# **THOUGHT FOR TODAY**

## A HEBREW SAGE MIGHT SAY. . .

Your life is a garden; your thoughts are seeds...if your life isn't awesome, you're watering the weeds.

## PRAYER OF ATONEMENT

"O LORD, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare YOUR praises. YOU are blessed, O LORD our GOD and GOD of our fathers, GOD OF ABRAHAM, GOD OF ISAAC, GOD OF JACOB. YOU are the GREAT, MIGHTY & REVERED GOD, the MOST HIGH GOD, WHO bestows loving kindnesses, and possesses all things, WHO remembers the pious deeds of the patriarchs, and in love will bring the REDEEMER to their children's children for YOUR NAME'S sake.

Remember us unto life, O KING, WHO delights in life, and inscribe us in the BOOK OF LIFE, for YOUR OWN sake, O ETERNAL LIVING ONE. O KING, HELPER, SAVIOR & PROTECTOR. Blessed are YOU, O LORD, the SHIELD of Abraham. YOU, O LORD, are mighty forever. YOU quicken the dead, YOU alone are mighty to save.

YOU, O LORD, sustain the living with loving-kindness, quicken the dead with great mercy, support the falling, heal the sick, loose the bound, and keep YOUR promise to them that sleep in the dust. Who is like YOU, LORD of mighty acts, or who resembles YOU, O KING ETERNAL, WHO kills and quickens, and causes salvation to spring forth?

Who is like YOU, FATHER OF MERCY, WHO in mercy remembers YOUR creatures unto life? Yes! Faithful are YOU to quicken the dead. Blessed are YOU, OLORD. YOU are holy and YOUR NAME is holy, and holy beings praise YOU daily. There is none like YOU, INIMITABLE HOLY ONE! Selah

Now, therefore, O LORD our GOD, impose YOUR awe upon all YOUR works, and YOUR dread upon all that YOU have created, that all works may fear YOU and all creatures prostrate themselves before YOU that they may all form a single band to do YOUR will with a perfect heart, even as we know, O LORD our GOD, that dominion belongs to YOU, strength is in YOUR hand, and might in YOUR right hand, and that YOUR NAME is to be feared above all that YOU have created.

Give then glory, O ETERNAL ONE, unto YOUR people, praise to them that fear YOU, hope to them that seek YOU, and free speech to them that wait for YOU, joy to YOUR land, gladness to YOUR Holy City, a flourishing horn to David, YOUR servant, and a clear shining light to the SON OF JESSE, Y'SHUA ha'MASHIACH, YOUR ANOINTED — speedily and in our days.

Then shall the just also see and be glad, and the upright shall exult, and the pious triumphantly rejoice, while iniquity shall close her mouth, and all wickedness shall be wholly consumed like smoke, when YOU make the dominion of arrogance to pass away from the earth.

YOU, O LORD, shall reign! YOU alone over all YOUR works on Mount Zion, the dwelling place of YOUR glory, and in Jerusalem, YOUR Holy City — as it is written in YOUR HOLY WORD: **"The LORD shall reign forever, your GOD, O Zion, for all generations. Hallelu'YAH."** [Psalms (Tehillym) 146:10 Tanakh, Kethuvim]

YOU, O LORD GOD are holy, and dreaded is YOUR NAME and there is no god beside YOU, as it is written: "The LORD OF HOSTS is exalted by judgment, the HOLY GOD proved holy by righteousness and retribution." [Isaiah (Yeshayah) 5:16 Tanakh, Kethuvim]

YOU, MASTER, have chosen us from all peoples, YOU have loved us and taken pleasure in us, and have exalted us above all tongues; YOU have sanctified us by YOUR commandments, and brought us near unto YOUR services, O LORD our KING, and have called us by YOUR RIGHTEOUS & HOLY NAME. Blessed be our GLORIOUS LORD GOD OMNIPOTENT! Amen"

#### Sha'alu (Pray) for the Shalom (Peace) of Jerusalem and all of Israel!

#### "Create in me a clean heart, O GOD; renew in me a determined spirit." Psalm 51:10

As we bid farewell to Sabbath may gladness reign and joy increase throughout this Season of the LORD's Festivals! While this breath of life is in me, HOLY LORD of all worlds, I worship YOU. Help us, O GOD, to banish from our hearts all vain glory, pride of worldly possessions, and self-sufficient leaning on our own reason.

Fill us with YOUR SPIRIT of humility, meekness and the elegant grace of modesty that we may grow in wisdom and in reverence. May we never forget that all we have and prize is but lent to us, a trust for which we must render account to YOU. O HEAVENLY FATHER, put into our hearts the love and awe of YOU, that we may consecrate our lives to YOUR service and glorify YOUR NAME in the eyes of all men.

The WORD OF GOD is pure. [Psalms/Tehillym 12:7] Please LORD, with YOUR unseen, refined and pure power, establish my thoughts in YOUR service, in awe, in trembling and in reverence YOU have brought to light every mystery.

Make me wise to know YOUR commandments, and as a hawk soars over its prey [Job/Iyowb 29:36], help me to understand and guide me in the path of YOUR commandments and in Y'SHUA, THE WAY of repentance (teshuva) instruct me. Amen

Days of Awe - Day 38 of Repentance So, in case you had not caught this — these unrepentant behaviors we have been speaking of are SIN. Sin creates a barrier in your relationship with the HEAVENLY FATHER. As the Apostle John points out, there is sin that does not lead to death. In other words, you will not lose your salvation over these things, but your life will be missing the joy and peace of being clean and pure. "All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death." [1 John 5:17] Sincere repentance must be a part of your daily interaction with the ALMIGHTY CREATOR. The struggle in life is to see past the material and realize that we are souls in a physical casing longing for deeper meaning and fulfillment, and that is only found in a relationship with the LIFE-GIVING CREATOR.

Praying for the peace of Jerusalem, is praying for the return of our Messiah and Lord and for the Kingdom of God He is bringing when He comes. Then God's Will shall be done on earth as it is in

Heaven and the world will experience true godly universal peace which is the fruit of Righteousness.

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