



The Purpose Of Counting The Omer: Victory! Pt. 3

We will now bring this series to its conclusion, *'The Purpose Of Counting The Omer: Victory!'* We have seen that Yisrael of old, who through their captivity in Mitzrayim/Egypt, became lost to the *'concepts'* of the *'realms of life and death'* and the *'states of being'* each of those realms are governed by: *'clean and unclean'*. YHWH, through Moshe was chosen through the Torah, to *'reacclimate'* Yisrael to those *'concepts'*. Likewise, those of us who have been given YHWH's grace and mercy to be awakened to the *'restoration of the Whole House of Yisrael'* today, are also realizing we too have become *'lost to those same concepts'*! The *'church system'* was a *'holding tank'*, that YHWH allowed to exist in time until the *'hour of restoration'* of the *'Whole House of Yisrael'* could begin. That restoration is being experienced by multiplied thousands today, and is opening to us *'realms of understanding'* that is shaking the very foundations of the *'church system of Christendom'* in which we have been living. YHWH is restoring us to the promised *'Ancient Paths'* of His *'written Torah'* given through Moshe. **(Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 6:16)** We are being *'reacclimated'* to a *'new destiny'*, but one that is *'promised of old'* by YHWH through His nevi'im/prophets. We have seen over the past two teachings how YHWH wills to *'transform us'* to be ready to take our place with our *'elder brother'* from the *'house of Yahudah/Judah'*. This last teaching portion will cause what we have learned so far to *'congeal'* by YHWH's Ruach HaKodesh/Spirit of Holiness. The clear understanding of HOW YHWH will TRANSFORM us as the RETURNING HOUSE OF YOSEF-EPHRAIM will also begin to become clear. We are being readied to stand with the HOUSE OF YAHUDAH/JUDAH FOR THE GREATEST EVENT HUMANKIND HAS EVER SEEN: THE RETURN OF OUR ADON LORD YESHUAH HAMASHIACH/THE MESSIAH, THE BRIDEGROOM FOR HIS BRIDE!

Seventeen Works Of The Flesh

In our last teaching, we saw that Rav Sha'ul listed out for us *'seventeen'* different expressions of *'sinful actions'* he called *'works of the flesh'*. These were actually *'seventeen manifestations'* of the *'nature of animal passions'* that are resident in our flesh. We covered each with their Greek names, and their full definitions. We ended with Rav Sha'ul's final warning...

"...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 YAHWEH."
(Galatians 5:21b WOY/Word Of Yahweh- emphasis mine)

What we are going to look at today is how those *'seventeen works of the flesh'* can be placed neatly into *'seven different categories'*. YHWH uses the *'number seven'* in the sefer/book of Wayikra/Leviticus to *'reveal the number of days'*, in which He is able to cause an individual who has touched the *'realm of death'* to be separated from the congregation of Yisrael, in order to become *'clean'* again. SEVEN DAYS is that number. SEVEN becomes the *'target number'*, by

which YHWH is able to work NITZACHON/VICTORY in the lives of His people Yisrael. In our case, SEVEN is the 'number of categories' the 'seventeen works of the flesh' can be grouped into for 'identification'. SEVENTEEN is the number of VICTORY in YHWH's meaning of numbers. **(Aviv 14... the Hebrew date of Master Yeshua's crucifixion, death, and burial... Aviv 14 + 3 the number of days He was in the grave until His resurrection = 17 = Victory!)**

Seven Categories

Here are the 'seventeen works of the flesh' broken down into their SEVEN CATEGORIES...

- 1.) **Sexual Sins-** Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness
- 2.) **Idolatry-** Forbidden Interaction with Demonic Entities- This sin may find its 'initial root' in the bondage of 'self-will'... Long before a person bows down to the literal worship of Hasatan (**may his memory be blotted out forever**), he/she bows down to the 'idol of self will'- The only lasting cure is the 'principle of the execution stake' (**Luke 9:22-23**) The darker side manifests in 'willful submission' to demonic entities to receive power, intelligence, any type of gain or to exalt any THING: a person, ideology etc., over YHWH
- 3.) **Witchcraft-** the use of magic, black magic, any occult perversions in an attempt to 'control the minds and thoughts' of other people. The intended purpose is, to exercise deprivation of their freedom of choice, any attempt, on any level to use fear, **[a demonic force and entity]** to accomplish the same end
- 4.) **Uncontrolled Emotional/Mental Abuse-** Hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife... all strong emotional and mental attitudes whose goal **[either obvious or covert]** is to control, divert, or dominate... resulting in strife, destruction, and possibly the eventual manifestation of the murder **[physical or emotional]** of an established purpose or vision
- 5.) **Corporate Destructiveness-** Heresies and Seditious- promoting activity resulting in disunity, division, strife, chaos in an assembly, congregation, in most cases against those in leadership responsibility
- 6.) **Relational Destructiveness-** Envy and murder- those involved in these sins are driven to promote a 'sense of disgust' of anyone who has a well-balanced emotional relationship, and especially a spiritual relationship with others, and most especially with YHWH
- 7.) **Uncontrolled Boundaries-** drunkenness and revellings- while this last category of the 'works of the flesh' may manifest in alcohol, drug abuse, and the like, they are really problems of 'lack of self-will', and the ability to set 'boundaries'. Those involved in these excesses are fast approaching the 'point of no return'. They will 'repeat these cycles' of other familiar excesses. Therefore, the time to identify and renounce, and seek YHWH for the 'gift of teshuvah/repentance' is so vital in the early stages where these sinful cycles begin to manifest.

