

בס"ד

תפילה קודם התפילה

פתח אליהו

"Elijah Began Saying"

(That We Might Pray Well)

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Elijah began saying:

Lord of the worlds
You Who are One
and not just a number
You are the highest
of the highest
most hidden
of the undisclosed
no thought scheme
grasps You
at all.

You are He
Who pours forth
Ten *Tikkunim*.
We call them
the Ten *S'firot*
to lead through them
Worlds hidden and
undisclosed
and Worlds manifest and known.

In them are You hidden
from the sons of men.
You are He
Who binds them,
Who unites them.

And since You are
within them
whosoever
sunders one from its mate
of these Ten *S'firot*
to him it is accounted
as if he had
sundered You.

These Ten *S'firot*
proceed in their order

one—long
one—short
and one between.

You are He
who governs them.
No one
governs You
neither below
nor above
nor at any side.
You made wraps for them
(The Ten *S'firot*)
from whence blossom forth souls
for the sons of men.

Many bodies You fashioned for them
'bodies' they are called
when compared to the 'wraps'
covering them.

They are thus called
in the following *Tikkun*

Hesed
the 'Right Arm'
Gevurah
the 'Left Arm'
Tiferet
the 'Trunk'
Netzakh and *Hod*
the two 'Thighs'
Y'sod
the trunk's 'Extremity';
sign of the Covenant most holy.
Malkhuth
the 'Orifice';
the oral Torah we call it.

Hokhmah
the 'Brain'; it is the
Thought within
Binah
the 'Heart' in it understands
the very heart of understanding

Concerning these two (*Hokhmah* and *Binah*)
it is written
"Mysteries hidden are they
of *YHVH* God"

Keter, the highest,
for it is
the Crown of Majesty,
concerning it is said:
He tells the End from the Beginning.
It is the scalp
of the *t'fillin*
within
it is the 'Mah' name (of value 45)
YUD-HA-VAV-HA
it is the Heaven—
way—of
Azilot--Emanation.
The rooting place of
the Tree
of Boughs and Branches.
Like water
drenching the Tree
causing it to increase
through the root's sap.

O Lord of the worlds
You are
Origin of Origins
Cause of Causes
Who drenches
that Tree
by this flux.
And this flux
like soul to body
is the body's life.

In You
There is nothing

like image
or form
of anything
within or without.
You create
Heaven and Earth
bringing forth
of their substance
Sun, Moon
Planets, Stars.

And on Earth,
grass and trees
a Garden of Eden
flora and fauna
beasts, birds, fish
and Man.

All this so that what is above
may become known
so that we may have models
of those above and below.
Those above can become known
through those below (and since there is no
model in creation for You)
there is no one who knows
You at all.

Outside of You
there is no One (whole—all—complete)
among those above
and those below -
Thus are You made known
as the Origin of All
and the Master of All.

Each *S'firah*,
has a known Name
by these Names
Angels are called.
(An Angel—
entity of force
directed to an aim,
an energy discharged
by its own function.)

You have no known Name
because all the Names
are filled by You.
You are the fulfillment
of them all.
When You rise up from them
all the Names remain
as bodies bereft of soul.

You are wise
yet not in wisdom known
You are understanding
yet not in understanding known
In You there is no place for knowledge
(to hold on).

But Your power and strength
You make knowable to Man
as You show to him
how the world
is conducted
in Law and Mercy
For there is Righteousness and Justice
according to the deeds
of the sons of Man.

Law is *Gevurah*
Justice—the middle column
Righteousness—the Holy Majesty
the just scales
two true supports
the righteous *HIN* (liquid measure) —
is the holy Covenant.

All this portrays
how the world is conducted
but not that there is
in You
known righteousness
identical with Law (which binds You)
Nor is there Justice in You
which is Mercy
or any other attribute at all.

Be drawn down to us
—Blessed channeled
YHVH
into the world
for ever
truly so truly so
Amen Amen.