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**Quote From The Zohar:**

*“As long as one holds fast to the Covenant (absolute faith in the Divine), preserving it, so the blessed Holy One preserved him; but all his contemporaries failed to preserve it, so the blessed Holy One eliminated them from the world.” (Gevurah)*

**The Upper and Lower Worlds**

Kabbalah teaches that what occurs here on earth (the “lower world” is a reflection of what goes on in the “upper world” – the heavenly dimensions. (similar to the ancient Greek view of the Gods and their Olympian dramas)

- **The War In heaven**
- Kabbalah teaches that a “war in heaven” precedes / causes the fall of human beings into the fundamental strife.
  - The higher heavenly host led by the rebellious angel decided to oppose the path of evolution, requiring loss and letting go (Gevurah) for ascension to a higher level.
  - This is the inner, spiritual cause of human beings with radical views opposed to the way of harmonious and loving oneness in the world and surrender to the cosmic will (Kether) with perfect trust; ie: a refusal to let go and surrender.

**Gevurah**

- **Corresponds to fire**, as in the fire of pain and suffering for purification and elimination of personality attachments.
- Key terms for Gevurah include: Discipline, restraint, elimination, severance, justice, pruning, harshness, difficulty, withholding, conflict, sacrifice
  - Without Gevurah, Sphere 5, creation would expand endlessly beyond form
  - Gevurah is the necessary limits imposed upon creation to contain and fulfill Binah’s form, conception, plan and purpose
  - We must apply it IN RIGHT MEASURE to manifest the specific outcomes that our heart desires
- When any suffering, difficulty or disturbance occurs, accept it as Gevurah (justice) burning away karma, misalignment.
  - Ie: surrender to it with trust, acceptance and gratitude
- Going up the Tree (the way of return) we need to apply the discipline, rigor (Sphere 5) to receive the full measure of Divine Benevolence (Sphere 4)
  - The deepest losses take us through the Death (key 13) of personality’s lordship (key 15) to liberate the soul’s rulership (Key 21) over life
- *Pachad* – Hebrew for fear - is associated with Gevurah as that is the first response of the unenlightened to difficulty;
  - Stay rooted in Chessed for the greater gain that is coming
- Gevurah, as it relates to justice, is also called “Din” – Hebrew for “justice” and it comes to us not just from the present life-time.
  - Accept all encounters with difficulty as preludes to greater gain, freedom and abundance.

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**Notice the Principles** of Rhythmic Alternation, Balance and Polarity on the Tree and in your day:

- Sphere 4 is expansion and giving
- Sphere 5 is contraction and withholding or losing (sacrifice)
- Sphere 6 represents their beautiful, balanced harmony
- Practice rhythmic alternation in daily living and be prepared for the rhythmic alternation of opposites in your life.

**Exercises in Gevurah:**

- What do you have to eliminate?
- Where are you giving too much?
- What are you giving too much of?
- Where are you withholding too much?
- What are you withholding?
- Where do you need to exercise clearer boundaries and sterner discipline?
- What do you regret / what are you repentant of?
- Accept Gevurah with 100% Accountability
  - All suffering is self-imposed
  - All difficulties are just and perfect opportunities
  - No one can take advantage of you without your cooperation?

**Meet God: Yod Heh Vuv Heh**

You meet God when you encounter The Power Of:

1. Will
2. Wisdom
3. Understanding
4. Mercy
5. Justice
6. Beauty
7. Victory
8. Glory / Majesty
9. Joined and United in "The Foundation" and projected into
10. The Kingdom

**Meet yourself: Eh Heh Yeh**

Your Divine Nature (how you are "made in the image of God" – that "image" exists in Binah, Divine Understanding, the source of all mental imagery) means that you are One with the 10 Divine Powers of the Tree:

- 1 Your Will is Causal In Nature
2. You are Perfectly Wise,
3. Perfectly Understanding,
4. Perfectly benevolent, Merciful, Loving, Kind and graceful.

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5. You have a keen sense of Justice and the strength to wield it.
6. You are Perfectly Beautiful, Balanced and Harmonious.
7. You Are Intrinsically Victorious,
8. Glorious and Majestic
9. And (in Yesod) you combine all of these qualities into a perfectly balanced and harmonious amalgam, which you then project into
- 10 The Kingdom of earthly experience.

The more that you identify with your Tree-Self, your Divine Self, as your True Self, the more the fruit of its message manifests in your earthly conditions. This requires discipline: Gevurah

**The Divine Creative (Manifestation Process)** (requires discipline, Gevurah)

- **Sphere 1:** the Divine Intention to create the universe
- **Sphere 2:** The Divine Wisdom God follows in creating
- **Sphere 3:** The Divine Concept, Plan or Vision for Creation
- **Sphere 4:** The commencement of the creative process
- Sphere 5: God sets boundaries, “the firmament” delineating form
- **Sphere 6:** Beauty guides the blending of Chesed and Gevurah.
- **Sphere 7:** Nature is God’s Victory in creation, a Masterpiece
- **Sphere 8:** Nature’s Grandeur and Majesty is the radiance or Splendor of the Divine
- **Sphere 9:** All of the above elements are synthesized and projected into...
- **Sphere 10:** The Kingdom (material world)

**Astrological Association with Gevurah, Sphere 5, Justice**

- **Mars, planet of war**
  - The Divine “goes to war” – Karma, Justice - against the personality patterns that misalign with the soul’s purpose, which is to express the Tree-self on earth.
    - This manifests as our daily living challenges.
  - **See Tarot Key 16:** The Lightning Struck Tower (see the pattern of the lightning) – destruction of circumstances based on false ideas, assumptions or beliefs including the belief in separation and external permanence.

