

The Psalm Project

Discovering the Spiritual World through the Psalms

Psalm 123

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The Goal of this project:

This research project will examine the 150 psalms for the spiritual awareness each Psalm offers. Each Psalm will be examined by its language and the commentary of the Sages. The spiritual awareness analysis will be done in alignment with Ari's definition of the Tree of life, the Book of Creation, and the Zohar. Each verse of the Psalm will be rewritten using the intent of the language and spiritual commentary to convey its spiritual lesson.

The Main Resources:

The Zohar

The Book of Creation

Ari's writing on the Tree of Life and the Ten Sefirot

The Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament

Samson Hirsch's commentary on the Psalms

Tehillim – Psalms – A new translation with a commentary anthologized from the Talmudic and rabbinic sources

Accordance Bible Software

Psalm 123

New American Standard 1995	Hebrew
<p>Psa. 123:0 A Song of Ascents.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Psa. 123:1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">שִׁיר הַמַּעֲלֹת אֶל־יְיָ</p>
<p>Psa. 123:1 To You I ^alift up my eyes, O You who ^bare enthroned in the heavens! ² Behold, as the eyes of ^aservants <i>look</i> to the hand of their master, As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, So our ^beyes <i>look</i> to the LORD our God, Until He is gracious to us.</p>	<p>נִשְׂאֹתִי אֶת־עֵינַי הַיֹּשְׁבִי בַשָּׁמַיִם : ²</p> <p>הַיְהוָה כְּעֵינַי עֹבְדִים אֶל־יְיָ</p> <p>אֲדוֹנֵיהֶם כְּעֵינַי שֹׁפְתָה אֶל־יְיָ</p> <p>גְּבֻרָתָהּ כִּן עֵינַי אֶל־יְהוָה</p> <p>אֶל־הֵינוּ עַד שִׂיחַנְנוּ : ³ חַנְּנוּ יְהוָה</p> <p>חַנְּנוּ כִּי־רַב שָׁבַעְנוּ בּוֹז : ⁴ רַבַּת</p> <p>שִׁבְעָה־לָּהּ נִפְשָׁנוּ הַלְעַג הַשְּׂאֲנָנִים</p> <p>הַבּוֹז לַגְּאִיוֹנִים :</p>
<p>Psa. 123:3 ^aBe gracious to us, O LORD, be gracious to us, For we are greatly filled ^bwith contempt. ⁴ Our soul is greatly filled With the ^ascoffing of ^bthose who are at ease, <i>And</i> with the ^ccontempt of the proud.</p>	

References

Psalm 123:1

^aPs 121:1; 141:8

^bPs 2:4; 11:4

Psalm 123:2

^aProv 27:18; Mal 1:6

^bPs 25:15

Psalm 123:3

^aPs 4:1; 51:1

^bNeh 4:4; Ps 119:22

Psalm 123:4

^aNeh 2:19; Ps 79:4

^bJob 12:5; Is 32:9, 11; Amos 6:1

^cNeh 4:4; Ps 119:22

Targum

Psa. 123:1 A song that was uttered on the ascents of the abyss. Before you I have lifted up my eyes, you who sit on a throne of glory in heaven. ² Behold, as the eyes of menservants, on one side, watch at the hands of their masters; and as the eyes of maidservants, on the other side, watch at the hands of their mistresses; thus our eyes watch in the presence of the LORD our God for the time when he will show compassion to us. ³ Have compassion on us, O LORD, have compassion on us; for we have had too much of contempt. ⁴ Our soul has had too much of scorn, for the arrogant and proud are at ease.

Spiritual Awareness

Introduction

This Psalm discusses the reason that the LORD expelled Israel from the Promised Land. The people had displayed behaviors that are an abomination to the LORD. Therefore, the LORD was compelled to send Israel into Exile. While in Babylon, they purged these negative traits from their character. Arrogance (Proverbs 16:5), and haughty of heart (Proverbs 16:4) are traits that are abhorrent. The Psalmist also speaks about how humbled Israel in Exile came to acknowledge their full dependence upon the LORD.

