

# Come To Me

## A Primer on Deliverance By Gentle Eagle

*Come to Me, all you who are troubled and  
weighted down with care, and I will give you rest.  
Take My yoke on you and become like Me, for I  
am gentle and without pride, and you will have  
rest for your souls; for My yoke is good, and the  
weight I take up is not hard.*

(Matthew 11:28-30)

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## Preface

I was raised in a Christian home and went to church all my life. My parents were strongly involved in each church we attended, and they were always good friends and supporters of their pastors. They knew the Bible well, taught Bible classes and witnessed unashamedly for Christ. I accepted Jesus (*Yahusha*) as my Savior when I was five years old, in a neighborhood Bible class which was conducted by my mother every week. It was no surprise that at the age of thirteen, I committed my life to the ministry. It was no surprise that I was attracted to and married a preacher's daughter. I graduated from a Christian High School and then Bible College with a bachelor's degree, majoring in Bible and Pastoral Theology, and minoring in Biblical Languages. I pastored two denominational churches for a total of 28 years. I defended the doctrines and distinctives of the denomination while I was pastoring.

Through the years, I continued to learn Scriptural teachings that I had not learned while growing up or in school. As I would teach these principles, I was aware that there were church members that rejected the teachings simply because the information had never been taught to them in the churches they had attended. I quit teaching these new-found lessons and stayed within the traditionally accepted fundamentals. My spirit became dormant and I wandered like a ship without a sail. I had to decide whether to stay with church tradition or move ahead in my spiritual walk. I chose to leave the corporate denominational church and allow Scriptural truths to enter my belief system without having to defend anything man made.

This question came into my mind. If I had just come to Earth from a faraway planet and someone handed me a Bible and I read it and chose to believe it and live it, what would I believe and how would I live? I

have always believed in God (*Yahu*) and I choose to accept the entire Bible as His personal Word to me. As I began this path, I wanted to know what the whole Bible says about each topic. I would need to have Biblical definitions; words used in the original languages and locate all the scriptures that touched the various topics. Then I could organize the verses into collections of Biblical principles. Of course, this becomes a lifetime of effort with continual revisions because there will always be things that you have never seen before. These principles would not be perfect and complete studies, but I would try to honor God and speak His word without sidestepping or ignoring the uncomfortable.

I trust that you will read the following exercise and receive truth into your heart. Please, do not be on the defensive, but come to truth as a sojourner, eager to learn the ways of a new-found land. I hope that you will have the courage to allow Spirit to move you toward God's way. The Scriptures quoted are from the *1965 Bible in Basic English*, edited by Gentle Eagle using *Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries*. You will notice a Hebraic twist on the editing. This will help you look at the topics in a way that has not become so familiar to our culture. I include many Scripture readings along with personal commentary. The Word of God by the Spirit of God will be the force that changes lives and the Wind that will lift you to higher ground.

I have not discovered something new but something old. I am not trying to reinvent the wheel, but I am trying to be a spiritual benefit to my civilization. Let me thank you in advance for reading the entire essay and I hope that you will be a better person for investing this time.

## Introduction

What should be the first topic? Maybe, the first topic should be what Messiah taught we must have. Yahusha said, *“Do not be surprised that I say to you, it is necessary for you to have a second birth (John 3:7).”* In other words, we must have a new beginning; a deliverance. We need to have salvation. I will ask the same question that was asked the disciples *“Sirs, what have I to do to get salvation (Acts 16:30)?”*

When the Bible speaks of salvation coming from God, two primary words are used. The Hebrew word translated “saved” is *chayah* which means to live or to revive. Doesn't that sound like being born again? Another word is *yasha* which means to be open, wide or free (to be safe or delivered). The Greek word *sozo* simply means to be saved.

I looked up all the verses in the Bible that used these words. I eliminated verses that did not address our topic, and I sorted the rest of the verses according to the principles taught by them. I found that there are seven principles taught concerning Biblical salvation and deliverance. These verses can be applied to the new birth experience as well as deliverance in life challenges.

Messiah said, *“Go in by the narrow door; for wide is the door and open is the way which goes to destruction, and great numbers go in by it. For narrow is the door and hard the road to life, and only a small number make discovery of it. (Matthew 7:13-14)”*

The idea that salvation and deliverance come effortless is a myth promoted by the modern church to build mega congregations. There will be genuine labor involved, but God did not make it this way to cause you to fail. He made it this way to make your success greater than you could imagine.

Salvation is a process that takes place over time as the supernatural overcomes the natural. A baby begins in the mother's womb and then is born in time. There is a time of conception and a time of birth, and there is a step by step formation during that gestation period. In order to understand Biblical salvation without contradiction, you must see that the work of grace is both punctiliar and linear.

The idea of eternal or everlasting life is the concept of perpetual living. You may think of salvation as merely necessary to go to Heaven when you die, but salvation or deliverance is the dimension where perpetual life exists, now and forever.

The entire Scriptures were written to show us how to have and maintain a relationship with God and the best way to live for personal profit and the benefit of our planet. I have written in these pages, not to compete with Scripture, but to show you how to escape the chains of bondage and enter in to the land of promise.

These principles follow a logical progression and blend from one to the other. To eliminate any of the principles would be to manipulate truth, causing division and corruption. I know that this is not unabridged, but I believe that I am telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth as far as I am able to testify.

I believe that you need to continue to read and absorb truth into your belief system. If you do not agree with me, make sure that you agree with absolute truth. The search begins with the first principle.

## Principle #1: Fear Yahu.

You are not going to recognize that you need saving unless you are able to understand that you are in danger. Fear is a result of the belief that you are up against a power greater than yourself, and at the point of losing control. Fear can be good or bad depending on the action or lack of action it produces.

A child standing in the road does not realize the danger of the traffic and is not afraid. An elephant can be petrified by a mouse and go crazy. An angel of God could scare you to death or motivate righteous activity.

You can be ignorant of God and not do anything He wants you to do; be afraid of God and get as far away as possible; be angry with God and fight Him; or respect the power of God and obey His commands.

The wrath of Yahu is to be feared and will be feared by all people sometime. The prophet said, *“And the nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time for the dead to be judged, and the time of reward for Your servants, the prophets, and for the saints, and for those in whom is the fear of Your Name, small and great, and the time of destruction for those who made the earth unclean (Rev 11:18).”*

Most people do not know enough about God to be afraid of Him. Some have chosen to ignore Him, and others think that they can beat Him. Deliverance begins when you recognize the awesomeness of Yahu God and fear Him.

*For there is a revelation of the wrath of God from heaven against all the wrongdoing and evil thoughts of men who keep down what is true by wrongdoing; because the knowledge of God may be seen in them, God having made it clear to them. For from the first making of the world, those things of God which the eye*

*is unable to see, that is, His eternal power and existence, are fully made clear, He having given the knowledge of them through the things which He has made, so that men have no reason for wrongdoing: because, having the knowledge of God, they did not give glory to God as God, and did not give praise, but their minds were full of foolish things, and their hearts, being without sense, were made dark (Rom 1:18-21).*

*But by your hard and unchanged heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of the revelation of God's judging in righteousness; Who will give to every man His right reward: To those who go on with good works in the hope of glory and honor and salvation from death, He will give eternal life: but to those who, from a love of competition, are not guided by what is true, will come the heat of His wrath (Rom 2:5-8).*

*As it is said in the holy Writings, There is not one who does righteousness; not one who has the knowledge of what is right, not one who is a searcher after God; they have all gone out of the way, there is no profit in any of them; there is not one who does good, not so much as one: their throat is like an open place of death; with their tongues they have said what is not true: the poison of snakes is under their lips: whose mouth is full of curses and bitter words: their feet are quick in running after blood; destruction and trouble are in their ways; and of the way of peace they have no knowledge: there is no fear of God before their eyes (Rom 3:10-18).*

*Unhappy is the sinner, for the reward of his evil doings will come on him (Isa 3:11).*

*God said, "See, all souls are Mine; as the soul of the father, so the soul of the son is Mine: death will be the fate of the sinner's soul. . . . The soul which does sin will be put to death: the son will not be made*

*responsible for the evil-doing of the father, or the father for the evil-doing of the son; the righteousness of the upright will be on himself, and the evil-doing of the evil-doer on himself (Eze 18:4, 20)."*

*Let no man say when he is tested, I am tested by God; for it is not possible for God to be tested by evil and He Himself puts no man to such a test: but every man is tested when he is turned out of the right way by the attraction of his desire. Then when its time comes, desire gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is of full growth, gives birth to death (Jas 1:13-15).*

*But Yahu is the true God; He is the living God and an eternal King: when He is angry, the earth is shaking with fear, and the nations give way before His wrath (Jer 10:10).*

The fear of Yahu is a great gift that He gives to those who believe in Him. Yeshayahu (Isaiah) said, *"Yahu is lifted up; His place is on high: He has made Zion full of righteousness and true religion. And she will have no more fear of change, being full of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge: the fear of Yahu is her wealth (Isa 33:5-6)."*

God is quoted as saying, *"And they will be My people, and I will be their God: and I will give them one heart and one way, so that they may go on in the worship of Me forever, for their good and the good of their children after them: and I will make an eternal agreement with them, that I will never give them up, but ever do them good; and I will put the fear of Me in their hearts, so that they will not go away from Me (Jer 32:38-40)."*

God is the One Who has made up the rules of this game that we call life. If you play by His rules, He will make a way for you to win. But, if you do not want to follow the rules, you can't play. Please read these

verses that teach that salvation will come to those who respect the awesomeness of Yahu.

*The angel of Yahu is ever watching over those who have fear of Him, to keep them safe (Psa 34:7).*

*Truly, His salvation is near to His worshippers (fearing; morally reverent); so that glory may be in our land (Psa 85:9).*

*As the heaven is high over the earth, so great is His mercy to His worshippers (Psa 103:11).*

*But the mercy of Yahu is eternal for His worshippers, and their children's children will see His righteousness; if they keep His agreement, and have His laws in mind to do them (Psa 103:17-18).*

*His mercy is for all generations in whom is the fear of Him (Luk 1:50).*

*My brothers, children of the family of Abraham, and those among you who have the fear of God, to us the word of this salvation is sent (Act 13:26).*

*So then, my loved ones, as you have at all times done what I say, not only when I am present, but now much more when I am not with you, give yourselves to working out your salvation with fear in your hearts; for it is God Who is the cause of your desires and of your acts, for His good pleasure (Php 2:12-13).*

Many people pray without realizing that they are sending messages to the almighty God of the universe. They command Him like He is the servant and we are His master. Because of this, people complain that God doesn't answer prayer, but the prayers for salvation of those who fear Yahu will be answered. *To His worshippers, He will give their desire; their cry comes to His ears, and He gives them salvation (Psa 145:19).*

*Yahusha (Jesus) in the days of His flesh, having sent up prayers and requests with strong crying and weeping to Him Who was able to give Him salvation from death, had His prayer answered because of His fear of God (Heb 5:7).*

The Almighty Yahu God is the judge over the entire world and one day He will pour His wrath upon the nations that reject Him. We have all sinned against Yahu and deserve everlasting punishment. The fear of God is a spiritual gift that separates good people from evil. God has made promises to the people who fear Him. This is the beginning of a supernatural life.

*The fear of Yahu is the best part of wisdom: all those who keep His laws are wise: His praise is eternal. (Psalms 111:10)*

*The fear of Yahu is the start of knowledge: but the foolish have no use for wisdom and teaching. (Proverbs 1:7)*

*The fear of Yahu is the start of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One gives a wise mind. (Proverbs 9:10)*

The first principle that we need to receive into our belief system for salvation is the requirement to fear Yahu God. This leads us immediately to the next principle of humility.

## Principle #2: Humble Yourself before Yahu

Humility is about attitude, and attitude is about altitude. In other words, humility is recognizing the proper authorities in your life and submitting to those authorities. God is the ultimate authority and we will have more advantage as we learn to come under His authority. Humility is not about being weak or passive, but it is the knowledge that Yahu God is Almighty Master.

*God took His place as judge, for the salvation of the poor on the earth (Psa 76:9). Yahu keeps the simple; I was made low, and He was my Savior (Psa 116:6). Take the Word into your souls without pride which, being planted there, is able to give you salvation (Jas 1:21).*

Humility is realizing that you cannot save yourself. You do not want to fight the lifeguard who is trying to save you. Let him do his job and he will get you to safety. We are going to break the law sometime and we will get caught. Our only salvation from the legal punishment will be a merciful Judge. God will show mercy when we acknowledge that He is right.

