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Dearly Beloved "Hidden Ones,"

Hide and Seek!

Our God is full of surprises! When we sought Him for the topic of this month's newsletter, He placed the concept of hiding in God on our hearts. But as we continued to seek His face, and sense His heartbeat, He clearly indicated that we should write about HIDE AND SEEK! We trust that you will see, as we did, that hiding and seeking are both foundational messages not only for the Feast of Tabernacles or *Sukkot*, but for the times in which we live.

Did you play "Hide and Seek" as a child? We did—on many summer evenings. There was a thrill in both hiding and seeking, but the children's game pales in comparison with the thrill of seeking and hiding in the God of the Universe! Psalm 27 contains some beautiful HIDE AND SEEK VERSES that show us the way to conquer fear. The psalm begins with, *"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"* (Psalm 27:1) The answer to these questions involves HIDING AND SEEKING:

"One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I SEEK: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple. For in the time of trouble HE SHALL HIDE ME IN HIS PAVILION; (Hebrew סִכָּה SUKKOH, a hut or booth, masculine form of סִכָּה SUKKAH, a hut or booth). In the secret place of His tabernacle HE SHALL HIDE ME; He shall set me high upon a rock. And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me..." (Psalm 27:4-6)

The key to victory over our enemies, including fear, one of our fiercest foes, is to SEEK GOD and be HIDDEN IN HIM. It begins with SEEKING God as our dwelling place, seeking His face and seeking knowledge and understanding from Him. If we have been SEEKERS of God, He will HIDE us in HIS SUKKAH when tough times come.

This HIDE AND SEEK truth is confirmed in a beautiful way in Colossians 3:1-3, *"If then you were raised with Messiah, SEEK those things which are above, where Messiah is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and YOUR LIFE IS HIDDEN with Messiah in God."*

Hidden Message in Job

Job Chapter 5 contains a powerful HIDE AND SEEK message, indicating once more that if we SEEK the Lord, and receive His correction, we will not only be HIDDEN from our enemies, but delivered and greatly blessed. Consider verses 8-10, 17-21 and 24-27. *"But as for me, I WOULD SEEK GOD, and to God I would commit my cause—who does great things, and unsearchable, marvelous things without number."* (vss. 8-10) *"Behold, happy is the man whom God corrects; therefore do not despise the chastening of the Almighty, for He bruises but He binds up; He wounds, but His hands make whole. He shall deliver you in six troubles, yes, in seven no evil shall touch you. In famine He shall redeem you from death, and in war from the power of the sword. YOU SHALL BE*

HIDDEN from the scourge of the tongue, and you shall not be afraid of destruction when it comes." (vss. 17-21) "You shall know that your tent is in peace; you shall visit your dwelling and find nothing amiss. You shall also know that your descendants shall be many, and your offspring like the grass of the earth. You shall come to the grave at a full age, as a sheaf of grain ripens in its season. Behold, this we have searched out; it is true. Hear it, and know for yourself." (vss. 24-27)

WOW. Quite a promise for those who SEEK GOD! Again, we see the assurance of freedom from fear in times of "destruction," as well as the assurance of a *sh'lom bayit* (sh-LOAM BAH-yeet), a peaceful home. Truly a sense of security is found when one seeks God—and finds Him!

Seek and Find

If one seeks God, will he or she find Him? Yes. Many verses in the Holy Scriptures affirm this truth. But first we are exhorted to seek: *"Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His face evermore!"* (1 Chronicles 16:11) *"Now set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord your God..."* (1 Chronicles 22:19) *"...Those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing"* (Psalm 34:10). *"It is time to seek the Lord, till He comes and rains righteousness on you"* (Hosea 10:12). *"...Seek Me and live"* (Amos 5:4). And in the *B'rit Hadasha*, the New Covenant, we read: *"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."* (Hebrews 11:6) Finally, a well-known verse in Matthew 7:7 includes the phrase, *"...Seek, and you shall find..."*

