

Liturgical Meditation on Behar Bechukotai
Cheselyn Amato, May 3, 2013

I gave you Mount Sinai, my people Israel,
BEHAR-BECHUKOTAI
On the mountain my Laws were given.
I showed you your opportunity and your obligation.
And BEHAR BECHUKOTAI,
On the mountain and by my decrees,
I remind you that none belongs to anyone absolutely and permanently.
All contracts between you are finally ruled by Me.
My decrees are writ to remind you that you are in a covenant with Me:
Possessions switch hands,
People switch roles and position,
Ownership is a tool to motivate and facilitate your action,
But it is temporary.
Remember this, and you will remember this by practicing
SHEMITTAH GIVING REST
Release from your yoke all the fields
in the seventh year, the sabbatical year,
and for seven cycles you shall do this, 7 x 7, and the 50th year,
after every 49, shall be the YOVEL JUBILEE, and DROR shall be proclaimed:
Freedom and release shall be granted and commanded.

The gift of Torah is water, the rain that I give you to sustain life.
Internalize my statutes and decrees given to you on the mountain
BEHAR BECHUKOTAI
We must remember by our deeds and adherence to Yah's word that
we are do not own, we are ownerless when we stand before Adonai Shekinah
We are called to honor Yah's creation -
fields, houses, animals and each other.
The rain, the waters of sustenance and growth, are ours if we take what we have been given -
BEHAR BECHUKOTAI -
and bring it forth every day,
But be assured the sabbatical year will be awarded when owed
Regardless of what you do, and pay attention then,
Give the Land its sabbatical,
Honor the gifts of Creation that sustain you.

We shall be rebuked when we forget
BEHAR BECHUKOTAI
Practice Devekut - be close to Yah
Desist from Ona'ah, wronging,
And there shall be no Tochachah, words of admonition!
There will be no acts of rebuke.
Be a Rodef Shalom, a pursuer of peace.

I give you these laws to educate and shape your inner guide
So that you may act well with love in the world.
I know that you hear My call to you
when you consecrate and devote a proper measure
To I, Yah Hashem Adonai Eeh Shekinah Elohim,
Who Loves you.
Pay attention, Oh Israel, remember
Why you are here
Who you are
What to do
When, where and how.

May you be blessed on this 39th day of the Omer
Netzach in Yesod
Strength and Victory in Foundation
With Integrity You Shall Overcome Any and All Obstacles
BEHAR BECHUKOTAI
Take responsibility for the laws that have been given,
Act with true integrity,
Based on commitments that are tested by doubt.
Fulfill intention by brave, honorable, generous and forthright action.
You can create needed and wanted change.

Climb your Mount Sinai and receive your Laws
BEHAR BECHUKOTAI
And know that you are strong enough - rooted in truth and integrity -
To navigate the mountain by way of the compass and your inner strength
to bring blessing into the world!
Boruch Adonai, Boruch Shekinah
Boruch Hu, Boruch Hiy
The One, Yud Heh Vav Heh,
Who has given us
The Way on the Mountain.

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