The Secret To Overcoming

One thing that most of us who have come to truly understand true salvation from YHWH is... **OUR WORKS WILL NEVER PRODUCE ETERNAL SALVATION!** It is true, Ephesians 2:5, YHWH's salvation is by **GRACE ALONE**. We believe upon the 'finished work' of our Adon/Lord Yeshua. However, when it comes to **OVERCOMING**, here's **THE TRUTH**... Listen as we read

over these next Scripture verses. Hear the promises that YHWH makes to those He calls to be OVERCOMERS...

*“But first and most importantly SEEK (AIM AT, STRIVE AFTER) HIS KINGDOM and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right--the attitude and character of God], and all these things will be given to you also. (Mattityahu/Matthew 6:33 Amplified Bible- **emphasis mine**)*

*“Let your character [your moral essence, your inner nature] be free from the love of money [shun greed--be financially ethical], being content with what you have; for He has said, "I WILL NEVER [under any circumstances] DESERT YOU [nor give you up nor leave you without support, nor will I in any degree leave you helpless], NOR WILL I FORSAKE or LET YOU DOWN or RELAX MY HOLD ON YOU [assuredly not]!" [Jos_1:5] So we take comfort and are encouraged and confidently say, "THE LORD IS MY HELPER [in time of need], I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?" (Ivrim/Hebrews 13:5-6- Amplified Bible- **emphasis mine**)*

“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run [their very best to win], but only one receives the prize? Run [your race] in such a way that you may seize the prize and make it yours!

Now every athlete who [goes into training and] competes in the games is disciplined and exercises self-control in all things. They do it to win a crown that withers, but we [do it to receive] an imperishable [crown that cannot wither].

Therefore I do not run without a definite goal; I do not flail around like one beating the air [just shadow boxing].

But [like a boxer] I strictly discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached [the gospel] to others, I myself will not somehow be disqualified [as unfit for service].” (1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Amplified Bible)

But as for you, O man of God, flee from these things; aim at and pursue righteousness [true goodness, moral conformity to the character of God], godliness [the fear of God], faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness.

Fight the good fight of the faith [in the conflict with evil]; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and [for which] you made the good confession [of faith] in the presence of many witnesses.

I solemnly charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and [in the presence] of Christ Jesus, who made the good confession [in His testimony] before Pontius Pilate,

to keep all His precepts without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ...” (1 Timothy 6:11-14- Amplified Bible)

*“Blessed be the LORD [YHWH], my Rock and my great strength, Who trains my hands for war And my fingers for battle;” (Tehillim/Psalms 144:1 Amplified Bible- **definition mine**)*

“And someone asked Him, "Lord, will only a few be saved [from the penalties of the last judgment]?" And He said to them, "STRIVE to enter through the narrow door [force aside unbelief and the attractions of sin]; for many, I tell you, will try to enter [by their own works] and will not be able.”
(Luke 13:23-24- Amplified Bible- emphasis mine)

The word ‘strive’ here means ‘strive as in AGONY’ (marginal reading). The Greek word is, ‘agonizomai’, from which we get our English word ‘agonize’. It means literally ‘to struggle, compete for a prize, to contend with an adversary, to endeavor to accomplish something -- to fight, labor, fervently, strive.’ Thayer’s Lexicon adds: ‘(1) to enter a contest; contend in the gymnastic games; (2) to contend with adversaries, to fight; (3) fig., to contend, struggle, with difficulties and dangers antagonistic to the gospel; (4) to endeavor with strenuous zeal, strive, to obtain something.’

“From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violent assault, and VIOLENT MEN SEIZE IT BY FORCE [AS A PRECIOUS PRIZE].”
(Mattityahu/Matthew 11:12 Amplified Bible- **emphasis mine**)

“Therefore, Chaverim [Friends], just as you have always had mishma'at (obedience 2:8) concerning me, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, WORK OUT your own Yeshu'ah (Salvation) [1:19,28] B'YIR'AH ("with fear") and BIRA'DAH "with trembling".

For Hashem [YHWH] is the one working in you, both to will and to work according to His chafetz (good pleasure of His will). (Philippians 2:12-13 OJB)

The word for ‘work’ here is, ‘katergazomai’ and means ‘to work fully, to accomplish, by impl., to finish, fashion.’ Thayer’s adds: ‘(a) to perform, accomplish, achieve; (b) to work out, i.e., to do that from which something results; (c) fashion, i.e., render one fit for a thing.’

**It is true our works will not earn us salvation
BUT...**

**They will SECURE our entrance into the
KINGDOM OF YHWH AS AN OVERCOMER!**

AND...

**They will also prepare us to be Yisrael...THE BRIDE who
has made herself READY
TO BE WITHOUT SPOT OR WRINKLE FOR
THE BRIDEGROOM
(Ephesians 5:27; Revelation 19:7)**