abba YHWH of Hosts!

Rav Sha'ul calls these '17 manifestations' listed 'works of the flesh'. That's because, the flesh is like a glove. A glove remains motionless until a hand enters it. Then, it can begin to work. Our flesh can either perform 'works of righteousness', **[by YHWH's Ruach HaKodesh/Spirit of Holiness dwelling in our reborn human spirit]**, or 'works of unrighteousness' **[by the spirits of darkness through oppression and/or invasion in our flesh]**. Do you know why YHWH uses the barley grain during the 'Mo'ed/Appointed Time of HaMatzot/Unleavened Bread'? Because it is mostly used as 'animal feed'. Why is that important? These '17 works of the flesh' are pictured in the sense of their being akin to the 'animal passions' resident in the flesh. When sin entered the human paradigm through Adam's disobedience, there was a 'degeneration' that occurred. Man was created to exist on the same level as YHWH... in the 'realm of spirit'. However, sin caused a 'perverse anomaly' to occur in the 'realm of man's soul'. Instead of man 'having a soul', he became 'soulical'. The 'realm of soul' become 'preeminent'. As a result, the 'human spirit' became 'submerged'... 'imprisoned' within the 'soul realm'. Adam was initially created by YHWH as a 'living soul'. The 'realm of soul' was to be Adam's 'servant' to give expression to his 'human spirit' as its 'preeminent realm'. The key was allowing man to 'choose to obey' and take the next step in YHWH's progression in his development: Eating the fruit of the Tree of Life. **[YHWH could not force or manipulate Adam; it must be his own free-will choice]** If Adam had made that choice, then his 'human spirit' would have been 'enlivened/born again' by the entrance of the 'life as YHWH has it', ETERNAL LIFE! ***[not 'length of life', but a 'a kind of life']** Mankind would be a 'fully functioning human spirit' in the 'flesh realm'. Unfortunately, after the fall, Adam became 'soulical', not 'spiritual', and subject to the 'realm of flesh' and 'oppression/invasion of spiritual entities' from the 'realm of darkness'.

With the above in mind, you may begin to understand why YHWH instituted the offering of animals as 'korban' on the 'mizbe'ach/bronze altar'. It was a picture to cause Yisrael to understand what was behind the 'sin drive' in their flesh. THE ANIMAL NATURE! The offering of the 'animal flesh' was a picture of their need 'to be delivered' from their own 'animal natures', that provide room for 'animal passions' to manifest. It is why today, even for those who have become believer's upon Mashiach Yeshua as Redeemer, they **MUST STILL CHOOSE** to pick up their 'execution stake' DAILY, and follow after Him **(Luke 9:23-24)**

Please read over the verses below from Galatians. Prayerfully, let YHWH, by His Ruach HaKodesh/Spirit of Holiness, target any area where these 'works of the flesh' maybe manifesting inordinately in your life. Ask for YHWH to deliver you from 'every stronghold' in the Name of Yeshua! Ask Him to forgive you for every 'sinful manifestation' listed below, washing away every sin in the power of our Adon/Lord Yeshua's precious blood. **DEMAND** in the Name of Yeshua that 'every spirit', and 'stronghold be broken' **[Yochanon/John 14:12-14]** and driven out of your life. Pray boldly for YHWH to 'form Mashiach's character' in you. **DO NOT STOP UNTIL YOU SEE THE FRUIT OF VICTORY IN YOUR LIFE!** **(Galatians 5:22-23)** Cry out for YHWH to immerse and fill you with His Ruach HaKodesh/Spirit of Holiness. **FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT!** The Mo'ed/Appointed Time Chag/Feast of Shavuot is coming! Our wedding vows are going to be renewed. **OUR BRIDEGROOM IS COMING!!! NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL OF YISRAEL TO MAKE HERSELF READY.** Amein!!!

