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Elul 5783: Preparation For
Renewal 5784

A devotional walk through the month of *Elul* leading to *Rosh Hashanah*, September 16, 2023, (1 *Tishrei*, 5784): "A Time To Focus On Repentance, Renewal, and Return."

This brochure is intended as a prayer guide for the month of *Elul*. There are verses from the Scriptures for each day of the month. As you pray daily, you are encouraged to read the surrounding verses and also look up other verses from the Bible which relate to the reading for that day. The Hebrew month of *Elul* is traditionally the month of introspection and reflection prior to the Ten Days of Awe which begin with *Rosh Hashanah* (Feast of Trumpets) and conclude with *Yom Kippur* (Day of Atonement)..

Two of the hardest things to do in life are to ask for forgiveness and to forgive. These life struggles over forgiveness can ultimately keep us from moving forward in our lives. *Yeshua* said: 14 "For if you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions" (Matthew 6:14-15 TLV). If we genuinely seek to have a heart like King David, a heart after ADONAI's own heart (1Samuel 13:14), we can and will overcome any spiritual strongholds in our lives.

Consider praying this prayer of David each day to begin your time of prayer and study during *Elul*: 1 A prayer of David. Turn Your ear, Adonai, and answer me, for I am weak and needy. 2 Watch over my soul, for I am godly. You are my God— save Your servant who trusts in You. 3 Be gracious to me, my Lord, for to You I cry all day. 4 Gladden the soul of Your servant, for to You, my Lord, I lift up my soul. 5 For You, my Lord, are good, and ready to forgive and full of mercy to all who call upon You. 6 Give ear, Adonai, to my prayer, listen to the voice of my supplications. 7 In the day of my trouble I call upon You, for You will answer me. 8

There is none like You among the gods, my Lord, there are no deeds like Yours. 9 All nations You have made will come and bow down before You, my Lord, and they will glorify Your Name. 10 For You are great, and do wonders— You alone are God. 11 Teach me Your way, Adonai, that I may walk in Your truth. Give me an undivided heart to fear Your Name. 12 I praise You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and glorify Your Name forever. 13 For great is Your lovingkindness toward me. You have delivered my soul from the lowest part of *Sheol* (Psalm 86:1-13 TLV).

The ancient rabbis call *Elul* the time when 'the King is in the field.' This is an analogy about a great and powerful king who pays a surprise visit to his subjects while they are at work in their fields. Suddenly, one day, while a man is bent over his work in the field, he feels a gentle tap on his shoulder, turns around, and to his shock it is the great king himself. The ancient rabbis believe that King Messiah is especially near during *Elul* and this is a time for Israel to call out to Him. For us, this is an especially important time to pray for the "salvation of all Israel." *Ani l'dodi v'dodi li*, "I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine," is the acronym for אָנִי לְדוּדִי וְדוּדִי לִי, *Elul*: Song of Solomon 6:3. It is a picture of our Messiah!!



1 Elul, 5783 August 18, 2023

4 "I prayed to Adonai my God and confessed, saying: 'O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and mercy with those who love Him and keep His mitzvot, 5 we have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have acted wickedly; we have rebelled; we have turned away from Your mitzvot and from Your rulings'" (Daniel 9:4-5 TLV).

2 Elul, 5783 Shabbat August 19, 2023

9 "The Lord our God is compassionate and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against Him. 10 We have not obeyed the voice of Adonai Eloheinu by walking in His Torah that He set before us through His servants the prophets" (Daniel 9:9-10 TLV).

3 Elul, 5783 August 20, 2023

22 "But the fruit of the *Ruach* is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control—against such things there is no law. 24 Now those

who belong to Messiah have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires" (Galatians 5:22-24 TLV).

4 Elul, 5783 August 21, 2023

11" For it is written, "As I live, says Adonai, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." 12 So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God. 13 Therefore let us not judge one another from now on, but rather decide this—not to put a stumbling block or a trap in the way of a brother" (Romans 14:11-13 TLV).

5 Elul, 5783 August 22, 2023

7 "Hear, Adonai, when I call with my voice, be gracious to me and answer me. 8 To You my heart says: "Seek My face." Your face, Adonai, I seek" (Psalm 27:7-8 TLV).

6 Elul, 5783 August 23, 2023

2 "Answer me when I call, God of my righteousness! You set me free when I am in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer. 3 O sons of men, how long will you turn my glory into my shame? How long will you love worthlessness and pursue falsehood" (Psalm 4:2-3 TLV)?

7 Elul, 5783 August 24, 2023

1..."Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is pardoned. 2 Blessed is the one whose guilt Adonai does not count, and in whose spirit there is no deceit" (Psalm 32:1b-2 TLV).

8 Elul, 5783 August 25, 2023

24 Then *Yeshua* said to His disciples, "If anyone wants to follow after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me. 25 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it" (Matthew 16:24-25 TLV). 17 "One who heeds discipline is on the path of life, but whoever ignores correction goes astray" (Proverbs 10:17 TLV).

9 Elul, 5783 Shabbat August 26, 2023

2 "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. 3 For through the grace given me, I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of yourself than you ought to think—but to use sound judgment, as God has assigned to each person a measure of faith" (Romans 12:2-3 TLV),

10 Elul, 5783 August 27, 2023

1 "Stop judging, so that you may not be judged. 2 For with the judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. 3 "Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not notice the beam in your own eye" (Matthew 7:1-3 TLV)?