The next group of Scriptures is found in all the gospels and they are vital to our understanding of salvation. Messiah is teaching about salvation and His teachings would be confusing if they are taken out of the salvation message. He teaches that we are not to attempt to save ourselves and that we are to give up all desires to do so. We are not to put our salvation in the hands of any other man or religion.

The phrase “take up his cross” has to be interpreted in the context of salvation. The word *airo*, according to Strong’s Greek dictionary, means “to lift up; by implication, to take up or away”. Strong’s dictionary also says that *bastazo* comes “from the idea

of removal; to lift". Messiah said in Luke 14:27, *"Whoever does not take up (bastazo) his cross and come after me may not be my disciple."*

We cannot have our own cross and die for our own sins and live again. Yahusha has died for us and we must accept His cross. He is not teaching that we have to die for a cause in order to get to heaven, but that we need to give up trying to save ourselves.

There are other truths that we learn from these passages.

- All the money in the world is not enough to save us from the punishment of sin.
- We should not be embarrassed of Yahusha but embrace Him.
- Not to accept His sacrifice is to say that we are as good as or better than He is.
- Surrendering to Yahusha is truly loving ourselves.

*Then Yahusha said to His disciples, If any man would come after Me, let him give up all, and put away his cross, and come after Me. Because whoever has a desire to keep his mind safe will have it taken from him; but whoever gives up his mind because of Me, will have it given back to him. For what profit has a man, if he gets the entire world with the loss of his mind? Or what will a man give in exchange for his mind? For the Son of man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then He will give down to every man his works. Truly I say to you, there are some of those here who will not have a taste of death, until they see the Son of man coming in His kingdom (Mat 16:24-28). (Mar 8:34-38). (Luk 9:23-27).*

*If anyone makes an attempt to keep his mind, it will be taken from him, but if anyone gives up his mind, he will keep it (Luk 17:33).*

*He who is in love with his mind will have it taken from him; and he who has detest for his mind in this world will have perpetual life. If any man is My servant, let him come after Me; and where I am, there will My servant be. If any man becomes My servant, My Father will give him honor (Joh 12:25-26).*

I do not want to diminish the message that Messiah has given in the previous selections. It is not easy to totally forfeit all worthiness or entitlement. It is hard to believe that we do not deserve something after all that we have had to endure in this life. It is hard for us to change, but we can't keep walking on the same path and expect to end up somewhere else. It is difficult for us to lose our old identity and accept a new personality in Yahusha.

We think that freedom is being able to do anything that we desire to do. Well, where do the desires come from? Desires come from motivations originating outside of our own original thought. These desires attempt to manipulate and control our actions, and so in reality we are already servants to something. It is hard to submit to authority, but if we yield and become a servant of God, we will be with Him forever.

Pride condemns us to be in opposition against God, but humility enables us to see that anyone can be saved. If our deliverance comes by means of our own abilities, then why would we need deliverance in the first place? If we accept that we cannot save ourselves, but that God can save us, then deliverance is as real as our own heartbeat.

We as parents expect our children to trust us and submit to our authority for them to be nurtured,

protected, and cared for. Messiah used the children to illustrate the need to humble ourselves and submit to our heavenly Father.

*Then some people took little children to Him, so that He might put His hands on them in blessing: and the disciples said sharp words to them. But Yahusha said, let the little ones come to me, and do not keep them away: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. And He put His hands on them and went away.*

Yahusha demonstrates the fallacy in thinking that there is some commandment that we can obey that will take care of our salvation. When we think that we are self-sufficient, we think that we can accomplish anything without the need of someone else. There is nothing good that we can do to impress the perfect God. Remember that we cannot impress God with our morality. He can always see something that is corrupt.

*One came to Him and said, Master, what good thing have I to do, so that I may have eternal life? And He said to him, Why are you questioning Me about what is good? One there is Who is good: but if you have a desire to go into life, keep the rules of the law. He says to Him, Which? And Yahusha said, do not put anyone to death, do not be untrue in married life, do not take what is not yours, do not give false witness. Give honor to your father and your mother: and, have love for your neighbor as for yourself. The young man says to Him, All these things have I done: what more is there? Yahusha said to him, If you have a desire to be complete, go, get money for your property, and give it to the poor, and you will have wealth in heaven: and come after Me. But hearing these words the young man went away sorrowing: for he had much property.*

*And Yahusha said to His disciples, Truly I say to you, It is hard for a man with much money to go into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, It is simpler*

*for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a man with much money to go into the kingdom of God. And the disciples, hearing this, were greatly surprised, saying, Who then may have salvation? And Yahusha, looking at them, said, With men this is not possible; but with God all things are possible.*

Yahusha is not telling us to get rid of all our worldly possessions, but He is letting us know that we are not to trust in anything or anyone other than Him in order to be saved.

*Then Peter said to him, See, we have given up everything and have come after you; what then will we have? And Yahusha said to them, Truly I say to you that in the time when all things are made new, and the Son of man is seated in His glory, you who have come after me will be seated on twelve seats, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has let go houses, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or child, or land, for My Name, will be given a hundred times as much, and have perpetual life. But a great number who are first will be last, and some who are last will be first (Mat 19:13-30). (Mar 10:23-27).*

*And He made this story for some people who were certain that they were good and had a low opinion of others: Two men went up to the Temple for prayer; one a Pharisee, and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, taking up his position, said to himself these words: God, I give you praise because I am not like other men, who take more than their right, who are evil-doers, who are untrue to their wives, or even like this tax collector. Twice in the week I go without food; I give a tenth of all I have. The tax collector, on the other hand, keeping far away, and not lifting up even his eyes to heaven, made signs of grief and said, God, have mercy on me, a sinner. I say to you, this man went back to his house with God's approval, and not the other: for*

*everyone who makes himself high will be made low and whoever makes himself low will be made high. (Luk 18:9-30).*

The salvation of Yahusha is for those who need to be saved.

*Yahu is near the broken-hearted; He is the savior of those whose spirits are crushed down (Psa 34:18).*

*He will have pity on the poor and be the savior of those who are in need (Psa 72:13).*

*For the Son of Adam (Yahusha) has come to save what was lost (Matt 18:11).*

We need to fear Yahweh God because He is all powerful and the judge of the entire world. We need to fear Him because we have wronged Him and need His mercy. We need to reverently respect Him and submit to His authority. We need to admit that we cannot go it alone and we need His salvation. We need to understand that we are broken and need to be fixed. When we come to this place, we will begin to believe in Him.

### Principle #3: Believe in Yahu

Believing in something or having faith in someone involves the elements of quality, assignment and reliance. Many people would say that they believe in God and what they are saying is that they believe in the existence of God. Believing in God means that there is something that you are requiring of God, because He can perform the task at hand, and you are giving Him the opportunity to complete that project.

Initially this may appear as though you have become the master and God has become your slave, but if you would look at any relationship you would find these elements. A child qualifies a parent as having the ability to provide nourishment, because the parent is greater than the child. The child communicates the desire and waits on the parent to provide needed food that the child could not provide for himself. You do not want to enter into any relationship unless you have qualified the participant, agreed upon the expectations of the relationship and made an agreement based on the promise that the requirements will be completed.

An employer believes in the employee because he has been qualified, given an assignment and promises to fulfill the task. If the wrath of God is something that we need to be saved from then who better is qualified to provide that salvation than God Himself. If evil has been introduced into our life challenge, then we need a relationship with One Who is all good. Yahu God is the One that we need to believe in.

I have heard so many people say that they could not believe in a God who would allow bad things to happen. I must ask this question: what if God did not allow bad things to happen? Bad and good happen because of the laws of nature. It takes the supernatural to overcome the bad. We could not acknowledge the

supernatural if it was not for the natural. The supernatural God is the only One qualified to heal the bad that is in our world. We would not be wise to eliminate the only Source of supernatural good.

*And he said, Yahu is my Rock, my walled town, and my savior, even mine; my God, my Rock, in Him will I put my faith; my breastplate, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my safe place; my savior, Who keeps me safe from the violent man. I will send up my cry to Yahu, Who is to be praised; so will I be made safe from those who are against me (2Sa 22:2-4).*

*And Yahu will be their help and keep them safe: He will take them out of the hands of the evil-doers, and be their savior, because they had faith in Him (Psa 37:40).*

Yahusha taught the people to believe in Him by telling them that it was their own faith that brought about the miraculous. They knew that Yahusha could save them from evil, they required salvation by means of His power, and they expected Him to complete the assignment.

*And they came to Jericho: and when He was going out of Jericho, with His disciples and a great number of people, the son of Timaeus, Bartimaeus, a blind man, was seated by the wayside, with his hand out for money. And when it came to his ears that it was Yahusha of Nazareth, he gave a cry, and said, Yahusha, Son of David, have mercy on me. And some of them, turning in protest, gave him an order to be quiet: but he went on crying out all the more, Son of David, have mercy on me. And Yahusha came to a stop and said, Let him come. And crying out to the blind man, they said to him, Be comforted: come, He has sent for you. And he, putting off his coat, got up quickly, and came to Yahusha. And Yahusha said to him, What would you have Me do to you? And the blind man said,*

*Master, make me able to see. And Yahusha said to him, Go on your way; your faith has made you well. And straight away he was able to see and went after Him in the way (Mar 10:46-52).*

*And there was a woman in the town who was a sinner; and when she had news that He was a guest in the Pharisee's house, she took a bottle of perfume, And went in and took her place at the back of Him, near His feet, weeping, so that His feet were washed with the drops from her eyes, and with her hair she made them dry, and kissing His feet she put the perfume on them.*

*Now when the Pharisee in whose house He was saw it, he said to himself, This man, if he was a prophet, would be conscious what sort of woman this is who has put her hands on him, that she is a sinner. And Yahusha, answering, said, Simon, I have something to say to you. And he said, Master, say on. And He said, Two men were in debt to a certain man of business: one had a debt of five hundred pence, and the other of fifty. When they were unable to make payment, he made the two of them free of their debts. Which of them, now, will have the greater love for him? Simon, in answer, said, It seems he whose debt was greater.*

*And he said, Your decision is right. And turning to the woman he said to Simon, You see this woman? I came into your house; you did not give Me water for My feet: but she has been washing My feet with the drops from her eyes and drying them with her hair. You did not give Me a kiss: but she, from the time when I came in, has gone on kissing My feet. You put no oil on My head: but she has put perfume on My feet. And so, I say to you, She will have forgiveness for her sins which are great in number, because of her great love: but he who has small need of forgiveness gives little love. And He said to her, You have forgiveness for your sins. And those who were seated at the table with Him said to*

*themselves, Who is this who even gives forgiveness of sins? And He said to the woman, By your faith you have salvation; go in peace (Luk 7:37-50).*

*A man went out to put in seed, and while he was doing it, some was dropped by the wayside and it was crushed under foot and was taken by the birds of heaven. And some went on the rock, and when it came up it became dry and dead because it had no water. And some went among thorns, and the thorns came up with it and it had no room for growth. And some falling on good earth came up and gave fruit a hundred times as much. And with these words He said in a loud voice, He who has ears let him give ear.*

*And His disciples put questions to Him about the point of the story. And He said, To you is given knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to the others, they are given in stories, so that seeing, they may not see, and though they give hearing, the sense will not be clear to them. Now this is the point of the story: the seed is the Word of God. Those by the side of the road are those who have given hearing; then the evil one comes and takes away the Word from their hearts, so that they may not have faith and get salvation. And those on the rock are those who with joy give hearing to the Word; but having no root, they have faith for a time, and when the test comes they give up. And those which went among thorns are those who have given hearing, and go on their way, but they are overcome by cares and wealth and the pleasures of life, and they give no fruit. And those in the good earth are those who, having given ear to the Word, keep it with a good and true heart, and in quiet strength give fruit (Luk 8:5-15).*

*Then there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler in the Synagogue: and he went down at the feet of Yahusha, desiring Him to come to his house; for he*

*had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was near to death. But while He was on His way, the people were pushing to be near Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had given all her money to medical men, and not one of them was able to make her well, came after Him and put her hand on the edge of His robe, and straight away the flowing of her blood was stopped. And Yahusha said, Who was touching me? And when they all said, It is not I. Peter and those who were with Him said, Master, the people are pushing round you on every side. But Yahusha said, Someone was touching Me, for I had the feeling that power had gone out from Me.*

*And when the woman saw that she was not able to keep it secret, she came, shaking with fear, and falling down before Him she made clear before all the people the reason for her touching Him, and how she was made well straight away. And He said to her, Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace. While He was still talking, someone came from the house of the ruler of the Synagogue, saying, Your daughter is dead; do not go on troubling the Master. But Yahusha at these words said to him, Have no fear, only have faith, and she will be made well (Luk 8:41-50).*

*As the snake was lifted up by Moses in the waste land, even so it is necessary for the Son of man to be lifted up: so that whoever has faith may have in him eternal life. For God had such love for the world that He gave His only Son, so that whoever has faith in Him may not come to destruction but have eternal life. God did not send His Son into the world to be judge of the world; He sent Him so that the world might have salvation through Him. The man who has faith in Him does not come up to be judged; but he who has no faith in Him has been judged even now, because he has no faith in the Name of the only Son of God (Joh 3:14-18).*

In the Old Testament book of Numbers, chapter 21, we are given the account of the incident involving poisonous snakes. The people of Israel were in the wilderness and began to complain to God about their conditions. God punished them for their thanklessness by sending deadly snakes that would bite them. The people called out to God for help and God told Moses to make an image of the poisonous snakes and lift it up for the people to see. Moses made a serpent of brass and put it on a pole and when the people looked at the brazen serpent, they were healed.