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'Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.' (Galatians 5:19-21 KJV)

- 1.) **Adultery**- Gk. **moicheia**- (*moy-khi-ah*)- used to express unfaithfulness to both the union between YHWH and those who believe upon Him for salvation, and the marital union between a husband and wife. **[in some cases, 'later biblical manuscripts' combine the words 'adultery' and 'fornication' under a 'common definition' of 'sexual immorality'- However, the 'older manuscripts' [eg. Textus Receptus] do include a 'separation of wordage' between the violation of the 'covenant of marriage', in deference to 'sexual immorality' in general.* The word 'moicheia' - actually carries with it a meaning beyond a 'physical... sexual relationship'. It also includes the 'lustful desire for sexual intimacy from one NOT within their marriage covenant'. Thus, causing the 'marriage covenant' to be inclusive, not only of the 'realm of physical', BUT OF THE HEART! In turn, this widens the definition to include the 'seductive element of deception and cunning' that is used to gain influence over the person who is the target of the one instigating the effort! The reason for maintaining fidelity in marriage is NOT just to 'protect the marriage'. It is first of all, a reflection of our 'exclusive loyalty' to YHWH. The 'commitment to marriage' did not begin with humankind. IT IS A CONCEPT INITIATED BY YHWH WITH HUMANITY, AND HIS ETERNAL PURPOSE IN BRINGING FORTH THE NATION OF YISRAEL IN ETERNITY PAST TO BE HIS WIFE!

"Let the marriage Chuppah [Covenant Tent] have respect in the eyes of all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for those guilty of gilui arayot (sexual immorality) and no'afim (adulterers), Hashem [YHWH] will judge." (Ivrim/Hebrews 13:4 OJB)

- 2.) **Fornication**- Gk. **porneia**- (*por-ni-a*)- First off, from the very Greek word itself you see an immediate recognition with the word 'pornography'. Of course, this speaks of an entire industry of media geared toward 'indiscriminate illicit sexual material'. Therefore, the term 'porneia' requires an 'umbrella definition' to express its meaning. Fornication is very closely associated with the 'practice of sex for sale', or 'prostitution'. Yet, it also includes 'sexual perversion' on many levels. (*eg. homosexuality, lesbianism, bestiality, incest, sexual intercourse with false gods, prostitution or harlotry, whoremongering, etc.*) We may also further add to this list, 'sexual promiscuity, titillation, seduction, bisexuality, transsexuality, indifferent attitudes toward sex, immodest behavior, careless disregard and uncontrolled sensuality'. The act of sexual intimacy is NOT evil in and of itself. Yet, in the world of our day, with its 'no holds barred hunger' for the extreme, now as never before the need to reclaim YHWH's gift of 'sexual intimacy' is desperately needed. Sexual desire is a 'gift', but it can very easily turn into a very 'slippery slope', that can lead toward heartbreak, horrible loss, and irreparable present, as well as eternal consequences. Only with the power of YHWH, through His Ruach HaKodesh/Spirit of Holiness, will we be able to rise up and reclaim the 'holy gift of sexual intimacy' as it was intended.
- 3.) **Uncleanness**- Gk. **akatharsia**- (*ak-ath-ar-see-ah*)- it is where we get the word 'catharsis' (Gk. *kathairo*)- meaning 'the process that results in emotional/spiritual cleansing', or

'purification'. However, in the Greek language, by putting the 'a' before the word, you are causing a 'negative emphasis' to be added. So, the word 'akatharsia' becomes 'betterment that comes by self-actualization'. Sound familiar? 'I don't need God telling me what's best for my life. I KNOW WHAT I NEED!' Out of this evolves all the 'self-willed' rationale of mankind's determination to evolve according to his own dictates. To decide one's own fate. It's the reason why Rav Sha'ul puts this 'third work of the flesh' as a 'four-part progression of words' that have to do with 'sins of a sexual orientation'.

- 1.) Adultery
- 2) Fornication
- 3) Uncleaness
- 4) Lasciviousness

Why? Because those who are bound by these types of sinfulness are under the same delusion. IT'S ALL ABOUT ME! There is no room for the Sovereignty of Another. [eg. **YHWH**] WE ARE IN CONTROL. The POWER of sexual gratification drives that demonic delusion!