11 Elul, 5783

August 28, 2023

8 "Do not hold against us the sins of our fathers. May Your mercies come quickly to meet us, for we are brought very low. 9 Help us, God of our salvation— for the sake of the glory of Your Name. Deliver us, and atone for our sins— for Your name's sake" (Psalm 79:8-9 TLV).

12 Elul, 5783

August 29, 2023

16 "Don't you know that you are God's temple and that the Ruach Elohim dwells among you? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. 18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone thinks he is wise in this age, let him become a fool so he may become wise" (1Corinthians 3:16-18 TLV)?

13 Elul, 5783

August 30, 2023

20 If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar. For the one who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from Him: that the one who loves God should also love his brother" (1John 4:20-12 TLV).

14 Elul, 5783

August 31, 2023

13 One who covers up his transgressions will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them finds mercy (Proverbs 28:13 TLV). 23 "Guard your heart diligently, for from it flow the springs of life. 24 Put away perversity from your mouth, and keep devious lips far from you" (Proverbs 4:23-24 TLV).

15 Elul, 5783

September 1, 2023

9 "He has sent redemption to His people. He has ordained His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His Name. 10 The fear of Adonai is the beginning of wisdom. All who follow His precepts have good understanding. His praise endures forever" (Psalm 111:9-10 TLV)!

16 Elul, 5783

Shabbat September 2, 2023

30 "Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall, 31 but they who wait for Adonai will renew their strength. They will soar up with wings as eagles. They will run, and not grow weary. They will walk, and not be faint" (Isaiah 40:30-31 TLV).

17 Elul, 5783

September 3, 2023

1... "My heart exults in Adonai, my horn is lifted high in Adonai. I smile wide over my enemies, for I rejoice in Your salvation. 2 There is none holy as Adonai, for there is none besides You, nor is there any rock like our God" (1Samuel 2:1b-2 TLV)

18 Elul, 5783

September 4, 2023

5 "But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all without hesitation and without reproach; and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, without any doubting—for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord— 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways" (Jacob [James]1: 5-8 TLV).

19 Elul, 5783

September 5, 2023

8 "He will swallow up death forever. my Lord Adonai will wipe away tears from every face. He will remove His people's reproach from all the earth. For Adonai has spoken. 9 It will be said in that day: "Behold, this is our God, We waited for Him—He will save us. This is Adonai—we waited for Him. We will rejoice and be glad in His salvation" (Isaiah 25:8-9 TLV).

20 Elul, 5783

September 6, 2023

7 "Do not be deceived—God is not mocked. For whatever a man sows, that he also shall reap. 8 For the one who sows in the flesh will reap corruption from the flesh. But the one who sows in the Ruach will reap from the Ruach eternal life. 9 So let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we don't give up" (Galatians 6:7-9 TLV).

21 Elul, 5783

September 7, 2023

58 "I have entreated Your favor with all my heart. Be gracious to me according to Your word. 59 I have considered my ways and turned my feet back to Your testimonies. 60 I hasten and do not delay to obey Your mitzvo!" (Psalm 119:58-60 TLV).

22 Elul, 5783

September 8, 2023

8 "If we say we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1John 1:8-9 TLV)..

23 Elul, 5783

Shabbat September 9, 2023

25For I do not want you, brothers and sisters, to be ignorant of this mystery—lest you be wise in your own eyes—that a partial hardening has come upon Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; 26 and in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, "The Deliverer shall come out of Zion. He shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob. 27 And this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins" (Romans 11:25-27 TLV).

24 Elul, 5783

September 10, 2023

14 "Pursue shalom with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. 15 See to it that no one falls

short of the grace of God; and see to it that no bitter root springs up and causes trouble, and by it many be defiled" (Hebrews 12:14-15 TLV).

25 Elul, 5783

September 11, 2023

11 "My son, never despise Adonai's discipline or dread His correction. 12 For Adonai loves those He reproveth, even as a father, the son in whom he delights" (Proverbs 3:11-12 TLV).

26 Elul, 5783

September 12, 2023

23 "Search me, O God, and know my heart. Examine me, and know my anxious thoughts, 24 and see if there be any offensive way within me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139:23-24 TLV).

27 Elul, 5783

September 13, 2023

30 "Although God overlooked the periods of ignorance, now He commands everyone everywhere to repent. 31 For He has set a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness, through a Man whom He has appointed. He has brought forth evidence of this to all men, by raising Him from the dead" (Acts 17:30-31 TLV).

28 Elul, 5783

September 14, 2023

12 "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. 13 Do not cast me from Your presence— take not Your Ruach ha-Kodesh from me. 14 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit" (Psalm 51:12-14 TLV).

Erev Rosh Hashanah

29 Elul, 5783

September 15, 2023

6 "But He gives greater grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." 7 Therefore submit to God. But resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded! 9 Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy into gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of Adonai, and He shall lift you up" (Jacob [James] 4:6-10 TLV).

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September 16, 2023

Shabbat Kodesh

Rosh Hashanah

Yom Teruah