It appears that God was implementing idol worship, but this could not be the case. The brass snake represented the cause of pain and death and would have been repulsive to look at. When the people looked at the image, they were acknowledging that their sin brought about death.

The crucifix upon which Yahusha was impaled is not to be worshipped but it is a reminder that our sin caused His substitutionary death. How can we expect to have eternal life if we reject the Savior Who died in our behalf? Yahusha continues to teach salvation as recorded by John.

*Truly I say to you, The man whose ears are open to my word and who has faith in Him Who sent Me, has eternal life; he will not be judged, but has come from death into life (Joh 5:24).*

*You make search in the holy Writings, in the belief that through them you get eternal life; and it is those Writings which give witness about Me (Joh 5:39).*

*This, I say, is my Father's pleasure, that everyone who sees the Son and has faith in Him may have eternal life: and I will take him up on the last day (Joh 6:40).*

*Truly I say to you, He who has faith in Me has eternal life (Joh 6:47).*

The Twelve Apostles are credited for the founding of the Christian Church and for hundreds of years people have trusted in the blessing of the church for saving grace. The fact is that the first called out assembly of believers was in the Garden of Eden, where the Voice of Yahu was heard walking. There have been sacred gatherings of the people of God ever since that time, but no religious organization has ever been able to impart salvation upon anyone. The Apostles taught the people to believe in Yahusha the Anointed, in order to be saved.

As the gospel began to spread to those outside the Jewish community, the disciples were reminded of one of several Messianic passages found in the Scriptures. Some of the conservative Jewish believers wanted to teach that a person could not have salvation without becoming a Jew.

*Then Paul and Barnabas without fear said, It was necessary for the Word of God to be given to you (the Jews) first; but because you will have nothing to do with it, and have no desire for eternal life, it will now be offered to the Gentiles. For so Yahu has given us orders, saying (in Isaiah 49:6), I have given You (Yahusha) for a light to the Gentiles so that You may be for salvation to the ends of the earth. And the Gentiles, hearing this, were glad and gave glory to the word of God: and those marked out by God for eternal life had faith (Act 13:46-48).*

About the gentiles, Paul and Barnabas continued by saying, *And God, the searcher of hearts, was a witness to them, giving them the Holy Spirit even as He did to us; making no division between them and us, but making clean their hearts by faith. Why then are you testing God, by putting on the neck of the disciples a*

*yoke so hard that not even our fathers or we were strong enough to carry? But we have faith that we will get salvation through the grace of the Master Yahusha the Anointed in the same way as they (Act 15:8-11).*

*In the next chapter the keeper of the prison said, "Sirs, what have I to do to get salvation?" And they said, "Have faith in the Master Yahusha the Anointed, and you and your family will have salvation (Act 16:30-31)."*

*For because, by the purpose of God, the world, with all its wisdom, had not the knowledge of God, it was God's pleasure, by so foolish a thing as preaching, to give salvation to those who had faith in Him (1Co 1:21).*

*But for this reason I was given mercy, so that in me, the chief of sinners, Yahusha the Anointed might make clear all His mercy, as an example to those who in the future would have faith in Him to eternal life (1Ti 1:16).*

*I have put these things in writing for you who have faith in the Name of the Son of God, so that you may be certain that you have eternal life (1Jn 5:13).*

Believing in Yahu Yahusha is qualifying Him as the only able Deliverer and expecting Him to fulfill the work of salvation in your life, once you have commissioned Him to do so. You should not leave your life to fate but receive Him as your Savior.

## Principle #4: Receive Yahusha as Your Savior

It is important to understand that God does not deliver us from bondage or judgment just because we need deliverance, but He waits for us to be ready for our freedom. Moses tried to deliver the children of Israel from Egypt forty years before they were ready, and it did not work. Only until the groaning and crying of the people were heard by God did He send a deliverer. Receiving Yahusha is an act of acceptance on our part, while God has been doing His work all along. The next group of verses teaches that we have a personal responsibility to do something as an act of faith.

*And wherever He went, into small towns, or great towns, or into the country, they took those who were ill into the market-places, requesting Him that they might put their hands even on the edge of His robe: and all those who did so were made well (Mar 6:56).*

*And when He went into a certain small town, He came across ten men who were lepers, and **they, keeping themselves at a distance, Said, in loud voices, Yahusha, Master, have mercy on us. And when He saw them, He said, Go, and let the priests see you. And, while they were going, they were made clean.** And one of them, when he saw that he was clean, turning back, gave praise to God in a loud voice; and, falling down on his face at the feet of Yahusha, he gave the credit to Him; and he was a man of Samaria. And Yahusha said, Were there not ten men who were made clean? Where are the nine? Have not any of them come back to give glory to God, but only this one from a strange land? And He said to him, Get up, and go on your way; your faith has made you well (Luke 17:12-19).*

Remember that in the story of the blind man we find these words. **And he said in a loud voice,**

***Yahusha, Son of David, have mercy on me. And those who were in front made protests and said to him, Be quiet: but he said all the more, O Son of David, have mercy on me. And Yahusha, stopping, gave orders that he was to come to Him, and when he came near, He said to him, What would you have Me do for you? And he said, Master that I may be able to see again.*** (Luke 18:35-43).

Remember that Yahusha taught that if we do not do anything, we are already in trouble. *The man who has faith in Him does not come up to be judged; but he who has no faith in Him **has been judged even now**, because he has no faith in the Name of the only Son of God* (John 3:18).

*He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who disbelieves in the Son will not see life; God's wrath **is resting on him*** (Joh 3:36).

*And whatever request you make in My Name that I will do, so that the Father may have glory in the Son. If you make any request to Me in My Name, I will do it* (Joh 14:13-14).

Maybe you have heard of Yahusha feeding five-thousand men plus women and children with a young boy's lunch. A while later, He spoke to the same people and used the bread to illustrate the work for salvation. As He explains, the eating and the drinking is a spiritual act of receiving, it is not a church ordinance of taking bread and wine or some way to live and never eat or drink again. But if we do accept the fact that He gave His flesh and blood for our lives, we are receiving truth into our belief system and into our spirit.

Yahusha began by saying, *Let your work not be for the food which comes to an end, but for the food which goes on for eternal life, which the Son of man will*

give to you, for on Him has God the Father put His mark. Then they said to Him, How may we do the works of God? Yahusha, answering, said to them, This is to do the work of God: to have faith in Him Whom God has sent. So, they said, What sign do you give us, so that we may see and have faith in you? What do you do? Our fathers had the manna in the waste land, as the Writings say, He gave them bread from heaven.

Yahusha then said to them, Truly I say to you, What Moses gave you was not the bread from heaven; it is My Father Who gives you the true bread from heaven. The bread of God is the bread which comes down out of heaven and gives life to the world. Ah, Master, they said, give us that bread forever! And this was the answer of Yahushua: I am the bread of life. **He who comes to Me** will never be in need of food, **and he who has faith in Me** will never be in need of drink. But it is as I said to you: you have seen Me, and still you have no faith.

Whatever the Father gives to Me will come to Me; and I will not send away anyone who comes to Me. For I have come down from heaven, not to do My pleasure, but the pleasure of Him Who sent Me. And this is the pleasure of Him Who sent Me, that I am not to let out of My hands anything which He has given Me, but I am to give it new life on the last day. This, I say, is My Father's pleasure, that **everyone who sees the Son and has faith in Him may have eternal life:** and I will take him up on the last day.

Now the Jews said bitter things about Yahusha because of His words, I am the bread which came down from heaven. And they said, Is not this Yahusha, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we have seen? How is it then that He now says, I have come down from heaven? Yahusha made answer and said, Do not say things against Me, one to another. No man

is able to come to Me if the Father Who sent me does not give him the desire to come: and I will take him up from the dead on the last day.

The writings of the prophets say, And they will all have teaching from God. Everyone whose ears have been open to the teaching of the Father comes to Me. Not that anyone has ever seen the Father; only He Who is from God, He has seen the Father. Truly I say to you, He who has faith in Me has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers took the manna in the waste land--and they are dead. The bread which comes from heaven is such bread that a man may take it for food and never see death. I am the living bread which has come from heaven: **if any man takes this bread for food he will have life forever**: and more than this, the bread which I will give is My flesh which I will give for the life of the world.

Then the Jews had an angry discussion among themselves, saying, How is it possible for this man to give us his flesh for food? Then Yahusha said to them, Truly I say to you, If you do not take the flesh of the Son of man for food, and if you do not take His blood for drink, you have no life in you. **He who takes My flesh for food and My blood for drink has eternal life**: and I will take him up from the dead at the last day. My flesh is true food and My blood is true drink. He who takes My flesh for food and My blood for drink is in Me and I in him. As the living Father has sent Me, and I have life because of the Father, even so **he who takes Me** for his food will have life because of Me. This is the bread which has come down from heaven. It is not like the food which your fathers had: they took of the manna and are dead; but **he who takes this bread for food will have life forever**.

Yahusha said these things in the Synagogue while He was teaching at Capernaum. Then, hearing

*this, a number of His disciples said, This is a hard saying; who is able to take in such teaching? When Yahusha became conscious that His disciples were protesting about what He said, He said to them, Does this give you trouble? What then will you say if you see the Son of man going up to where He was before? The spirit is the life giver; the flesh is of no value: the words which I have said to you are spirit and they are life. But still some of you have no faith. For it was clear to Yahusha from the first who they were who had no faith, and who it was who would be false to Him. And He said, This is why I said to you, No man is able to come to Me if he is not given the power to do so by the Father.*

*Because of what He said, a number of the disciples went back and would no longer go with Him. So Yahusha said to the twelve, Have you a desire to go away? Then Simon Peter gave this answer: Master, to whom are we to go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have faith and are certain that You are the Holy One of God. Then Yahusha said, Did I not make a selection of you, the twelve, and one of you is a son of the evil one? He was talking of Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. It was he who was to be false to Yahusha--one of the twelve (John 6:27-71).*

Yahusha also uses a door to give us a word picture of Him. We will have salvation when we go through the door. We will receive spiritual nourishment when we continue to walk through the door. He says it this way, *I am the door: **if any man goes in** through Me he will have salvation, and will **go in and go out**, and will get food (John 10:9).*

A lame man was healed as he exercised his faith by standing up. He received the truth that he could be healed, and he obeyed the commandment given to him. *This man was giving ear to the preaching of Paul,*

*who, looking at him, and seeing that he had faith to be made well, Said in a loud voice, Get up on your feet. And, jumping up, he went walking about (Act 14:9-10).*

*Be fighting the good fight of the faith; **take for yourself** the life eternal, for which you were marked out, and of which you gave witness in the eyes of all (1Ti 6:12).*

*Now to Him Who is able to make you strong in agreement with the good news which I gave you and the preaching of Yahusha the Anointed, in the light of the revelation of that secret which has been kept through times eternal, but is now made clear; and by the writings of the prophets, by the order of the eternal God, the knowledge of it has been given to all the nations, so **that they may come under the rule of the faith**; to the only wise God, through Yahusha the Anointed, be the glory forever. So be it (Romans 16:25-27).*

Receiving Yahusha as our Savior is a reaction of hope. Truth is the creator of faith; faith is the foundation of hope and hope is the anticipation of things to come. The flip side of this progression is that a person, who does not have hope, does not have faith because of the absence of truth. Hopelessness is an easy fix because truth is available.