Now going further. In the Besorah/Gospels, when Master Yeshua was ministering deliverance to those who were under bondage to demonic spirits, what are we told? The word used to describe these entities is 'unclean'. The same word we are looking at right here... 'akatharsia'! They are not called that for nothing. It is the 'condition' they 'manifest' in and around those they oppress: physical uncleaness, moral uncleaness, hygienic uncleaness, unclean thoughts and imaginations... etc. These are the 'spiritual footprints' of the demonic. If we are under oppression from evil thoughts, imaginations, fantasies, we need to ask ourselves... 'Have I given place to the realm of the unclean'? Everyone has a thought every so often that comes along. But, when that thought 'keeps coming', and we find ourselves 'giving into a thought' that leads to a 'persistent imagination', culminating in 'physical sinful actions', then there has been a breach! IT'S TIME TO CLEAN HOUSE! It's time to SERVE AN EVICTION NOTICE. Call out to YHWH, and ask His forgiveness for letting down your guard, and allowing the enemy to penetrate your mind and heart. Ask Abba YHWH for the 'gift of repentance', and return in your heart to His Torah. Rise up in the 'whole armor' (**Ephesians 6**), and ATTACK! Demand that every 'oppressing spirit' you have given place to LEAVE! If you need to, allow those who are living according to YHWH and His Torah, who are full of trusting faithfulness, who know their authority in Mashiach, and are full of YHWH's Ruach HaKodesh/Spirit of Holiness to DEMAND with you to be free of oppression... spirit, soul, and body! Amein!

- 4.) **Lasciviousness**- Gk. **aselgia**- (**as-elg-i-a**)- the modern term for this is 'sensuality'. Yet, it is more than this. It is that, but in an 'unbridled' sense. To get the idea, it is the word used of the people in Sodom before YHWH's judgment! (**11 Kefa/Peter 2:7**) As cited above, it is the 'fourth word' in Rav Sha'ul's description of 'sexual sins' used to denote a 'progression' into the 'depths of depravity'. So, to have reached this 'level of sensuality', is to have 'no governor' on the desire for lewd behavior. No restraint and no concern over whoever maybe offended. **WANTING MORE**... that's the call, and when 'more' comes it is NOT ENOUGH! All that is left when alone is a cry of a ravaged soul. There is no sin too great for YHWH to forgive. Yet, the ability to find and utilize that one sane moment to make that cry, becomes few and far between as you continue to give in to its drive.

- 5.) **Idolatry-** Gk. **eidololtreia-** (*i-do-lol-at-ri-ah*)- We have left the realm of the sexual/sensual vice, but in a sense, it is the four previous *'works of the flesh'* that have gotten us to the *'next level down'*. The thing we have learned as we are being restored to YHWH and His Torah is, our Elohim/Mighty One is NOT like the idols that the nations serve. Idolatry requires one of two basic motivations.

- 1) To *'appease'* the false god, in order to *'gain favor'* for *'what is needed'*
- 2) To *'pacify'* the false god in order to *'gain power'* to accomplish *'what needs to be done'*

However, the whole intention is based on what is seen in YHWH's eyes as *'coveting'*... GETTING WHAT I WANT. Is it wrong to *'have'* things? No, but when that is our sole motivation, then we have crossed over a line. We think WE KNOW what it takes to make us happy. YHWH will bless us, but NOT OUR GREED. He blesses us based on how our heart responds toward Him with what we have already. We are satisfied whether we have the least, or the great because our main motivation is: TO LOVE HIM ALWAYS.

The korbanot/offerings YHWH instructed Yisrael to bring to the Mishkan/Tabernacle, and later to the Heikhal/Temple, were NOT to *'appease'* or *'pacify'* Him. They were to *'atone/cover'* those who brought them, so that they could *'karob/draw near'* to YHWH's Glorious Presence... AND LIVE! They would then be safely shielded from His *'Sh'kinyah/Manifest Presence'*, and be near to Him! It was a motivation of love.

