

Rabbi's Reflections - Friday, January 16, 2026  
(Early) Shabbat Shalom {{firstName}},

**Psalms**  
**Psalm 44:23-27(22-26) – Part 6**

**Psalm 44:23 But for Your sake we are slain all day. We are counted as sheep for slaughter. 24 Awake! Why do you sleep, my Lord? Wake up! Do not cast us off forever. 25 Why do You hide Your face and forget our misery and oppression? 26 For our soul sinks down to the dust. Our belly cleaves to the earth. 27 Arise, be our help, and redeem us for Your mercy's sake.**

Paul actually quotes verse 23 to the Romans (8:36) when he says, **As it is written, "For Your sake we are being put to death all day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter."**

But the Psalmist isn't going to leave us there, and neither did Paul...  
**Romans 8:37 But in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.**

Rabbi Trail: Who is "more than a conqueror?" You might be surprised to find out it is actually a woman. Every football player that wins the Super Bowl will receive a half million dollar bonus. When he comes home with that hefty check and his wife says, "Hand it over," that makes her more than a conqueror. What, you wanted a more serious Rabbi Trail? End RT.

Seriously, the victory we have through Messiah Yeshua's resurrection is the ultimate victory. It is life from the dead, and not just life, but eternal life in the presence of the King of kings. That makes us "more than conquerors."  
**Isaiah 25:8 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.**

That's a great way to end the week. Most of Psalm 44 is filled with expressions of trial and tribulation. Can the expression be any lower than **Psalm 44:26 For our soul sinks down to the dust. Our belly cleaves to the earth?** Yet, we are not left there. The last verse of Psalm 44 is a call to God to help us and redeem us, "L'ma'an Chas'de'cha" (two Hebrew words meaning, "for the sake of Your mercy, grace and lovingkindness.")

So we see that the last verse of Psalm 44 is a call to God, that He will rise up and redeem His people. The same conclusion is also expressed in the next verse of Isaiah... **Isaiah 25:9 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.”**

That’s a happy ending to our week. Shabbat shalom.

Daily Bread, reading plan by Lars Enarson (<https://www.thewatchman.org/>)

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Ex 8:23-9:16 [8:19-9:16] 1 Ki 8 Ps 107 Lk 20:27-47 (Eph 6)