*For the strong desire of every living thing is waiting for the revelation of the sons of God. For every living thing was put under the power of change, not by its desire, but by Him Who made it so, in hope that all living things will be made free from the power of death and will have a part with the free children of God in glory. For we are conscious that all living things are weeping and sorrowing in pain together till now. and not only so, but we who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we have sorrow in our minds, waiting for the time when we will take our place as sons, that is, the*

*salvation of our bodies. For our salvation is by hope: but hope which is seen is not hope: for who is hoping for what he sees? But if we have hope for that which we see not, then we will be able to go on waiting for it (Rom 8:19-25).*

*But when the mercy of God our Savior, and His love to man was seen, not by works of righteousness which we did ourselves, but in the measure of His mercy, He gave us salvation, through the washing of the new birth and the giving of new life in the Holy Spirit, Which He gave us freely through Yahusha the Anointed, our Savior; so that, having been given righteousness through grace, we might have a part in the heritage, the hope of eternal life (Tit 3:4-7).*

I would like to guess that you already believe in something. The teaching of the world is that we are to believe in ourselves. That sounds great in motivational speeches, but that doctrine is only going to go as far as our own abilities and imaginations. I would like to suggest that you believe in yourself as you, at the same time, believe in Yahusha. In other words, believe that you can agree with Him and receive Him as your Savior, Deliverer, and Master. Believe in yourself as you are empowered by the supernatural Motivator. Believe in yourself to make the call and receive Him.

## Principle #5: Call on Yahu Yahusha

It is very important in your salvation experience that there is a particular moment when you make the call for deliverance. I know that it is difficult to talk to someone who is not physically there with you. I know that it is difficult to talk to God when you are not accustomed to doing so. You may be afraid that you will say the wrong things or not say enough. You may feel that you are unworthy to talk to God or that there should be a perfect time which may not be now.

Some people have these difficulties because there has been an acceptance of the principles that we have been talking about. There is a fear of God. There is a humility that comes by being in His presence. You may already have a belief in Yahu Yahusha, and He has been received by you as the only Savior and Deliverer. I am not saying that the absence of difficulty is the absence of faith, but I am saying that the difficulty experienced is not uncommon.

Speak to Yahu Yahusha the Anointed and ask Him to deliver you from His legal judgment. Admit that you have sinned against Him and that you cannot save yourself. Acknowledge that Yahusha has the power to deliver you and give you eternal life. Confess that you receive Him as your Savior according to His sacred Name.

Let me also encourage you to make the call now. The Spirit of God is the One Who is calling you and inviting you to be free and safe. Yahu may or may not continue to make an impression upon you. Your life may be shortened by untimely events. I have devoted this chapter to the study on prayers for salvation so that the Scriptures will motivate the hesitant, but if you are inclined to pray now, please, do not wait or read another paragraph. My words pale next to the Voice of Yahu. Please, obey Him.

I may be able to show you from these next Scriptures, aspects of God that you may never have thought of before. The topic of prayer is taught throughout the Bible, and it runs parallel to the topic of salvation. Prayer is made because there is a need for supernatural intervention. *And whoever makes his **prayer** to Yahu will have **salvation**.* (Acts 2:21)

Prayers were made for the nation of Israel for different needs. One of those areas of need was for deliverance from the destruction brought about by their enemies.

*The horns are to be sounded by the sons of Aaron, the priests; this is to be a law for you forever, from generation to generation. And if you go to war in your land against any who do you wrong, then let the loud note of the horn be sounded; and Yahu your God will **keep you in mind and give you salvation** from those who are against you. And on days of joy and on your regular feasts and on the first day of every month, let the horns be sounded over your burned offerings and your peace-offerings; **and they will put Yahu in mind of you: I am Yahu your God.*** (Numbers 10:8-10)

Did you notice the last verse of this passage? *“And they will put Yahu in mind of you: I am Yahu your God.”* By definition, God is all-knowing, all powerful, and present everywhere. Why would the horns have to be sounded in order for Him to think of His chosen people? This introduces us to a principle that God has established. God chooses to save those who call upon Him for deliverance.

He is very gracious and blesses creation moment by moment, but there are natural consequences to acts of nature and the actions of natural mankind. He has given people the gift of choice and allows our choices to play out without interference. Yahu has promised to save us if we call

upon Him, and **He will save us** if we call upon Him. God is a spirit being with a mind and a heart, and even emotions. He will change the course of nature when He is moved to do so.

*Then Yahu gave them judges, as their saviors from the hands of those who were cruel to them. But still they would not give ear to their judges but went after other gods and gave them worship; quickly turning from the way in which their fathers had gone, keeping the orders of Yahu; but they did not do so. And whenever Yahu gave to them judges, then Yahu was with the judge, and was their savior from the hands of their haters all the days of the judge; for **Yahu was moved by their cries** of grief because of those who were cruel to them. (Judges 2:16-18)*

*And the children of Israel did evil in the eyes of Yahu, and put out of their minds Yahu their God, and became servants to the Baals and the Astartes. So the wrath of Yahu was burning against Israel, and He gave them up into the hands of Cushan-rishathaim, king of Mesopotamia; and the children of Israel were his servants for eight years. And **when the children of Israel made prayer to Yahu, He gave them a savior**, Othniel, the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. And the spirit of Yahu came on him and he became judge of Israel, and went out to war, and Yahu gave up Cushan-rishathaim, king of Mesopotamia, into his hands and he overcame him. Then for forty years the land had peace, till the death of Othniel, the son of Kenaz. (Judges 3:7-11)*

*Then the children of Israel again did evil in the eyes of Yahu; and Yahu made Eglon, king of Moab, strong against Israel, because they had done evil in Yahu's eyes. And Eglon got together the people of Ammon and Amalek, and they went and overcame Israel and took the town of palm-trees. And the children*

of Israel were servants to Eglon, king of Moab, for eighteen years. Then **when the children of Israel made prayer to Yahu, He gave them a savior, Ehud, the son of Gera, the Benjamite, a left-handed man; and the children of Israel sent an offering by him to Eglon, king of Moab.** (Judges 3:12-15)

And the children of Ammon went over Jordan, to make war against Judah and Benjamin and the house of Ephraim; and Israel was in great trouble. Then the children of Israel, **crying out to Yahu**, said, Great is our sin against You, for we have given up our God and have been servants to the Baals. And Yahu said to the children of Israel, Were not the Egyptians and the Amorites and the children of Ammon and the Philistines And the Zidonians and Amalek and Midian crushing you down, and **in answer to your cry did I not give you salvation from their hands?** But, for all this, you have given Me up and have been servants to other gods: so, I will be your savior no longer. Go, send up your cry for help to the gods of your selection; let them be your saviors in the time of your trouble. And the children of Israel said to Yahu, We are sinners; do to us whatever seems good to You: only give us salvation this day. So, they put away the strange gods from among them, and became Yahu's servants; **and His soul was cut down because of the sorrows of Israel.** (Judges 10:9-16)

Even though Yahu had every right to disown Israel, because they had broken their covenant with Him, His heart was humbled when they made their plea with Him. This is not to assume that we can do anything that we want to and run back to God as though we are entitled to His mercy. The children of Israel knew that they were not entitled to forgiveness, but as sinners, they had nowhere else to go, but to God.

*Then Samuel said to all Israel, If with all your hearts you would come back to Yahu, then put away all the strange gods and the Astartes from among you, and let your hearts be turned to Yahu, and be servants to Him only: and He will make you safe from the hands of the Philistines. So, the children of Israel gave up the worship of Baal and Astarte and became worshippers of Yahu only. Then Samuel said, Let all Israel come to Mizpah and **I will make prayer to Yahu for you.** So, they came together to Mizpah, and got water, draining it out before Yahu, and they took no food that day, and they said, We have done evil against Yahu. And Samuel was judge of the children of Israel in Mizpah.*

*Now when the Philistines had news that the children of Israel had come together at Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And the children of Israel, hearing of it, were full of fear. And the children of Israel said to Samuel; **Go on crying to Yahu our God for us to make us safe** from the hands of the Philistines. And Samuel took a young lamb, offering all of it as a burned offering to Yahu; and **Samuel made prayers to Yahu for Israel and Yahu gave him an answer.** (1 Samuel 7:3-9)*

Notice that the people had to put away all trust and obedience imparted to any other source of salvation before Yahu would hear and answer their prayers. This shows us another principle teaching that Yahu is not going to share glory with anything or anyone else. He is not going to be tacked on to any philosophy or religion as a safety net.

Yahu is speaking to the prophet Samuel when the people wanted a king to deliver them. He said, *“Tomorrow about this time I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin, and on him you are to put the holy oil, making him ruler over My people Israel, and he will make My people safe from the hands of the*

*Philistines: for **I have seen the sorrow of My people, whose cry has come up to me.***" (1 Samuel 9:16)

*And he (David) said, Yahu is my Rock, my walled town, and my savior, even mine; my God, my Rock, in Him will I put my faith; my breastplate, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my safe place; my savior, Who keeps me safe from the violent man. **I will send up my cry to Yahu, Who is to be praised; so will I be made safe** from those who are against me. (2 Samuel 22:2-4) (Psalms 18:3)*

*And so You gave them up into the hands of their haters who were cruel to them: and in the time of their trouble, **when they made their prayer** to You, You gave ear to them from heaven; and in **Your great mercy gave them saviors**, who made them free from the hands of their haters. (Nehemiah 9:27)*

*And it will be a sign and a witness to Yahu of armies in the land of Egypt: **when they are crying out to Yahu** because of their cruel masters, then **He will send them a savior** and a strong one to make them free. (Isaiah 19:20)*

Not only were the children of Israel saved from their national enemies, but they were also delivered from other oppressions, disease, and famine. We know that God has a plan for His creation and sometimes life challenges are part of the plan. Sometimes God desires to overrule and work miracles that witness the greatness of Yahu God. We are to cry out to Him and trust Him for health, safety, and sustenance. There are myriads of testimonies that witness to the Father's saving grace and life changing experiences.

*And Jehoshaphat took his place in the meeting of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of Yahu in front of the new open space, and said, O Yahu, the God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven? Are You not*

ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? And in Your hands are power and strength so that no one is able to keep his place against You. Did you not, O Yahu our God, after driving out the people of this land before Your people Israel, give it to the seed of Abraham, Your friend, forever? And they made it their living-place, building there a holy house for Your Name, and saying, If evil comes on us, the sword, or punishment, or disease, or need of food, we will come to this house and to You, for Your Name is in this house, **crying to You in our trouble, and You will give us salvation in answer to our cry.** (2 Chronicles 20:5-9)

This poor man's cry came before Yahu, and **He gave him salvation** from all his troubles. The angel of Yahu is ever watching over those who have fear of Him, **to keep them safe.** (Psalms 34:6-7)

Evil is there; cruel rule and deceit are ever in the streets. For it was not my hater who said evil of me; that would have been no grief to me; it was not one outside the number of my friends who made himself strong against me, or I would have kept myself from him in a secret place; but it was you, my equal, my guide, my well-loved friend. We had loving talk together and went to the house of God in company. Let the hand of death come on them suddenly and let them go down living into the underworld; because evil is in their houses and in their hearts. As for me, **I will make my prayer to God, and He will be my savior.** (Psalms 55:11-16)

Those who were in the dark, in the black night, in chains of sorrow and iron; because they went against the words of God and gave no thought to the laws of the Most High: so that He made their hearts weighted down with grief; they were falling, and had no helper. Then **they sent up their cry to Yahu in their sorrow, and He gave them salvation out of all their troubles.**

*He took them out of the dark and the black night, and all their chains were broken. Let men give praise to Yahu for His mercy, and for the wonders which He does for the children of men! (Psalms 107:10-15)*

*Foolish men, because of their sins, and because of their wrongdoing, are troubled; they are disgusted by all food, and they come near to the doors of death. Then **they send up their cry to Yahu in their sorrow, and He gives them salvation out of all their troubles.** He sent His word and made them well and kept them safe from the underworld. Let men give praise to Yahu for His mercy, and for the wonders which He does for the children of men! (Psalms 107:17-21)*

Over thousands of years, there have been those who have attempted to annihilate the Hebrew people. Out of the fiery furnaces of evil design, these people climb and continue to exist. All of this is because of the promises made by Yahu and the prayers that are raised in their behalf. The Jews do not spring up out of nowhere, but the Father defeats the enemies in their plans of genocide. History bears proof that Yahu hears and answers prayer.

*For Yahu has said, Make a glad song for Jacob and give a cry on the top of the mountains: give the news, give praise, and say, **Yahu has given salvation** to His people, even to the rest of Israel. (Jeremiah 31:7)*

With these introductory verses in mind, let's turn to your personal needs. God can save an individual just as He is able to save a nation. The preserved Scriptures teach us to pray, and not just to pray but to pray to God. They teach us not just to pray to God but to pray for deliverance that He alone can accomplish.