- 6.) **Witchcraft-** Gk. **pharmakeia-** (*far-mak-i-ah*)- It is interesting that the word for *'witchcraft'* is also the word for *'drugs'*. What is it that illicit drug use does? It basically *'manipulates reality'*. To make it *'seem easier'* to deal with life. The *'will'* is the goal. Hasatan (**may his memory be blotted out forever**), seeks to *'dominate'* the human will for his own end. YHWH seeks to bring us to the place of our desire to WILLINGLY *'surrender our will'*, (**no inordinate coercion**) so we can CHOOSE His will out of love. In turn, we will be rewarded by being glorified with Him and His Son, our Adon/Lord Yeshua, to rule and reign with Him forever. No manipulation needed.
- 7.) **Hatred-** Gk. **ekhthrah-** (*ekh-thrah*)- this word comes from the Greek word for *'enemy'*- **ekhthros-** This is not that much of a stretch to comprehend. All that we have been looking at is the struggle to become our own *'god'*. Anything that stands in the way of that realization is? OUR ENEMY! Again, what have we been looking at so far? It is about the struggle of *'self-realization'*... or in truth... *'self-deification'*! Our Master Yeshua pointed us to the way of true *'self-realization'*... to WILLINGLY *'take up the principle of the execution stake'*. To die DAILY to OUR WILL, and FOLLOW AFTER HIM! (**Luke 9:23-24**) This way ALONE will lead us to the goal of life: OUR CREATOR BEING GLORIFIED THROUGH OUR LIFE. The reward? TO RULE AND REIGN WITH HIM IN HIS GLORY! (**11 Timothy 2:12**)
- 8.) **Variance-** Gk. **eris-** (*er-is*)- the meaning of this word is *'strife'* and/or *'contention'*. There will always be enemies! No matter whether in *'establishing'* and *'extending'* the Besorah/Gospel of Mashiach, or a *'secular endeavor'*. Mark it down: THERE WILL BE TROUBLE. On YHWH's side in building His Kingdom, the fight to establish His vision, is contrary to human effort. IT MUST DIE! Why? Because ONLY HE can finish it. It's

not about man's EFFORT. IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT YHWH's GLORY! So, if it dies no problem. YHWH HAS THE POWER TO RESURRECT IT! Men must fight. They must manipulate, strive, and contend. That's the tell-tale sign of whose glory's at stake! Man fights to avoid failure. YHWH says,

“Let go, and know that I am the Mighty One. I will be exalted among the heathen. I will be exalted in the earth.” (Literal Translation of Tehillim/Psalm 46:10)