**The fifth Sphere associates with Key 5:**

- The Hierophant warns: Keep the hidden forces of Gevurah (karma) in mind when considering an action.
- See the relationship between Tarot Keys 4 and 5: The Emperor and The Hierophant:
  - When applying the discipline of rulership imposing order over your mind and actions, *listen* to the inner voice that warns of Gevurah’s consequences of a misstep.

**The 5-pointed star of mastery: The Pentacle**

The number 5 corresponds with mastery: the discipline needed to shape our forces of:

1. Consciousness, 2. Thought, 3. Feeling, 4. Speech, 5. Action

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**The sword in Tarot Key 12**

- The judgment (Gevurah) we must impose upon ourselves for inner equanimity and to keep our forces in line
- And the judgment imposed upon the universe by the Divine

**The type of Intelligence associated with Sphere 5:**

- **Radical** – affecting the fundamental nature of something
- Gevurah losses take us down to the root, where we realize our true priority, and discover that which remains: our eternal nature
  - Notice how radical views and actions are promulgated in today's world, indicating (prophesizing) a time of Justice (Gevurah) coming down.
- Path 3 – 5: Disciplining (5) our conceptions (3) for aligned understanding and imagination.

**The Gevurah of Chessed**

- You cannot stay where you are or hold onto what you have
  - You must go through loss for greater gain
  - This is the law of evolution in creation

**Gevurot D'Abba**

- A faculty provided by our connection to Gevurah enabling us to distinguish between truth and falsehood, right and wrong.
  - Those who ignore it are lost.

**Path 4-5: Strength (Tarot Key 8)**

Apply discipline on your wild thoughts, emotions, speech action.

**Wise / Magical Discipline**

- Symbolized by the serpent with its tail in its mouth around the waist of The Magician
- The circle of the serpent symbolizes containment and restraint
- The tail in the mouth represents understanding of Karma and the wisdom of wielding that understanding (what goes around comes around – the tail are the consequences of deeds coming back to you)
- The serpent on The Magician and represented by the lion's tail in Key 8 also represents the power of the Christos, the kundalini, Ruach Elohim, Divine Energy that is released through proper disciplining of our direction of our power.

**Gevurah In Relationships**

- The Law of 3: Self-Other-Relationship between
- If you ignore or overlook either of these elements, Gevurah or difficulty, strife, dissolution sets in.

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- Too much Gevurah and not enough loving kindness generates excessive harshness that undermines the relationship
- Too much Chesed, too much giving in, creates unbalance and self-debasement, creating discord and again, undermining the relationship.

### **The Angels of Gevurah:**

#### **Seraphim:** Fiery Serpents

- See the association of Fire with Gevurah mentioned above.
- Their serpentine form suggests the subtle, mysterious and even frightening way that Gevurah enters into our circumstances.

#### **Gevurah of Mental / Emotional Suffering**

- This is necessary as long as one remains identified with the ego / false self / personality.
  - It leads to the quest for liberation from ego-dominance (see Tarot Key 15)
- However, they represent a misuse of your power, because your power flows into them/
- You continue suffering with this form of Gevurah until you are willing to surrender to Kether (Divine Will) and take your creative forces in hand - including use of The Method for your release.

#### **Chaioth he Qadesh: Holy Living Creatures**

- These were the angels seen by Ezekiel in his Prophetic Vision of The Chariot
  - They each have four faces: See Tarot Keys 10 and 21
  - They represent the 4 rules of magic:
    - To know, to will, to dare, to be silent
- These are the angels of Kether, Sphere 1 on the Tree
- Their function is to transmit the highest spiritual energies
- The discipline of Gevurah in preservation of joyful, harmonious, beautiful balance in your life prepares you for and permit the entry of those high influences

#### **Gevurah and Creation:**

- We create at the highest level, Briah, by directing (disciplining, Gevurah) our Power To Be Conscious of the experience we want to have.

#### **Gevurah and Evil**

In Kabbalah Evil is referred to as Sitra Ahrah: The Other Side

- Evil is what happens when Gevurah is overlooked or overly applied.
  - The purpose of our confrontation with it is to drive us into closer union with The Tree – ie: to raise ourselves

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**Final Meditation:** The Temple Meditation On What You Need to eliminate, (ie: anger, sorrow, anxiety, etc.) with the aid of the Fiery Serpents and the 4 Archangels

- Abundance: Chesed
- Enlightenment: Tiphareth
- Gratitude: Hod
- Divine Oneness: Metatron (the highest archangel – associated with Kether, bestowing Eh-Heh-Yeh: I Am That I Am; ie: The Power To Be Conscious

**THE STAR LORDS' SONG**

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*We are the Star Lords, are Names are hid  
In the whispering winds and the galactic grid  
That binds in one vast unbroken chain  
The petals of a flower and the cosmic brain.*

*Our Names are stamped on the flakes of snow  
Through endless aeons our patterns grow  
And we guide and guard through the endless dark  
Each questing flame and searching spark.*

*In the Breath beyond breath, in silence we dwell  
To transmute the chaos in man's ignorant hell  
To a slowly growing, conscious flame  
That begins to touch our Hidden Name.*

*Of the Building Tones, Protectors of Light  
That measure the day and weave the night  
To an ordered blessing of measured hours  
Symbol functions of immutable powers.*

*We order the patterns, the measure, the force  
The ceaseless flow from manifest to Source  
The Being-Becoming of the Guardians of Light  
From the birthing dark to enshrine the sight.*