*Yahu is near all those who give honor to His Name; even to all who give honor to Him with true*

hearts. To His worshippers, **He will give their desire; their cry comes to His ears, and He gives them salvation.** Yahu will keep all His worshippers from danger; but He will send destruction on all sinners. My mouth will give praise to Yahu; let all flesh be blessing His holy Name for ever and ever. (Psalms 145:18-21)

So that He (Yahusha) is fully able to be the savior of all who come to God through Him, because **He is ever living to make prayer to God for them.** (Hebrews 7:25)

The writers of the Sacred Manuscripts presented truths so that people would follow God's way. It is evident that civilizations adhering to Biblical morals and ethical standards are beneficial to the existence of the human species. God fearing people make good neighbors. The writers did not scribe their texts to gain heavenly points or a pat on the back. They wrote out of love and duty so that the salvation they experienced would be received by you as well.

I am writing because one more person needs to share the Good News to those who have not yet received. Most people need a teacher to enlighten their understanding. Maybe your heart has called for help and this message is part of the answer. I know that if you accept this message, not only will you be a child of God, but you will also be saved from a lot of evil experiences that you do not need.

*Is anyone among you ill? Let him send for the rulers of the assembly; and **let them say prayers over him, putting oil on him in the Name of Master Yahusha.** And by the prayer of faith the man who is ill will be made well, and **he will be lifted up by Master Yahusha, and for any sin which he has done he will have forgiveness.*** (James 5:14-15)

*My brothers, if one of you has gone out of the way of the true faith and another has made him see his error, Be certain that he through whom a sinner has been turned from the error of his way, keeps a soul from death and is the cause of forgiveness for sins without number. (James 5:19-20)*

The Scriptures teach us to pray in the Name of God as Father (Yahu) and God as Son (Yahusha the Anointed). We are generally familiar with the name “the Lord Jesus Christ”. I accepted Christ as my savior when I was five years old. I prayed, “in Jesus Name” and He heard me and saved me and called me to serve in His kingdom. That was a long time ago and I have learned much more since that time.

I learned that God revealed Himself to the world through the Hebrew people and in their languages. *How then is the Jew better off? or what profit is there in circumcision? Much in every way: first of all because the words of God were given to them. (Rom 3:1-2)*

I encourage you to continue your salvation experience by honoring His Name. The Hebrew Scriptures teach us to call upon Yahu Yahusha to save us from eternal death and give to us eternal life. Yahu Yahusha is the One to call upon for deliverance. Please, call upon the Name of Yahu Yahusha. “*I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received (1 Corinthians 15:3).*”

*You are good, O Yahu, and full of forgiveness; **Your mercy is great to all who make their cry to You.** (Psalms 86:5)*

*And it will be that **whoever makes his prayer to the Name of Yahu will be kept safe:** for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem some will be kept safe, as Yahu has said, and will be among the small band marked out by Yahu. (Joel 2:32)*

*Now the birth of Yahusha the Anointed was in this way: when His mother Mary was going to be married to Joseph, before they came together the discovery was made that she was with child by the Holy Spirit. And Joseph, her husband, being an upright man, and not desiring to make her a public example, had a mind to put her away privately. But when he was giving thought to these things, an angel of Yahu came to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, have no fear of taking Mary as your wife; because that which is in her body is of the Holy Spirit. And she will give birth to a Son; and you will give Him the Name Yahusha; for **He will give His people salvation from their sins.***  
(Matthew 1:18-21)

*And in His Name will the Gentiles put their hope.*  
(Matthew 12:21)

In the King James Version of the Bible, the publishers capitalize the entire name "LORD" when translating the Hebrew Name of God "יהוה" (which I pronounce as Yahu). When the Name of the Messiah was given to Joseph and Mary, the publishers capitalized the name JESUS to show that the Name was sacred. It is a representation of the Hebrew name "יהושע" (which I pronounce as Yahusha).

*And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.*  
(Luke 1:31 KJV)

*And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, His name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.* (Luke 2:21 KJV)

Alberto is a Mexican friend of mine. I can call him Al, Bert, or Albert, but I honor him by calling him by his given name, Alberto. And so, I want to honor the Most High God by pronouncing His Name as He may

have given it to His chosen people. Others use different pronunciations and so do I from time to time, but the important thing is that we honor Him in the highest esteem possible.

When I began to use the Names “Yahu” and “Yahusha” I was immediately delivered from man-made traditions and religions. I am explaining this to you now because the theme of this publication is salvation and deliverance and I want you to know the freedoms that I have experienced.

In the Hebrew language, names were given because of their unique meanings. When Moses was talking to God at the “burning bush” in Exodus 3, he asked God to tell him His Name.

*And Moses said to God, When I come to the children of Israel and say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you: and they say to me, What is His Name? what am I to say to them? And God said to him, I AM WHAT I AM: and He said, Say to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you. (Exo 3:13-14)*

The Hebrew word for I AM was “אֵהיָה” (from the verb “הִיָּה” meaning “to exist”, transliterated *hâyâh*, pronounced *haw-yaw*). The pronoun “He” in Hebrew is “הוּא”, (transliterated *huw'*, pronounced *hoo*). So, “Yahu” (יְהוָה) carries the meaning “He exists”, i.e. He is the self-existing God.

The Hebrew word meaning to save is “יָשַׁע” (transliterated *yasha`*, pronounced *yaw-shah'*). The Name of our Savior is Yahusha “יְהוֹשֻׁעַ” which means Yahu saves. Isn't it wonderful to be making that pronouncement every time we say His Name.

*And the seventy came back with joy, saying, Master, even the evil spirits are under our power **in Your Name**. (Luke 10:17)*

*And He said to them, So it is in the Writings that the Anointed would undergo death, and come back to life again on the third day; And that teaching about a change of heart and forgiveness of sins is to be given to Jerusalem first and to all nations **in His Name**. (Luke 24:46-47)*

*To all those who did so take Him, however, He gave the right of becoming children of God--that is, to those who had faith **in His Name**. (John 1:12)*

*Now while He was in Jerusalem at the feast of the Passover, a great number of people came to have faith **in His Name**, after seeing the signs which He did. (John 2:23)*

*The man who has faith in Him does not come up to be judged; but he who has no faith in Him has been judged even now, because he has no faith **in the Name** of the only Son of God. (John 3:18)*

When we come to God in the Name of Yahu, we are making the statement that we are not trusting in any other god for our salvation and we are claiming that there is no other God but Yahu. When we come to the Father in the Name of Yahusha, we are making the commitment that Yahusha is the Father's only flesh and blood, that He is the only possible savior, that He is God's Messiah, that He is our Master and we are His disciples.

*Yahusha said to him, I am the true and living way: no one comes to the Father but by Me (John 14:6).*

*He who has faith in the Son has eternal life; but he who has not faith in the Son will not see life; God's wrath is resting on him (John 3:36).*

Yahusha is the only one that can give us the identity and certification we need in order to have peace with Yahu God. Therefore His Name is so important. No Name equals no privilege.

*And whatever **request** you make **in My Name** that I will do, so that the Father may have glory in the Son. If you make any **request** to Me **in My Name**, I will do it. (John 14:13-14)*

When we ask for salvation from the Father in the Name of the Son, He delivers our request in the Name of the Son.

*But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, Whom **the Father will send in My Name**, will be your teacher in all things and will put you in mind of everything I have said to you. (John 14:26)*

*And on that day, you will put no questions to Me. Truly I say to you, **Whatever request** you make to the Father, **He will give it to you in My Name**. Up to now you have made no request in My Name: do so, and it will be answered, so that your hearts may be full of joy. All this I have said to you in veiled language: but the time is coming when I will no longer say things in veiled language but will give you knowledge of the Father clearly. (John 16:23-25)*

*You did not take me for yourselves, but I took you for Myself; and I gave you the work of going about and producing fruit which will be forever; so that whatever **request** you make to the Father **in My Name He may give it to you**. (John 15:16)*

*A number of other signs Yahusha did before His disciples which are not recorded in this book: But these are recorded, so that you may have faith that Yahusha is the Anointed, the Son of God, and so that, having*

*this faith **you may have life in His Name.** (John 20:30-31)*

*And Peter said, Let your hearts be changed, every one of you, and have immersion **in the Name** of Yahusha the Anointed, **for the forgiveness of your sins**; and you will have the Holy Spirit given to you. (Acts 2:38)*

*But Peter said, I have no silver or gold, but what I have, that I give to you. **In the Name** of Yahusha the Anointed of Nazareth, get up on your feet. (Acts 3:6)*

*And His Name, through **faith in His Name**, has made this man strong, whom you see and have knowledge of: yes, the faith which is through Him has made him well, before you all. (Acts 3:16)*

*Take note, all of you, and all the people of Israel, that **in the Name** of Yahusha the Anointed of Nazareth, Whom you put to death on the cross, Whom God gave back from the dead, even through Him is this man now before you completely well. He is the stone which you builders had no use for, but which has been made the chief stone of the building. And **in no other is there salvation**: for there is **no other Name** under heaven, given among men, **through which we may have salvation.** (Acts 4:10-12)*

*And now, Yahu, take note of their cruel words, and give your servants power to be preachers of Your Word without fear, while your hand is stretched out to do works of mercy; so that **signs and wonders may be done through the Name** of Your holy servant Yahusha. (Acts 4:29-30)*

*But when they had faith in the **good news** given by Philip **about the kingdom of God and the Name of Yahusha the Anointed**, a number of men and women had immersion. (Acts 8:12)*

About Yahusha of Nazareth, how God gave the Holy Spirit to Him, with power: and how He went about doing good and making well all who were troubled by evil spirits, for God was with Him. And we are witnesses of all the things which He did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem; Whom they put to death, hanging Him on a tree. On the third day God gave Him back to life, and let Him be seen, Not by all the people, but by witnesses marked out before by God, even by us, who took food and drink with Him after He came back from the dead. And He gave us orders to give news of this to the people, and to give public witness that this is He Whom God has made judge of the living and the dead. To Him all the prophets give witness, that **through His Name everyone who has faith in Him will have forgiveness of sins.** (Acts 10:38-43)

And now, why are you waiting? Get up, and have immersion, for the washing away of your sins, **giving worship to His Name.** (Acts 22:16)

Because, if you **say with your mouth** that Yahusha is Master, and have **faith in your heart** that God has made Him come back from the dead, **you will have salvation:** for with **the heart** man has faith to get righteousness, and **with the mouth he says that Yahusha is Master to get salvation.** Because it is said in the holy Writings, Whoever has faith in Him will not be shamed. And the Jew is not different from the Greek: for there is the same Master of all, Who is good to all who have hope **in His Name:** because, **whoever will give worship to the Name of Yahu will get salvation.** (Romans 10:9-13)

To the assembly of God which is in Corinth, to those who have been made holy in the Anointed Yahusha, saints by the selection of God, with all those who in every place **give honor to the Name of our**

**Master Yahusha the Anointed, their Master and ours:**  
(1 Corinthians 1:2)

*And such were some of you; but you have been washed, you have been made holy, you have been given righteousness **in the Name of the Master Yahusha the Anointed** and in the Spirit of our God. (1 Corinthians 6:11)*

Notice the relationship between these next teachings from the book of Philippians and the following statements from the book of Isaiah. I do not believe that I am over emphasizing the magnificence of Yahusha and His Name. Therefore I am so confident that salvation comes through Yahu Yahusha.

