

49 Poetic Meditations for Counting the Omer or Turning toward a New Year

DAY 43

Chesed b'Malkhut / Loving-kindness within Divine Presence

Consider the elements
required for this journey.

Without *Chesed*,
Gevurah's structure can become harsh.
Without *Gevurah*,
Chesed's kindness can become so soft
it disappears.

Both are needed for the harmony of *Tiferet*
which holds the scaffolding in place
and allows for the enduring quality of *Netzach*.

Without the endurance of *Netzach*
the splendor of *Hod* would be short-lived,
and we might not have time to discover
the humility experienced
in the face of *Hod's* awesome power.

Awareness of *Hod* makes it possible
to be bound in *Yesod* to all that is holy
without being bound as slaves,
and our freedom of spirit
carries us towards the majesty
of *Malkhut*.

For today though,
the realm of creation rests on *Chesed*.
Through acts of random
and not-so-random kindness
we can remember,
kindness is ours, now and forever.

May kindness be a gift
channeled to you through the Divine
here at the 43rd Gate.