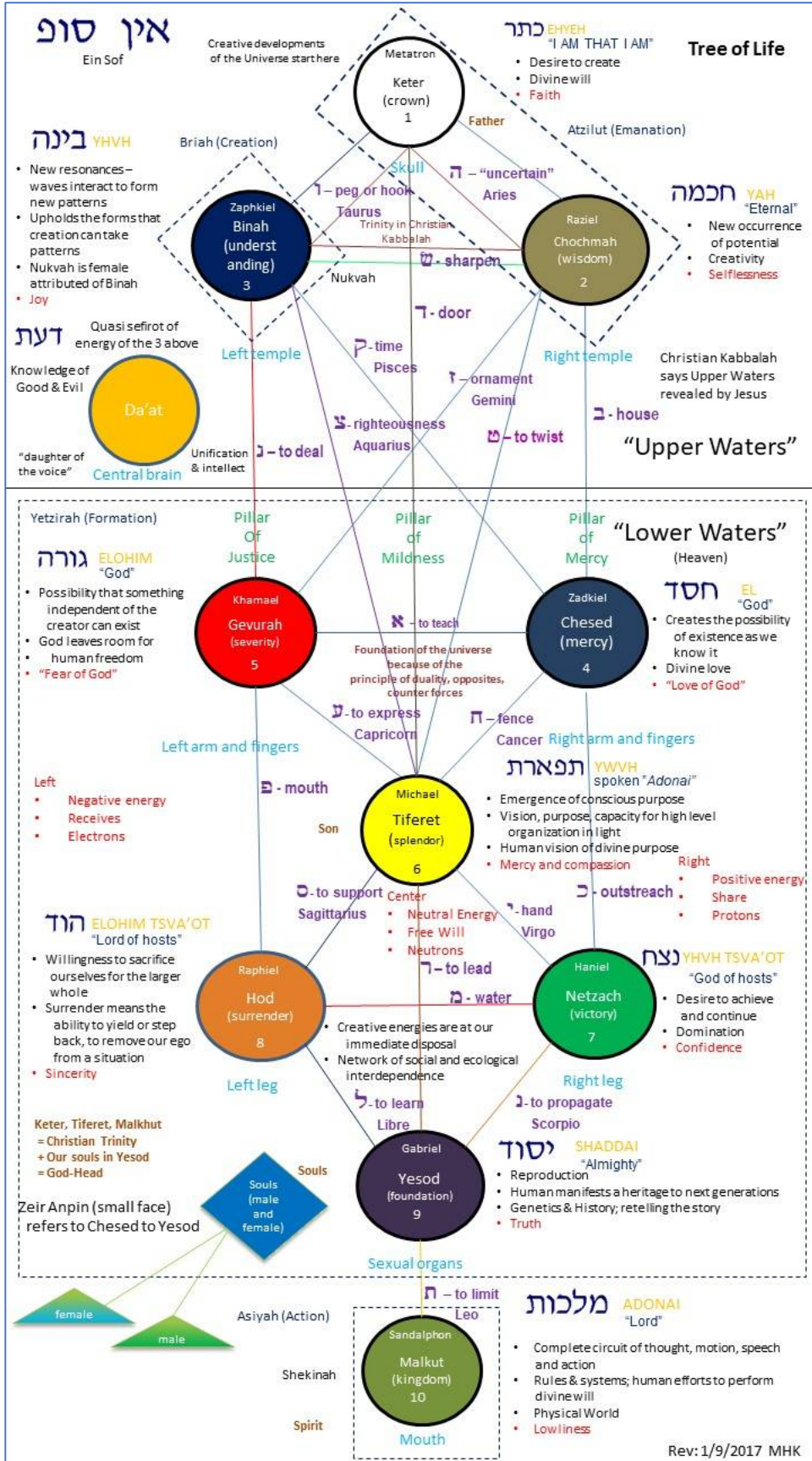
Notes on the Psalm

There are plenty of human behaviors that are abhorrent to the LORD. The LORD's gift to us is the Bible. In these sacred writings is the list of behaviors that the LORD considers abhorrent. The Bible must be viewed as a gift. Yes, it has some Laws in it. However, the laws are there to help humanity in its quest to get closer to Heaven. Today there are people, including clergy, who want to disregard the Bible as an ancient book of stories. If this is allowed to happen then what guide does humanity have to please the LORD? The answer is obvious, none. The Bible must be held up as a sacred document which never changes. Learn how to please the LORD because it is necessary for the soul to return to Heaven.