*For this reason God has put Him in the highest place and has given to Him **the Name which is greater than every Name**; so that **at the Name of Yahusha every knee may be bent**, of those in heaven and those on earth and those in the underworld, and that **every tongue may give witness** that Yahusha the Anointed is Master, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:9-11)*

*Give the word, put forward your cause, and let us have a discussion together: who has given news of this in the past? Who made it clear in early times? Did not I, **Yahu**? And there is no God but me; a true God and a savior; **there is no other**. Let your hearts be turned to me, so that you may have salvation, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and **there is no other**. By myself have I taken an oath, a true word has gone from my mouth, and will not be changed, that **to me every knee will be bent, and every tongue will give honor**. (Isaiah 45:21-23)*

*In the measure of the grace given to me, I, as a wise master-builder, have put the base in position, and another goes on building on it. But let every man take*

care what he puts on it. For **there is no other** base for the building but that which has been put down, which is **Yahusha the Anointed**. (1 Corinthians 3:10-11)

Let the word of the Anointed be in you in all wealth of wisdom; teaching and helping one another with songs of praise and holy words, making melody to God with grace in your hearts. And whatever you do, in word or in act, **do all in the Name of the Master Yahusha**, giving praise to God the Father through Him. (Colossians 3:16-17)

This is good and pleasing in the eyes of God our Savior; **Whose desire is that all men may have salvation** and come to the knowledge of what is true. For there is one God and one Peacemaker between God and men, the man Yahusha the Anointed, Who gave Himself as an offering for all; witness of which was to be given at the right time; (1 Timothy 2:3-6)

**What will come on us, if we do not give our minds to such a great salvation?** A salvation of which our fathers first had knowledge through the words of Yahu, and which was made certain to us by those to whom His words came; (Hebrews 2:3)

But we see Him Who was made a little lower than the angels, even Yahusha, crowned with glory and honor, because **He let Himself be put to death so that by the grace of God He might undergo death for all men**. Because it was right for Him, for Whom and through Whom all things have being, in guiding His sons to glory, to make the Captain of their salvation complete through pain. (Hebrews 2:9-10)

I am writing to you, my children, because **you have forgiveness of sins through His Name**. (1 John 2:12)

*And this is His law, that **we have faith in the Name** of His Son Yahusha the Anointed, and love for one another, even as He said to us. (1 John 3:23)*

*And His witness is this that God has given us eternal life, and this **life is in His Son**. He who has the Son has the life; he who has not the Son of God has not the life. I have put these things in writing for you who **have faith in the Name** of the Son of God, so that you may **be certain that you have eternal life**. (1 John 5:11-13)*

Now, here are some examples of prayers that are recorded for us in the Scriptures. These prayers will give ideas about the way to pray and what you may want to say to God as you make your confession and requests.

*But now, O Yahu our God, give us salvation from his hands, so that it may be clear to all the kingdoms of the earth that You and only You, O Yahu, are God. (2 Kings 19:19)*

*O give praise to Yahu, for He is good: for His mercy is unchanging forever. And say, Be our savior, O God of our salvation, and let us come back, and give us salvation from the nations, so that we may give honor to Your holy Name and have glory in Your praise. (1 Chronicles 16:34-35)*

*Come back, O Yahu, make my soul free; O give me salvation because of Your mercy. (Psalms 6:4)*

*O Yahu my God, I put my faith in You; take me out of the hands of him who is cruel to me and make me free; So that he may not come rushing on my soul like a lion, wounding it, while there is no one to be my savior. (Psalms 7:1-2)*

*Make your steps clear to me, O Yahu; give me knowledge of Your ways. Be my guide and teacher in the true way; for You are the God of my salvation; I am waiting for Your word all the day. O Yahu, keep in mind Your pity and Your mercies; for they have been from the earliest times. Do not keep in mind my sins when I was young, or my wrongdoing: let Your memory of me be full of mercy, O Yahu, because of Your righteousness. (Psalms 25:4-7)*

*In you, O Yahu, have I put my hope; let me never be shamed; keep me safe in Your righteousness. Let Your ear be turned to me; take me quickly out of danger; be my strong Rock, my place of strength where I may be safe. For You are my Rock and my strong tower; go in front of me and be my guide, because of Your Name. Take me out of the net which they have put ready for me secretly; for You are my strength. Into Your hands I give my spirit; You are my savior, O Yahu God for ever true. (Psalms 31:1-5)*

*Let Your servant see the light of Your face; in Your mercy be my savior. (Psalms 31:16)*

*I said, Yahu, have mercy on me; make my soul well, because my faith is in You. (Psalms 41:4)*

*Have pity on me, O God, in Your mercy; out of a full heart, take away my sin. Let all my wrongdoing be washed away and make me clean from evil. For I am conscious of my error; my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I done wrong, working that which is evil in Your eyes; so that Your words may be seen to be right, and You may be clear when You are judging. Truly, I was formed in evil, and in sin did my mother give me birth. Your desire is for what is true in the inner parts: in the secrets of my soul You will give me knowledge of wisdom. Make me free from sin with hyssop (the sprinkling of the blood of atonement): let me be washed whiter than snow. Make me full of joy*

*and rapture; so that the bones which have been broken may be glad. Let Your face be turned from my wrongdoing and take away all my sins. Make a clean heart in me, O God; give me a right spirit again. Do not put me away from before You or take Your holy spirit from me. Give me back the joy of Your salvation; let a free spirit be my support . . . (Psalms 51:1-19)*

*Let Your Name be my salvation, O God; let my cause be judged by Your strength. Let my prayer come before You, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth. (Psalms 54:1-2)*

*Give a safe place to those who have fear of You, where they may go in flight from before the bow. So that Your loved ones may be made safe, let Your right hand be my salvation, and give me an answer. (Psalms 60:4-5)*

*In You, O Yahu, have I put my hope; let me never be shamed. Keep me safe in Your righteousness, and come to my help; give ear to my voice, and be my savior. Be my strong Rock, the strong place of my salvation; for You are my Rock, and my safe place. (Psalms 71:1-3)*

*Let your hand be on the man of Your right hand, on the Son of man Whom You made strong for Yourself. So, will we not be turned back from You; keep us in life, and we will give praise to Your Name. Turn us back, O Yahu God of armies; let us see the shining of Your face and let us be safe. (Psalms 80:17-19)*

*Let your ears be open to my voice, O Yahu, and give me an answer; for I am poor and in need. Keep my soul, for I am true to You; O my God, give salvation to Your servant, whose hope is in You. Have mercy on me, O Yahu; for my cry goes up to you all the day. Make glad the soul of Your servant; for it is lifted up to You, O Yahu. You are good, O Yahu, and full of*

*forgiveness; Your mercy is great to all who make their cry to You. O Yahu, give ear to my prayer; and take note of the sound of my requests. In the day of my trouble I send up my cry to You; for You will give me an answer. There is no god like You, O Yahu; there are no works like Your works. Let all the nations whom You have made come and give worship to You, O Yahu, giving glory to Your Name. For You are great and do great works of wonder; You only are God. Make Your way clear to me, O Yahu; I will go on my way in Your faith: let my heart be glad in the fear of Your Name. I will give You praise, O Yahu my God, with all my heart; I will give glory to Your Name for ever. For Your mercy to me is great; You have taken my soul up from the deep places of the underworld. (Psalms 86:1-13)*

*But You, O Yahu, are a God full of pity and forgiveness, slow to get angry, great in mercy and wisdom. O be turned to me and have mercy on me: give Your strength to Your servant, and Your salvation to the son of her who is Your servant. (Psalms 86:15-16)*

*Be our savior, O Yahu our God, and let us come back together from among the nations, so that we may give honor to Your holy Name, and have glory in Your praise. (Psalms 106:47)*

*Give me help, O Yahu my God; in Your mercy be my savior; So that they may see that it is the work of Your hand; that You, Yahu, have done it. (Psalms 109:26-27)*

*Send salvation now, O Yahu; Yahu, send us Your blessing. (Psalms 118:25)*

*Let Your mercies come to me, O Yahu, even Your salvation, as You have said. So that I may have an answer for the man who would put me to shame; for I have faith in Your Word. (Psalms 119:41-42)*

*I will ever keep Your orders in mind; for in them I have life. I am Yours, O be my savior; for my desire has been for Your rules. (Psalms 119:93-94)*

*I have made my prayer with all my heart; give answer to me, O Yahu: I will keep Your rules. My cry has gone up to You; take me out of trouble, and I will be guided by Your unchanging Word. (Psalms 119:145-146)*

*Out of the deep have I sent up my cry to You, O Yahu. Yahu let my voice come before You: let Your ears be awake to the voice of my prayer. O Yah, if you took note of every sin, who would go free? But there is forgiveness with You, so that You may be feared. (Psalms 130:1-4)*

*Though our sins give witness against us, do something, O Yahu, for the honor of Your Name: for again and again we have been turned away from You, we have done evil against You. (Jeremiah 14:7)*

*Make me well, O Yahu, and I will be well; be my savior and I will be safe: for You are my hope. (Jeremiah 17:14)*

*And I made prayer to Yahu my God, putting our sins before Him, and said, O Yahu, the great God, greatly to be feared, keeping Your agreement and mercy with those who have love for You and do Your orders. We are sinners, acting wrongly and doing evil; we have gone against You, turning away from Your orders and from Your laws . . . (Daniel 9:4-8)*

*Messiah said, And when you make your prayers, be not like the false-hearted men, who take pleasure in getting up and saying their prayers in the Synagogues and at the street turnings so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, They have their reward. But when you make your prayer, go into your private room,*

*and, shutting the door, say a prayer to your Father in secret, and your Father, who sees in secret, will give you your reward. And in your prayer do not make use of the same words again and again, as the Gentiles do: for they have the idea that God will give attention to them because of the number of their words. So be not like them; because your Father has knowledge of your needs even before you make your requests to him. Let this then be your prayer: Our Father in heaven, may your Name be kept holy. Let your kingdom come. Let your pleasure be done, as in heaven, so on earth. Give us this day bread for our needs. And make us free of our debts, as we have made those free who are in debt to us. And let us not be put to the test but keep us safe from the evil one; because Yours is the reign and the power and the esteem, forever. Amen. (Matthew 6:5-13)*

Yahusha was speaking about a true convert and his sincerity compared to the self-righteous. *The tax collector, on the other hand, keeping far away, and not lifting up even his eyes to heaven, made signs of grief and said, God, have mercy on me, a sinner. (Luke 18:13)*

We have seen in our study that we have to make a call to Yahu for salvation. We need to come to Him in His Name, Yahu Yahusha. We cannot be indecisive at this point. There needs to be commitment and determination. We need to word our confessions with our mouths from the sincerity of our hearts. We need to believe that as we speak God hears and answers our prayers.

This has not been a complete Biblical study on prayer and so let me make a few suggestions from what I have learned in my practice. Identify the spiritual needs for the prayers that you will be making. Address

the Father at the beginning just as you would a letter, and state that you are coming to Him in the Name of His Son Yahusha. Share what is in your soul and remember that this is not a public performance. Speak the things you know to be true according to the Scriptures. Repeat the prayer several times and make changes as the Spirit leads you. When you are confident that you have said what you need to, that you have spoken in truth, and that your prayer is pleasing to God, then with assurance in your heart say “Amen” or “So be it”. Ha-le-lu-Yah (You praise Yahu)!

## Principle #6: Be Immersed in the Name of Yahusha

Millions of bottles of ink have been scribbled across parchment throughout the centuries about the topic of “Baptism”. Wars have been fought, heretics have been burnt at the stake, and new religions are born and divided because of this practice. These things certainly cannot be the desire of our Messiah. Personally, I would like to skip over this principle because I know that, if I haven’t already made enemies, I am sure to do it now.

When I am talking about being immersed, I am talking about an actual physical act of going into a pool of water, going under water, and getting completely wet. This is where childlike rebellion begins. I remember that as a boy I hated taking baths. I remember telling my mother that I had taken a bath when I hadn’t. I could not fool her. She did not believe me because my hair was still dry, and the bath water was not dirty. And of course, I still was.

Now, if my wife told me that she wanted to go out on a special date and I needed to clean up, I would be glad to. I have learned years later that there are things worth doing when we want to show love. Why would we want to shortchange or go halfway with God? We have come too far to stop now. Is it so hard to take a bath?

My intention is not to solve the problems with the doctrines of baptism, but my desire is for you to be saved and delivered from sin and evil. If we stay focused, we will finish with spiritual results. Being free from the power of sin and guilt is pictured as a person taking a bath.

We bathe for various reasons. We are dirty and need a bath to wash the dirt off our bodies. We are

cold and want to warm up in a hot bath or we are hot and want to cool off with a cold swim. We take a bath for physical therapy and relaxation. We take baths so that we don't get other things dirty. We take baths because we want to feel good and healthy, and because we want to be presentable to others by being clean.

We have accepted Messiah as our savior so that our sins will be forgiven. We are saved so that we can have the ability to live without sinning. The work of salvation overcomes the challenges of life. Calling upon Yahusha to save us begins a new re-creation experiencing peace and rest. Being delivered produces a good, healthy soul and makes us a person that is a good friend to others, having a positive influence in our society. Bathing is a perfect physical illustration of a spiritual cleansing.