- 9.) **Emulation-** Gk. **zeloe-** (*dzay-loee*)- this is the 'root' word from which 'zealot' comes. It means to be 'hot... fervent'. In most instances, **(though this word can have both 'positive', as well as 'negative' meanings)** as used here, it is not the same as being 'zealous' for YHWH. Why? Because the 'positive zeal' is based in the 'selfless love of YHWH'. It is governed by a 'deep trusting faithfulness' in HIS power through the 'principle of the execution stake'. Human effort is NOT the 'secret ingredient'. Again, it is YHWH's power to raise up what He has purposed from the dead, AND SEE WHAT HE WAS AFTER FULFILLED! The 'zeal' inferred by Rav Sha'ul here is the 'human type', whose strength comes from the impetus of the 'realm of darkness'. This kind of 'zeal' MUST resort to the 'hot, fervent effort', not only of human effort, but of that which is impelled by spiritual darkness. It cannot tolerate failure. It MUST fight. I WANT WHAT I WANT. Unfortunately, this all too often is the 'underlying spirit' that characterizes human effort on the earth. It is NOT the way of YHWH. The kohanim/priests wore linen, because it prevented sweating. It let the skin breathe and gave YHWH His due... THE GLORY!
- 10.) **Wrath-** Gk. **thumos-** (*thoo-mos*)- this is not just 'anger'. It literally means, 'an outburst of anger'. It's what happens when we have an invested interest in a plan, and someone steps get in the way. Or, maybe circumstances arise that sends things in an unintended direction. Maybe it looks disastrous. Maybe it actually works better than the one we had planned. All we know is, something has changed and it's NOT THE WAY I WANTED IT TO GO. The spotlight has shifted, and it's NOT WHAT I INTENDED. Our self-worth cannot afford to let go... BOOM! In the end... it's about OUR glory.
- 11.) **Strife-** Gk. **eritheia-** (*er-ith-i-ah*)- this is an interesting word. It is translated by some as 'rivalries', but its real connotation is 'work for hire'. What it really implies is 'acting solely for self-interest, even at the expense of discord of those involved'. In other words, 'the one, or those working under the guise of this spirit, have no interest in the heart of the project. Their dedication is feigned. That one, or those in collusion with this group want ALL the credit for what is accomplished, and will stop at nothing until their end is achieved.' The tale-tell is what their efforts create... STRIFE! They use this to accuse those who have a sincere heart, as though they are the ones to blame. Even after the damage is done, that one, or those who have conspired together, somehow leave as though they are the victim. It is only by the grace and mercy of YHWH that the effort survives. Yet, YHWH's power uses what was inflicted to bring His purpose through. All that really matters is THE GLORY REMAINS YHWH's! His purpose is realized, and those who were faithful are honored for NEVER LETTING GO of the vision given to their heart.
- 12.) **Seditions-** Gk. **dichostasia-** (*dee-khos-tas-ee-ah*)- this word and the next, 'heresies', are partners in their effect. The word 'sedition' means 'division'. It is made up of two words: 'dicha'- 'to separate', and 'stasis', meaning 'place'. Those under the work of this spirit

produce *'dissension'*. They can't agree with the established direction of the whole, so they *'move away'*. EVEN IF THEIR SEPARATION IS NOT PHYSICAL! The *'separation'* may manifest in *'words'*, or a *'failure to agree on what they believe'*. Long before there is an actual *'physical departure'*, there is a *'departure in spirit, thought, and unity'*. This is the work of the enemy who is laying the groundwork for the inevitable *'physical departure'* that will come. Sinful *'works of the flesh'* in individuals will result in *'alienation'* among a group, long before there is a *'physical division'*! YHWH desires shalom, unity, solidarity among His people. When *'self-will'* begins to manifest, the end result will be *'separation'*. In the meantime, the *'warning tremors of alienation'* begin to be experienced. Only YHWH can save what is being done from complete destruction. With the ensuing *'ensmallment'*, YHWH along with a strong, yielded leadership, will bring His vision through. Those who are faithful, will emerge stronger, more dedicated, and will see YHWH bring His VICTORY to the next phase of His purpose.

- 13.) **Heresies-** Gk. **haireisis-** (**hah-ee-res-sis**) this word is very similar to the above word *'seditions'*. It means to have a *'contrary opinion'*. There is nothing wrong with not agreeing with someone or with a group. Where the problem begins is when the *'individual'*, or a *'small contingency'*, begins to *'take opportunity'* to spread certain ideas, questionable motives or differences. The undertow affect, opens the door for a *'spirit of disrespect'* to enter. That never ends well. It's not wrong to question, but, when those questions are not directed properly to those who are in authority for focused and meaningful dialogue, then the *'heart'* of those instigating the issue IS BEING REVEALED. The one or group involved, should be *'identified'* and brought to meet with the those in authority. Hopefully, *'discussion'* will *'open the door'* for resolution. If not, the cover under which the enemy desires to work has been removed. Further oversight efforts by those in authority will help *'minimize'* the destructive effects of those involved, and protect the work, or congregation accordingly.
- 14.) **Envyings-** Gk. **phthonos-** (**fthon-os**) we have already looked at a similar word above... *'zelos'*. We saw that it may have both *'positive'* and *'negative'* implications. However, when this word is used there is ALWAYS a *'negative motive involved'*. The power behind it is demonic. It hates those who are in authority, and determines to impose that *'feeling of disgust'* in those it is oppressing. Why? Because it can't control those who bear YHWH's authority! If indulged, it will open the door for the next *'work of the flesh'* below.
- 15.) **Murdering-** Gk. **phono-** (**fon-ooe**) this word does have the meaning of *'murder'*, but with more intensity... *'slaughter'*! It is the heart of our dark adversary. He doesn't just want us dead. He realizes the heart of the truly redeemed will never succumb to his enticements. As a result, his solution is to REMOVE US from the equation. It's not just killing for pleasure. It is full on hatred, because he desires to the depth of his being to BE GOD. When he looks on us, he knows he NEVER WILL! Therefore, what does not conform to his desire must be eliminated. Death destroys life's continuity. Murder destroys the *'image of Elohim'* in the flesh. That's why Hasatan (**may his memory be blotted out forever**), enjoys setting marriages up for adultery. It is the *'destruction of two'* created in YHWH's image of ONENESS! YHWH has clearly set forth the *'sacredness of His image'* in us as human beings. No one has the right to erase it. Murder is that attempt.
- 16.) **Drunkness-** Gk. **methe-** (**meth-ay**)- this word actually comes from a word having to do with *'boundaries'*. The sin of *'drunkness'* is about the refusal to *'recognize the*