The 4/5 soul (there are five parts to the soul according to the Zohar) comes to Malkhut (Earth) to join its 1/5 parts which is the flesh. As a complete soul, the objective is to learn about the LORD and to show the LORD that the soul wants to

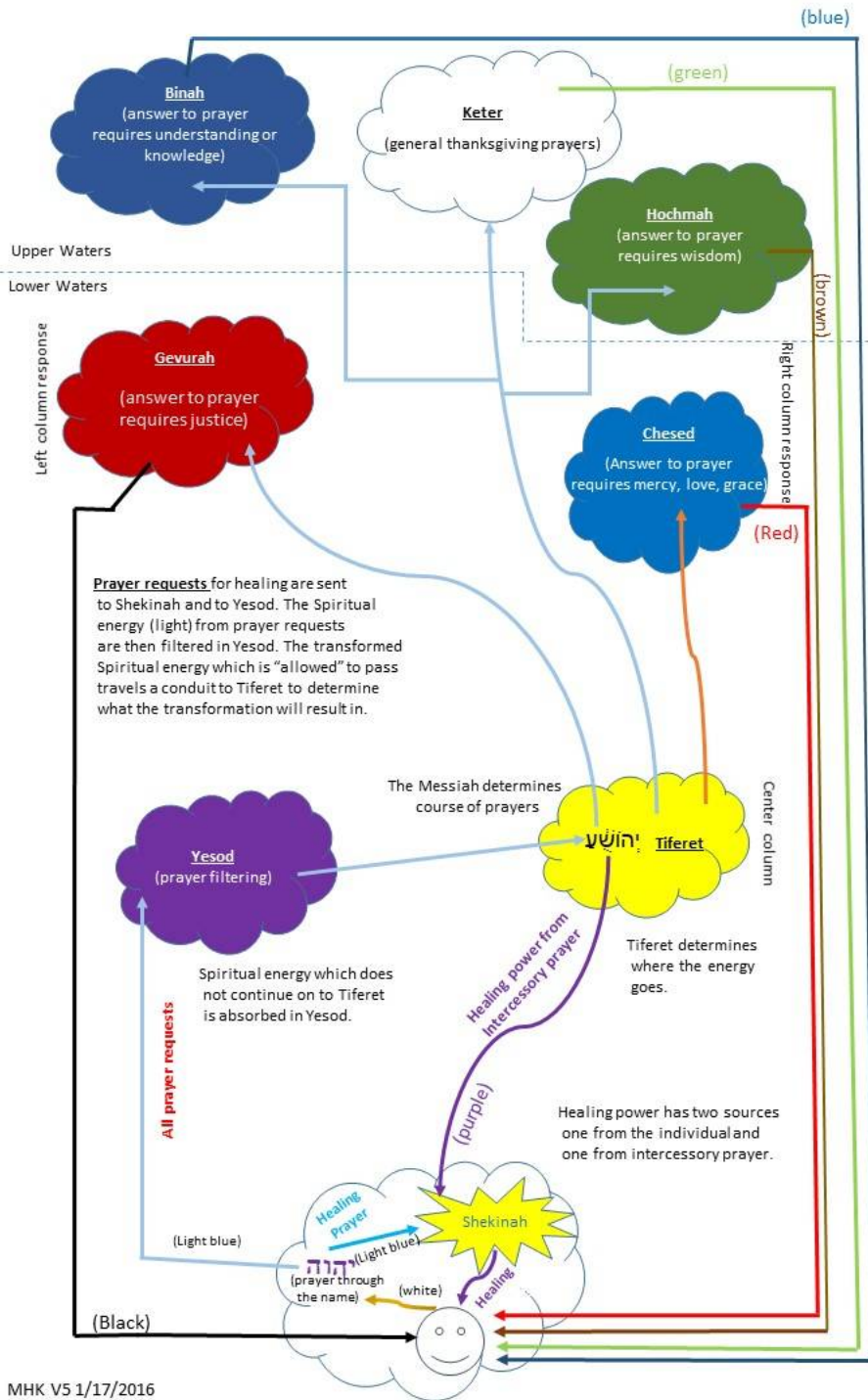
return to Heaven and serve Him. This can only occur by following the LORD's word (the sacred Bible). To follow human made institutions or artificial documents is the path to Sheol (Hell). Let no one tell you to toss out the Bible.