*Let all my wrongdoing be washed away and make me clean from evil. (Psalms 51:2)*

*Make me free from sin with hyssop: let me be washed whiter than snow. (Psalms 51:7)*

*Be washed, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before my eyes; let there be an end of sinning; (Isaiah 1:16)*

*O Jerusalem make your heart clean from evil, so that you may have salvation. How long are evil purposes to have a resting-place in you? (Jeremiah 4:14)*

*And such were some of you; but you have been washed, you have been made holy, you have been given righteousness in the Name of the Master Yahusha the Anointed and in the Spirit of our God. (1 Corinthians 6:11)*

*Husbands, have love for your wives, even as the Anointed had love for the assembly, and gave Himself for it; so that He might make it holy, having made it clean with the washing of water by the Word, and might take it for Himself, an assembly full of glory, not having one mark or fold or any such thing; but that it might be holy and complete. (Ephesians 5:25-27)*

*But when the mercy of God our Savior, and His love to man was seen, not by works of righteousness which we did ourselves, but in the measure of His mercy, He gave us salvation, through the washing of the new birth and the giving of new life in the Holy Spirit, which He gave us freely through Yahusha the Anointed our Savior; so that, having been given righteousness through grace, we might have a part in the heritage, the hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:4-7)*

Moses wrote of a worldwide flood in the book of Genesis. Mankind had become extremely evil and there were species of humans that were not of God's choosing. There was the need to rid the earth of all flesh and so He cleansed the planet with water. He saved Noah and his family so that there would be a fresh start with people who feared Him. Yahu chose water to eliminate the flesh.

*And Yahu said, My spirit will not judge man forever, for he is only flesh; so the days of his life will be a hundred and twenty years (Genesis 6:3).*

*And Yahu saw that the sin of man was great on the earth, and that all the thoughts of his heart were evil. And Yahu had sorrow because He had made man on the earth, and grief was in His heart (Genesis 6:5-6).*

*And God, looking on the earth, saw that it was evil: for the way of all flesh had become evil on the earth. And God said to Noah, The end of all flesh has*

come; the earth is full of their violent doings, and now I will put an end to them with the earth (Genesis 6:12-13).

*For truly, I will send a great flow of waters over the earth, for the destruction from under the heaven of all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything on the earth will come to an end (Genesis 6:17).*

Peter alluded to this flood when he taught about salvation and immersion. *Because the Anointed once went through pain for sins, the upright One taking the place of sinners, so that through Him we might come back to God; being put to death in the flesh, but given life in the Spirit; by Whom He went to the spirits in prison, preaching to those who, in the days of Noah, went against God's orders; but God in His mercy kept back the punishment, while Noah got ready the ark, in which a small number, that is to say eight persons, **got salvation through water: and immersion, of which this is an image, now gives you salvation**, not by washing clean the flesh, but by making you free from the sense of sin before God, through the coming again of Yahusha the Anointed from the dead; Who has gone into heaven, and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been put under His rule. (1 Peter 3:18-22)*

The children of Israel had become slaves in Egypt and the Egyptians were terrible task masters. The people called out to God and He sent Moses to deliver them. After they came out of Egypt the Israelites were seemingly trapped between the Egyptian army and the Sea of Reeds. Yahu miraculously parted the sea and the people walked across on dry land while His cloud covered them. They were delivered completely from Egypt as the army of Pharaoh drowned in the sea. Paul saw this event as

their immersion and that it became one of the pictures of Yahusha.

*For it is my desire, my brothers, that you may keep in mind how all our fathers were under the cloud, and they all went through the sea; and they all had immersion from Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and they all took the same holy food; and the same holy drink: for they all took of the water from the holy rock which came after them: and the rock was the Anointed. (1 Corinthians 10:1-4)*

In the Torah, the writings of Moses, people were commanded to bathe themselves in water in order to be spiritually clean and able to participate in the worship of Yahu. The people did not become unclean only by sinful acts on their part, but by natural conditions as well. Even so, they were responsible to make things righteous. Afterward, the priest, as a mediator between God and man, provided the appropriate sacrificial application and pronounced the person clean. If a person remained unclean, they were not to continue in the assembly.

Through this practice, the Israelites acted out the mystery of salvation that would be revealed through Yahusha. He is our High Priest and His blood has been applied to our sin debt. We cleanse ourselves by repenting of our sins and accepting His work of grace. Then He pronounces us clean before the Father.

Leviticus 15:13 . . . *bathe his flesh in running water and shall be clean.*

Leviticus 16:26 . . . *bathe his flesh in water, and afterward come into the camp.*

Leviticus 16:28 . . . *bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp.*

Leviticus 17:15, 16 . . . *bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening: then shall he be clean. But if he washes them not, nor bathes his flesh; then he shall bear his iniquity.*

Numbers 19:7 *Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the evening.*

Numbers 19:19 *And the clean person shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day: and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at evening.*

Notice that the people were still unclean after their bath until evening which was the beginning of the next day. This shows that the bathing was a spiritual exercise typifying the entire salvation process. Yahusha saves us and delivers us from the punishment of sin, which is eternal death. This takes place at the time when we call upon Him and His blood is applied to our account. We are immersed in Yahusha and dedicate our lives to live for Him. This demonstrates our commitment to be clean. The work of deliverance continues throughout our lives. Sin and death will finally be destroyed at the end of this age.

*See, I am giving you the revelation of a secret: we will not all come to the sleep of death, but we will all be changed. In a second, in the shutting of an eye, at the sound of the last horn: for at that sound the dead will come again, free for ever from the power of death, and we will be changed. For this body which comes to destruction will be made free from the power of death, and the man who is under the power of death will put on eternal life. But when this has taken place, then that which was said in the Writings will come true, Death is overcome by life. O death, where is your power? O*

*death, where are your pains? The pain of death is sin; and the power of sin is the law: but praise be to God Who gives us strength to overcome through our Master Yahusha the Anointed. For this cause, my dear brothers, be strong in purpose and unmoved, ever giving yourselves to the work of the Master, because you are certain that your work is not without effect in the Master. (1 Corinthians 15:51-58)*

There is a story in the Bible about a great and honorable Syrian soldier by the name of Naaman who had leprosy. His wife had an Israelite servant girl that knew of a prophet in Samaria and believed that the prophet Elisha could heal her master. Naaman went to see Elisha and was told to bathe seven times in the Jordan River and be healed. Naaman balked a bit at the idea but was finally convinced by his servants to humble himself and be obedient by doing this simple ritual. The Scriptures say that he dipped seven times in the Jordan River and of course he was healed.

The Hebrew word translated “dipped” in this story is “tabal” (found sixteen times in the Bible). It is a primary root verb meaning “to dip, to immerse” and is translated in the King James Version of the Bible as “dip” or “plunge”. The Septuagint (Greek) translation of the Scriptures translates “tabal” using the word “baptizo” (transliterated “baptize”) which means “to immerse, submerge; to make fully wet”. We are spiritually healed of the effects of sin and made righteous in the pool of water, just as Naaman was healed of his physical sickness.

John the Immerser, the son of a priest, was immersing people in the Jordan River as they were repenting and confessing their sins. He told the people that there was One coming Who was greater than he was. He would immerse with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Yahusha came to John to be immersed and John told the people that Yahusha was the Lamb of God to take away their sins. Yahusha wanted to be immersed by John, not because He needed repentance, but because He is our example of what is right to do.

*Truly, I immerse with water those of you whose hearts are changed; but He Who comes after me is greater than I, Whose shoes I am not good enough to take up: He will immerse you with the Holy Spirit and with fire: in Whose hand is the instrument with which He will make clean His grain; He will put the good grain in His store, but the waste will be burned up in the fire which will never be put out.*

*Then Yahusha came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be immersed by him. But John would have kept Him back, saying, It is I who have need to be immersed by You, and do You come to me? But Yahusha made answer, saying to him, Let it be so now: **because it is right for us to satisfy all righteousness.***

*Then he immersed Him. And Yahusha, having been immersed, straight away went up from the water; and, the heavens opening, He saw the Spirit of God coming down on Him as a dove; And a voice came out of heaven, saying, This is My dearly loved Son, with Whom I am well pleased. (Matthew 3:11-17)*

Spiritual leaders were immersing disciples into their own gatherings. They were making disciples and then immersing them. The emissaries of Yahusha immersed disciples during the same time that John was immersing his disciples.

*Now, when it was clear to the Master that word had come to the ears of the Pharisees that Yahusha was making more disciples than John and was*

*immersing them. though, in fact, it was His disciples who immersed, not Yahusha Himself, He went out of Judaea into Galilee again. (John 4:1-3)*

After Messiah had risen from the dead and before He ascended into Heaven, He commanded His followers to make disciples and immerse them. It would be reasonable to assume that if the teachers were instructed to immerse the students then the obedient students were immersed.

*And Yahusha came to them and said, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go then, and make disciples of all the nations, immersing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to keep all the rules which I have given you: and see, I am ever with you, even to the end of the world. (Matthew 28:18-20)*

*And He said to them, Go into all the world, and give the good news to everyone. He who has faith and is immersed will get salvation; but he who has not faith will be judged. (Mark 16:15-16)*

A kingdom is where there is one (the king) who has ultimate authority and others (his subjects) who follow the king. The Kingdom of God is where He is ultimate authority and His subjects obey Him. Yahusha introduced the term and taught many principles of the Kingdom of God. Joining the Kingdom of God is becoming a disciple of Yahusha. When the Kingdom of God was preached through the Name of Yahusha the Anointed, there were people who believed and were immersed.

*Yahusha said to him, Truly, I say to you, without a new birth no man is able to see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus said to Him, How is it possible for a man to be given birth when he is old? Is he able to go into his mother's body a second time and come to birth again?*

*Yahusha said in answer, Truly, I say to you, If a man's birth is not from water and from the Spirit, it is not possible for him to go into the kingdom of God. (John 3:3-5)*

*But when they had faith in the good news given by Philip about the kingdom of God and the Name of Yahusha the Anointed, a number of men and women were immersed. (Acts 8:12)*

Immersion into water was practiced by believers after Yahusha commissioned His disciples and then went to Heaven. Believers practiced water immersion in the Name of Yahusha. Becoming a disciple of Yahusha added a person into the assembly, leading to a changed lifestyle and victory over our adversary.

*Then those who gave hearing to his words were immersed: and about three thousand souls were joined to them that day. (Acts 2:41)*

*And while they were going on their way, they came to some water, and the Ethiopian said, See, here is water; why may I not be immersed? And Philip said, If you believe with all your heart, it is permitted. And he answering, said, I believe that Yahusha the Anointed is the Son of God. And he gave orders for the carriage to be stopped, and the two of them went down into the water, and Philip immersed him. (Acts 8:36-38)*

*And a certain woman named Lydia, a trader in purple cloth of the town of Thyatira, and a God-fearing woman, gave ear to us: whose heart the Master made open to give attention to the things which Paul was saying. And when she and her family had been immersed, she made a request to us, saying, If it seems to you **that I am true to the Master**, come into my house and be my guests. And she made us come. (Acts 16:14-15)*

*And he (the prison guard) sent for lights and came rushing in and, shaking with fear, went down on his face before Paul and Silas, and took them out and said, Sirs, what have I to do to get salvation? And they said, Have faith in the Master Yahusha, and you and your family will have salvation. And they gave the Word of the Master to him and to all who were in his house. And that same hour of the night, he took them, and when he had given attention to their wounds, he and all his family were immersed straight away. And he took them into his house and gave them food, and he was full of joy, having faith in God with all his family. (Acts 16:29-34)*

*And Crispus, the ruler of the Synagogue, with all his family, had faith in the Master; and a great number of the people of Corinth, hearing the word, had faith and were immersed. (Acts 18:8)*

The Apostle Paul also used immersion to illustrate the death, burial and resurrection of Yahusha, and shows us that immersion identifies us with Him. With this identity we are challenged to live without sinning and walk in the new way. Immersion continues the work of deliverance and liberty.

*What may we say, then? Are we to go on in sin so that there may be more grace? In no way. How may we, who are dead to sin, be living in it any longer? Or are you without the knowledge that all we who had immersion into Yahusha the Anointed, had immersion into His death? We have been placed with Him among the dead through immersion into death: so that as the Anointed came again from the dead by the glory of the Father, we, in the same way, might be living in new life. (Romans 6:1-4)*

There is a connection between immersion into water in the Name of Yahusha and the endowment of the Holy Spirit. When the Spirit can effectively work, a

person will be delivered from evil and overcome the work of sin. God is not bound by formulas, but He desires a willing heart.