boundaries’ that YHWH has set in our lives. Fences are good. There is a safe perimeter within which we can enjoy life. Sometimes, YHWH calls us to go beyond those boundaries. But... HE IS THE SHEPHERD WHO WILL LEAD AND GUIDE US TO OUR NEXT DESTINATION UNDER HIS RUACH HAKODESH/SPIRIT OF HOLINESS. Drunkenness has more to do with the *‘self-willed’* exploitation of YHWH’s limits set for our safety, than merely our use of alcohol. The *‘desire of our flesh’* to push those limits is there whether we drink or not There is more than one way to *‘blur’* the limits in our life. Drinking *‘alcohol’* in and of itself is not a sin. Trouble comes when we go past our personal limit. This is where the darkness is always pushing us... go *‘beyond our limits’*.

- 17.) **Revellings-** Gk. **komos-** (*komos*)- this word was used to denote *‘wild festivals’* for the worship of false gods with complete disregard for restraint... *‘orgies’*- Well, do you see what we have done? We have made a COMPLETE CIRCLE! It’s called a *‘cycle’*. That is the truth about sin, until you run out of time, which we all will... and then comes... JUDGEMENT! Let us end with Rav Sha’ul’s final words...

“I tell you beforehand, as I said previously, that the ones practicing such things WILL NOT RECEIVE the nachalah (inheritance) of the Malchut Hashem [Kingdom Of YHWH].” (Galatians 5:23 OJB- definitions mine)

Below is the ONLY GUARANTEE of escaping the *‘cycle of sinful excess’*, and in the end... JUDGEMENT. A life *‘completely surrendered’* to YHWH through the Lordship of His Son, His manifestation in the flesh... YESHUA HAMASHIACH/THE MESSIAH by the INDWELING POWER of His Ruach Hakodesh/Spirit of Holiness.

“But the p’ri [fruit] of the Ruach HaKodesh [YHWH’s Spirit of Holiness] is ahavah (agape/love), simcha (joy), shalom (peace), zitzfleisch (patience), nedivut (generosity, kindness), chesed (loving-kindness), ne’emanut (faithfulness), Anavah (meekness, lowliness), shlitah atzmi (self-control) ... would you not agree? against these things there is no issar (proscription [warning of condemnation] in the Torah).

But the ones who are mekabel [actively receiving] Moshiach Yehoshua [Messiah Yeshua] have put to be talui al HaEtz (hanging on the Tree) [principle of the execution stake] the basar [flesh] with its teshukot (desires) and its ta’avot (lusts). If we live by the Ruach HaKodesh [YHWH’s Spirit of Holiness], we should stay in line with the Derech HaYashar (Straight Way) of the Ruach HaKodesh [YHWH’s Spirit of Holiness].

Let us not become ba’alei ga’avah (conceited, haughty persons), provoking one another, envying one another.” (Galatians 5:22-26 OJB- definitions mine)