There are two Hebrew words used for SEEK which are really synonyms: (בָּקַשׁ) *baKASH* and (דָּרַשׁ) *daRASH*. *BaKASH* is defined as searching out, striving after, inquiring or desiring, by any method, but especially in worship and prayer. *DaRASH* is defined as following in pursuit or search, by implication to seek with care or ask, inquire or worship. The word *daRASH* is used in Isaiah 11:10 where the prophet says that the Gentiles will seek out the messianic King and find Him! *"And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the people; for the Gentiles shall seek Him, and His resting place shall be glorious."* This verse seems to indicate that not only will non-Jews seek and find the Jewish Messiah, but He will be a refuge for them, a place of rest, and a GLORIOUS HIDING PLACE.

The concept of seeking God in the Holy Scriptures includes diligence, as Hebrews 11:6 indicates. God is not looking for "casual" seekers. He says through the prophet Jeremiah, *"And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart."* (Jeremiah 29:13) This SEEKING usually includes spending time with God in prayer, meditating on His Word, and times of fasting to tune-out the flesh and tune-in the spirit. God blesses an "I won't give up until you bless me" attitude, like that of our forefather Jacob. Persevere. Hang on. Press in. Sing. Praise. Weep. Pour out your heart before the Lord. *"Seek the Lord while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near."* (Isaiah 55:6)

Hidden From the Enemy

One of the rewards of SEEKING GOD is finding Him as a strong tower, a refuge, a shelter and a HIDING PLACE from the evil that continually threatens us. Satan, *hasatan* in Hebrew, is real and even as WE SEEK GOD, satan SEEKS US: *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour"* (1 Peter 5:8). Satan may seek, but if **we** hide in God, he won't be able to find us! If we are like the "dove" in the Song of Songs (2:14), hidden in the clefts of the Rock (a type of Messiah), we are safe and secure.

There are many psalms that assure us of a HIDING PLACE from our enemies. King David had a lot of experience HIDING from physical enemies, just as most of us have a recurrent need to be HIDDEN from enemies, both physical and spiritual. Consider some of David's psalms:

Psalm 17:8-9: *"HIDE ME under the shadow of Your wings, from the wicked who oppress me, from my deadly enemies who surround me."*

Psalm 31:19-20: *"Oh, how great is Your goodness, which you have laid up for those who fear You... You*

shall HIDE them in the secret place of Your presence from the plots of man..."

Psalm 64:1-2: *"Hear my voice, O God, in my meditation; preserve my life from fear of the enemy. HIDE ME from the secret plots of the wicked, from the rebellion of the workers of iniquity."*

Psalm 91:1: *"He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."* Although Psalm 91 does not use the word HIDE, the message of HIDING ONESELF IN GOD resounds throughout the psalm. Seeking God, trusting God, abiding in God, result in deliverance from one's enemies, protection, secure dwelling places, freedom from fear by night and by day, victory over evil forces, personal angelic ministry, the presence of God in times of trouble, honor, revelation and long life. It is indeed a good thing to HIDE IN GOD! We can cry out, along with King David, *"Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies; in You I take shelter."* (Psalm 143:9)

Israel, Hidden in the Heart of God

While Israel today is primarily a secular society, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is still in covenant with her. His prophetic purposes for Israel will all be fulfilled. There are already thousands of Jews in Jerusalem waiting to cry out, *Baruch haba b'shem Adonai* (Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord). (See Matthew 23:39.) Psalm 83, titled in one Bible, "Prayer to Frustrate Conspiracy Against Israel" is very relevant to Israel's present-day situation: *"They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, and consulted together against Your sheltered ones. They have said, 'Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more.' "* (vss. 3-4) The phrase used for the people of Israel in the King James version is actually "YOUR HIDDEN ONES" with the implication of covering and protection. Radical Islam will not be able to obliterate what the God of Israel covers and protects.