Appendix



Mystical Methodology to Prayer

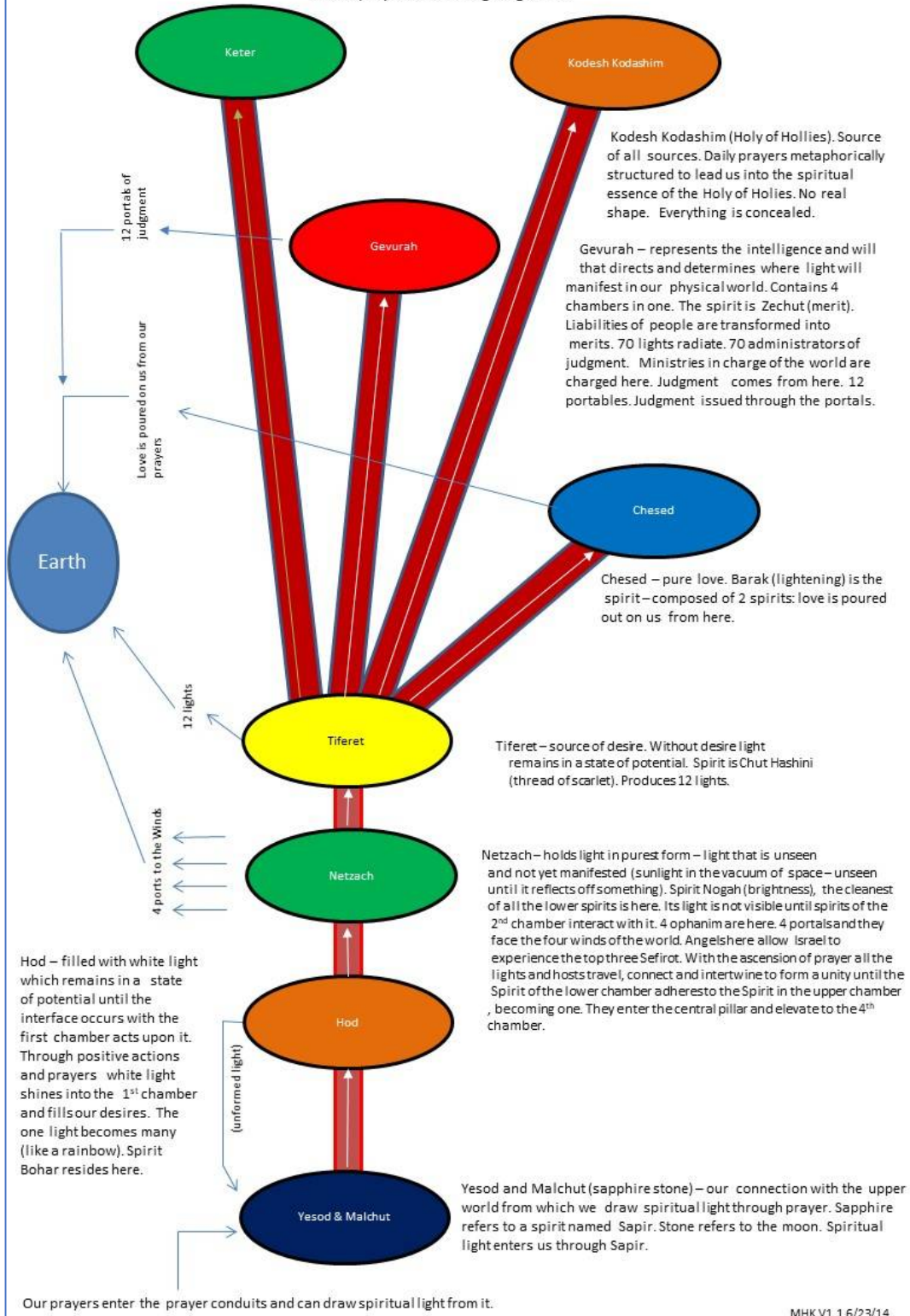
All prayers result in spiritual energy which rises through the conduits that connect Sefirot realms. The "answer" to prayers is the transformation of spiritual energy from its original frequency to an appropriate frequency which will give the necessary results.



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