

BUT GOD WILL RECEIVE ME

YAHSHUA said, *Truly, truly, I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes Him Who has sent Me, has everlasting life; he does not come before the judgment, but he passes from death to life (John 5:24).* Passing from death to life is surely being transported from hell to the eternal home with YAHSHUA our Savior. In this natural world, we are very much preoccupied with things of no eternal value in a way that we become distracted from our most important future. It is this promise that keeps us free from fear of death. Our transitory and fleeting existence on this earth is but a dream that came and went in the course of the night. Death, therefore, is just a transition from earth to our eternal abode, called heaven. The process is painless and fast, depending where we are going. Paul said, *But I am hard pressed between the two. My yearning desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far, far better; but to remain in my body is more needful and essential for your sake (Phil. 1:23-24).* When we are attached to our heavenly home, nothing in this world should prioritize our mind, as YAHSHUA told to the disciples, *Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, I would have told you, for I am going away to prepare a place for you (John 14:1-2).* The hope that He is preparing us a place in heaven is reason good enough to shift our attention and priority to it. *The thief cried while facing death, Lord, remember me when you come into kingly glory! And YAHSHUA answered him, Truly, I tell you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise (Luke 23:42-43).* Today, we can cry to Him in repentance and He will change our destiny from death to life.

It is important for us to be born again in order to enter the kingdom of God. For it is not through the natural birth, but through the spiritual birth that we are connected to the promise of eternal life. YAHSHUA said, *What is born of flesh is flesh; what is born of the Spirit is spirit... You must be born anew! (John 3: 6-7).* This gift was given to us when at the cross YAHSHUA bought us with His precious blood. There, He reconciled us to the Father. As He was purchasing us from the power of Satan, He cried, *My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? (Ps. 22:1).* He suffered the pain of hell for us all who received His redemption. With that, He gave up His life and died. That was just the beginning of something of eternal value- men's reconciliation to God. That's when heaven's door was opened for those whosoever will. A beautiful gift was presented to the world, sealed with YAHSHUA'S precious blood. That's why at the end of our journey we can say, "God will receive me." It is as the psalmist said, *As for me, I will continue beholding Your face in righteousness; I shall be fully satisfied, when I awake beholding Your form [and having sweet communion with You] (Ps. 17:15).* Imagine that! The future so beautiful, complete with joy, peace, not mentioning the breath-taking place itself. Just thinking about seeing YAHSHUA of Whom we heard so much; seeing His scarred hands and feet- the proof of the price He paid to purchase us, will give us strength to go through fires life brings us. Paul said, *I consider that the sufferings of this present time (this present life) are not worth being compared with the glory that is about to be revealed to us and in us and for us and conferred on us! (Rom. 8:17).* The certainty of knowing where we are going after this life, is the reason why we are not afraid of death. The transfer of God's saints to heaven is very precious in the sight of the Lord (Ps. 116:15). *But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave; for He shall*

receive me (Ps. 49:15). How can a holy God care for such sinner as we are? What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him? (Ps.8:4) These are David's words acknowledging God's excellent name and power over the world. In a humble attitude, he uttered these words for the world to know, which have lasted and will last forever.

Reconciled with God, we have peace; that peace that only He can give; the peace that passes all understanding, for there is no more condemnation for those who are in YAHSHUA Messiah (Rom. 5:1). Salvation is only through YAHSHUA'S sacrifice, and not through the works of our hands. Salvation provided from the cross was sufficient, because it was through His blood that forgiveness reached deeply into our soul, cleansed and made it whole. YAHSHUA said, *I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me. (John 14:6).*

The Bible says, *Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is (1 John 3:2).* As God's children, we are promised to be as He is, when we see Him. The welcome home we will hear when we see His face will be most rewarding. Just being able to enter heaven at the words of our Savior saying, Welcome My child, will be glory unspeakable.

Paul said, *but we are citizens of the state which is in heaven, and from it also earnestly and patiently await [the coming of] the Lord YAHSHUA the Savior, Who will transform and fashion anew the body of our humiliation to conform to and be like the body of His glory and majesty, by exerting that power which enables Him even to subject everything to Himself (Phil. 3:20-21).* The Holy Spirit sealed our ticket to heaven with the blood of YAHSHUA, guaranteeing our salvation. *If the world hated you, (YAHSHUA said) know that it hated Me before it hated you; if you belonged to the world, the world would treat you with affection and would love you as its own. But because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world the world hates you (John 15:18-19).* He said, Here I am, I and that children whom God has given Me. Since therefore, [these His] children share in flesh and blood, He in a similar manner partook of the same [nature], that by death He might bring to nought and make of no effect him who had the power of death – that is, the devil -and also that He might deliver and completely set free all those who through the [haunting] fear of death were held in bondage throughout the whole course of their lives (Heb.2:14-15). Without this redeeming act of the Lord, we would be held condemned to eternal death. *And how shall we escape if we neglect and refuse to pay attention to such a great salvation? For it was declared at first by the Lord [Himself] and was confirmed to us and proved to be real and genuine by those who personally heard [Him speak] (Heb.2:3).*

YAHSHUA is the only door to heaven. The price required for us to enter it, He paid it in full. There is no salvation in anyone else, but through Him only. However, the way to heaven is narrow, very narrow, limited only to those who will leave behind the worldly ways to pursue God's holiness. The writer to the letter to the Hebrews admonishes us saying, *Therefore, while the promise of entering His (God's) rest still holds and is offered [today], let us be afraid [to distrust it], lest any of you should think he has come too late and has come short of [reaching] it, for indeed, we have had the glad tidings proclaimed to us just as truly as they [the Israelites of old did when the good news of deliverance from bondage came to them]; but the message they heard did not benefit them, because it was not mixed with faith by those who heard it (Heb. 4:1-*

2). It is by faith, mingled with the message we have heard that we will make it to heaven. It is by faith that we can say, "God will receive me." *I know in Whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that He is able to guard and keep that which has been entrusted to me and which I have committed until that day (II Tim. 1:12).* I know that He will receive me at the end of my journey here. How about you?

THINK ABOUT IT!