

MA TOVU – How Lovely

A collection of Scripture verses emphasizing praise directed towards assembling in the synagogue, a Beit Hallel, a house of praise with the intention of opening up the sanctuary service for worship of Adonai

Numbers 24:5, Psalm 5:8, Psalm 26:8, Psalm 95:6, Psalm 69:14

מַה טּוֹב אֵהְלִיךָ יַעֲקֹב, מִשְׁכַּנְתֶּיךָ
יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאֲנִי בְּרֹב חַסְדֶּיךָ אָבוֹא
בֵּיתְךָ,

Ma toe-vu o-ha-leh-cha Ya-a-kov

meesh-k'no-teh-cha Yisrael. Va-a- nee b'rove chahs-d'cha a-voe vay- teh-cha,

אֲשַׁתְּחוּהָ אֵל הַיְכָל קִדְשֶׁךָ
בִּירְאָתְךָ. יְיָ אֶהְבְּתִי מֵעוֹן בֵּיתְךָ,
וּמְקוֹם מִשְׁכַּן כְּבוֹדְךָ.

esh-ta-cha-veh el hay-chahl kahd-sh'cha b'yeer-a-teh-cha. Adonai a-hav
tee m'own bay-teh-cha u-m'kome meesh-kahn k'voe-deh-cha.

וְאֲנִי אֲשַׁתְּחוּהָ וְאֶכְרַעָה,
אֲבָרְכָה לִפְנֵי יְיָ עֹשִׂי.
וְאֲנִי, תִּפְלְתִי לָךְ יְיָ, עֵת רְצוֹן,

Va-a-nee esh-ta-cha-veh v'ech-ra- ah, ev-r'cha leef-nay Adonai o-see.
Va-a-nee t'fee-la-tee l'cha Adonai ate ra-tzon,

אֱלֹהִים בְּרַב חַסְדֶּךָ, עֲוֹנֵי
בְּאַמַּת יְשׁוּעָה.

Eh-lo-heem b'rav chas-deh-cha, ah-nay-nee beh-eh-met Yeesh-eh- cha.

How lovely are your tents, O Jacob,
your dwelling places, O Israel.

O Lord, through Your abundant kindness
I will enter Your house,

in awe I will bow down toward Your Holy Sanctuary.

O Lord, I love the House where You dwell,
and the place where Your Glory resides.

I shall prostrate myself and bow, bend the knee before the Lord my Maker.

And as for me, my prayer is to You, O Lord, at a time of favor.

O God, in Your abundant grace, answer me with the truth of Your Salvation.