There are many scriptures that attest to the fact that God will restore His people Israel to their Land and to Himself. In Ezekiel Chapter 39, He tells us that the house of Israel went into captivity because of their unfaithfulness. God HID HIS FACE from them, but planned to bring them back to their Land and have mercy on the whole house of Israel. In verse 29, the Lord says, *"And I will not HIDE My face from them anymore..."* Deuteronomy 4:29 expresses similar thoughts on Israel's scattering and future restoration. Referring to the house of Israel in the nations we read, *"But from there YOU WILL SEEK THE LORD YOUR GOD and you will find Him if you SEEK HIM WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL."* The prophet Hosea continues painting a picture of Israel's return to God in the latter days. *"For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without ephod or teraphim. After the children of Israel shall return, SEEK THE LORD THEIR GOD and David their king, and fear the Lord and His goodness in the latter days."* (Hosea 3:4-5) The phrase, "David their king," is a direct reference to Yeshua the Messiah, of the house of David. Jewish people are beginning to seek Him! The Lord is sending Jewish seniors to us at Temple Aron HaKodesh, and many are seated next to Jamie. This month she shared Yeshua with Leo, age 93, and Julia, age 102! Both held hands with her and insisted on dancing and kept saying, "Why didn't I find this years ago? I love it here!" And they keep coming. Do you know a Jewish person who is SEEKING GOD? We suggest a new book by Jim Jacob, a Messianic Jew, titled, **A Lawyer's Case for God**. This excellent little book presents answers to many of the arguments that Jewish people pose concerning the existence of God, the truth of the Bible, suffering, sin, and Messiah. Order a copy to equip yourself to share, or to give away to a Jewish friend or acquaintance.

Secure in the Sukkah

Beginning the evening of October 2, 2009, observant Jews (and many Messianic Jews) all over the world will leave the comfort of their homes and dwell (or at least eat their meals) in flimsy booths covered with branches. These booths, or *sukkot* (sue-COAT), are the temporary shelters spoken of in the Torah in Leviticus 23: *"You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All who are native Israelites shall*

dwell in booths, that your generation may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God." (vss. 42-43)

The *sukkot* in the wilderness provided a way for the children of Israel to be HIDDEN FROM THE HOT DESERT SUN. The booth served as a powerful reminder of God's presence with His people during their wilderness wanderings. He was their protection, their security, their HIDING PLACE, and their provision. The *sukkah* was a symbol of Israel's dependence on God. It also made them keenly aware of how fragile life is, but how steadfast and sure God is. He was with His people.

Fifteen hundred years later, when Yeshua, the Messiah, came to dwell among men, He took on a temporary dwelling—a human body—to live with us and die for us. After His resurrection from the dead, and ascension into Heaven, His followers or *talmidim* (that's us) became "His body." We are now Yeshua's *sukkah* on earth! HE dwells among men through us! Our calling is to invite SEEKERS to join us in our Father's *Sukkah*—to find security, protection, provision, God's presence, and an eternal dwelling place. Together, in God's HIDING PLACE, we overcome self-sufficiency, and in humility learn the truth that without the Lord we can do nothing. (John 15:5)

Hidden in the Good Shepherd

Reflections on Psalm 23 For People With Cancer is a beautiful, powerful DVD that we highly recommend for those who need to HIDE THEMSELVES IN GOD in the midst of a battle with cancer, or any other storm. Ken Curtis, the author and narrator, was diagnosed with advanced cancer and told he only had a few months to live. Psalm 23 was a vital part of the spiritual component of his healing program. He made the video in Israel, and the footage is phenomenal. Shepherds. Sheep. Green pastures. Still waters. "The valley of the shadow of death." Ken reassures his audience: "You don't have to be afraid anymore."

Join Ken in his meditations on the most popular song in the entire history of the world (Psalm 23) and declare with King David: *"YOU ARE MY HIDING PLACE; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance."* (Psalm 32:7)

Hidden in Yeshua, loving and appreciating you,

Neil & Jamie

P.S. Paul Wilbur's CD, **Pray For The Peace of Jerusalem**, is perfect for SEEKING and HIDING!

P.P.S. Seek God. Hide yourself in Messiah, and you are "home free."

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