*And Peter said, Let your hearts be changed, every one of you, and be immersed in the Name of Yahusha the Anointed, for the forgiveness of your sins; and **you will have the Holy Spirit given to you.** (Acts 2:38)*

*And Ananias went out and came to the house, and putting his hands on him, said, Brother Saul, the Master Yahusha, Whom you saw when you were on your journey, has sent me, **so that you may be able to see, and be full of the Holy Spirit.** And straight away it seemed as if a veil was taken from his eyes, and he was able to see; and he got up and was immersed; and when he had taken food his strength came back. And for some days he kept with the disciples who were in Damascus. (Acts 9:17-19)*

*And the Jews of the faith, who had come with Peter, were full of wonder, because the Holy Spirit was given to the Gentiles, and they were talking in tongues, and giving glory to God. Then Peter said, Will any man say that these may not be immersed **who have been given the Holy Spirit** as we have? And he gave orders for them to be immersed in the Name of Yahusha the Anointed. Then they kept him with them for some days. (Acts 10:45-48)*

*And he said, What sort of immersion did you have? And they said, The immersion of John. And Paul said, John gave an immersion which goes with a change of heart, saying to the people that they were to have faith in Him Who was coming after him, that is, in Yahusha.*

*And hearing this, they were immersed in the Name of the Master Yahusha. And when Paul had put*

*his hands on them, **the Holy Spirit came on them;** and they had the power of talking in tongues and speaking like prophets. (Acts 19:3-6)*

Ritual bathing is a perfect picture of the spiritual cleansing of God. This obedient act gives us the opportunity and advantage of the Kingdom of God. Immersion identifies us with Master Yahusha the Anointed as He is our example and we become His followers, His disciples. We experience fulfillment and peace when we are immersed in water and in the Spirit.

Let me quote Ananias speaking to the newly converted Saul. *And now, why are you waiting? Get up, and be immersed, and wash fully away your sins, giving worship to His Name. (Acts 22:16)*

## Principle #7: Live a Godly Lifestyle

Deliverance comes to those who have a desire to live right and walk in the right path. There are many commandments in the Scriptures and these precepts should be the foundation of a moral life. Obeying the commandments identifies us with Yahu and His chosen people.

Yahusha kept all the commandments and was able to be our sinless substitute in His death. Through His example, we know that we are to be law abiding people, especially His law. These statutes are not hard to keep if we love Yahu and the people in our civilization. Deliverance comes when we are biblically moral, and repentant of our immorality.

*He who walks blamelessly is saved, But the perverted of ways falls at once. (Proverbs 28:18)*

There is the message from the prophets that says that in the end, Messiah, the son of David, will rule and the commandments of Yahu will be obeyed. During this time there will be a complete deliverance from sin and there will be one set of rules for everyone.

The philosophy of the world says that you must break the rules and live a little. Yahusha says for us to obey the rules and live a lot. There is more daring excitement in the Kingdom of God when we truly know the ways of Yahusha and follow Him. We have been numbed by dead religion and blinded to the music and dancing of the King. When deliverance comes, we will obey the commandments.

*And say to them, These are the words of Yahu: See, I am taking the children of Israel (the believers) from among the nations where they have gone, and will get them together on every side, and take them into their land: and I will make them one nation in the land,*

*on the mountains of Israel; and one king will be king over them all: and they will no longer be two nations, and will no longer be parted into two kingdoms: and they will no longer make themselves unclean with their images or with their hated things or with any of their sins: but I will give them salvation from all their turning away in which they have done evil, and will make them clean; and they will be to Me a people, and I will be to them a God. And My servant David (Messiah) will be king over them; and **they will all have one keeper: and they will be guided by My orders and will keep My rules and do them.** (Ezekiel 37:21-24)*

Freedom comes by keeping the law. We may feel that we are imprisoned by the law and that we need to escape this prison, but we are imprisoned by disobedience and we need to be liberated so that we can be free to do right. People in prison are convicted of breaking the law according to the rulers or the laws of the land. If God was the ruler of our nation, then we would live freely by obeying His laws and we would do time in jail if we broke the laws.

Our problem is that we are rebellious, and we want to make the laws of God ineffective and we want to do what is right in our own eyes. The Scriptures teach that if we just do what is right in our own eyes, then we do not have a king (Judges 17:6, Judges 21:25).

We may want to pick and choose the rules that sound good to us or fit into our present lifestyle or culture. We should want to obey all the laws as much as we are to understand them. The Master said that in order to really live we need to keep the rules of the law.

*And one came to Him and said, Master, what good thing have I to do, so that I may have eternal life? And He said to him, Why are you questioning Me about what is good? One there is Who is good: but if you*

*have a desire to go into life, keep the rules of the law.*  
(Matthew 19:16-17)

Spiritual motivation comes when we accept more of the precepts of God. There was a time when I did not want to read the Bible because every time that I opened it, I was discovering commandments that I was breaking. I could have rejected the laws and lived in self-righteousness, but I turned around and began looking for all the statutes that have been given to me by God.

As I collected these principles, I realized how far from God I could have been if it were not for the righteousness of Yahusha, and how often every day I do things that displease Him. I have come to understand that Spirit enables me to obey every Biblical commandment given to me.

Obedience to the spirit of the commandments increases the motivation of the supernatural Spirit within us. The more I grow in the power of the grace to obey Him, the more I will experience heavenly life.

*And the law came in addition, to make wrongdoing worse; but where there was much sin, there was much more grace: that, as sin had power in death, so grace might have power through righteousness to eternal life through Yahusha the Anointed our Master. (Romans 5:20-21)*

Righteousness comes as a favor through the Spirit of Yahusha. Think of a child who has a special gift. That child must be trained and needs to exercise the talent to perfection, but a little teaching and practice goes a lot further with the gifted child than observed normally.

The spiritual endowment that seals our eternal life through Yahusha graces us with the power to be

obedient to Him. When we know more of the commandments of God, there is more transgression against His law. But, with more rules comes more power to obey. We do not disobey in order to have more grace, but we accept more responsibility in order to be more mature as a disciple of Yahusha.

Deliverance comes by exercising God given gifts. When we read the Scriptures and receive the blessing of mature believers, we receive special favor from Yahu. This favor is worth desiring and obtaining. We need to dedicate ourselves to this godly ability and authority. We can leave the life of destruction and move into the "Promised Land". As we study the Scriptures and disciple others, we will receive deliverance and so will those who follow.

*Make use of that grace in you, which was given to you **by the word of the prophets**, when the seniors of the assembly put their hands on you. Have a care for these things; give yourself to them with all your heart, so that all may see how you go forward. Give attention to yourself and your teaching. **Go on in these things; for in doing so you will get salvation for yourself and for those who give hearing to you.** (1 Timothy 4:14-16)*

Remember that a flaw in our humanity is the inability to accept proper authorities in our lives. The authorities that you have accepted are the ones that you obey, not necessarily the ones we think we should obey. We may think that we submit to the authority of God, but we do not obey Him.

Parents may think that their children are under their authority, but that is true only if their children are obedient. Parents may have to do different things to bring their children into submission. God may have to do things that we do not like for us to recognize His authority.

Deliverance takes place when we come under the orders of Yahusha. We need to accept Yahusha the Anointed as our King and be in total subjection to Him. Yahusha submitted Himself as the Son (flesh) to the Father (spirit) in our behalf. He is worthy of our total submission.

*(Yahusha) in the days of His flesh, having sent up prayers and requests with strong crying and weeping to Him Who was able to give Him salvation from death, had His prayer answered because of His fear of God. And though He was a Son, through the pain which He underwent, the knowledge came to Him of what it was to be under God's orders; and **when He had been made complete, He became the giver of eternal salvation to all those who are under His orders.** (Hebrews 5:7-9)*

Deliverance comes when we dedicate our bodies to serve righteousness. Righteousness is conformity to the law. This means that we are to be fair in our choices and blameless in our conduct. Ultimately, we are to be perfect; innocent of breaking the law. It is never right to do wrong. Right? Of course, you are not perfect, and you break the laws all the time (hopefully not by choice), but Yahusha became your substitute and accepted the reward of sin for you and gave you eternal life when you called upon Him to be your savior and deliverer. He was completely obedient to the Father so that His righteousness could become our righteousness. The example of Yahusha is the righteousness that we need to follow and by doing so, we will be free from sin.

*I am using words in the way of men, because your flesh is feeble: as you gave your bodies as servants to what is unclean, and to evil to do evil, so now give them as servants to righteousness to do what is holy. When you were servants of sin you were free*

*from righteousness. What fruit had you at that time in the things which are now a shame to you? For the end of such things is death. But now, **being free from sin, and having been made servants to God, you have your fruit in that which is holy, and the end is eternal life.** For the reward of sin is death; but what God freely gives is eternal life in Yahusha the Anointed our Master. (Romans 6:19-23)*

Yahusha was gathering His disciples and calling them into a special place of service. He knew that one of the men He called would turn against Him in the end and join with those wanting to kill Him. There were others Yahusha asked to join the Twelve Apostles, but they were not willing to leave the desires of the flesh and follow Him.

Yahusha is calling many today to serve in special vocations, but we are all given a free will to make up our own minds. There are some who volunteer for special orders but are not able to give up everything and follow the Master. Deliverance continues to come as we continue to surrender ourselves to the commandments of Yahusha and grow in discipleship.

Yahusha is not going to ask us to give up anything unless it is a hindrance to the gospel witness or unless He has a special purpose for us in His kingdom. Since, that is the case, He will give us the strength and ability to let go of the unnecessary weight.

If we are not able to obey the orders that Yahusha gives to us, then we will not experience the abundant life that He desires for us to have. The Scriptures tell of a man Yahusha called to join the disciples but he was not willing to make the move. He left the gathering depressed and heartbroken. You will not be sorry for going all the way with Yahusha the

Anointed, even if you end up losing everything for His cause. God has a better life planned for us.

*And while He was going out into the way, a man came running to Him, and went down on his knees, saying, Good Master, what have I to do so that I may have eternal life? And Yahusha said to him, Why do you say I am good? No one is good but One, and that is God. You have knowledge of what is said in the law, Do not put any one to death, Do not be untrue in married life, Do not take what is not yours, Do not give false witness, Do not get money by deceit, Give honor to your father and mother. And he said to Him, Master, all these laws I have kept from the time when I was young. And Yahusha, looking on him and loving him, said, There is one thing needed: go, get money for your goods, and give it to the poor, and you will have wealth in heaven: and come with Me. But his face became sad at the saying, and he went away sorrowing: for he was one who had much property.*

*And Yahusha, looking round about, said to His disciples, How hard it is for those who have wealth to come into the kingdom of God! And the disciples were full of wonder at His words. But Yahusha said to them again, Children, how hard it is for those who **put faith in wealth** to come into the kingdom of God! It is simpler for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a man of wealth to come into the kingdom of God. And they were greatly surprised, saying to Him, Who then may have salvation? Yahusha, looking on them, said, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for all things are possible with God. (Mark 10:17-27)*

The ways of God are simple. The man-made traditions and definitions of morality complicate things. Yahusha never diminished the teachings of Scripture, but He did say that the traditions of man,

made the commandments of God ineffective (Mark 7:13).

When commenting on Biblical precepts, Yahusha always lifted the principles to a higher level (Matthew 5-7). When commenting on laws made by the religious lords, Yahusha exposed the inconsistencies as dead works (Matthew 23:27).

I am not going to enumerate all the commandments given in the Word of God. You need to read for yourself and give the Spirit opportunity to speak to you personally. There are many times when God commands us to keep or guard His commands. You would think that since God gave an order we would know that we are supposed to keep it. God knows that there have been and would continue to be those who teach that we are not to obey the laws of God. So, we needed to be reminded to keep and obey His laws over and over again.

Yahu promises rewards for the good work that we do. These rewards are conducive to a good reputation, a high value, and peace; whereas evil produces destruction. Good works, according to the judgment of God, require a conscience submissive to the Spirit. We are to continue in the same good that produces eternal life.

*But by your hard and unchanged heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of the revelation of God's judging in righteousness; Who will give to every man His right reward: to those who go on with good works in the hope of glory and honor and salvation from death, He will give eternal life: but to those who, from a love of competition, are not guided by what is true, will come the heat of His wrath, trouble and sorrow on all whose works are evil, to the Jew first and then to the Greek; but glory and honor and peace to all whose works are good, to the Jew first and then to*

*the Greek: For one man is not different from another before God. (Romans 2:5-11)*

Because there are several commandments and a larger number of interpretations, Yahu gave two guiding anchors. Every commandment that we must obey is to be applied in agreement to these rules. These are not the only commandments, but every commandment, and moral rule to live by is found in these two orders: (1) demonstrate love to Yahu God and (2) demonstrate love to the people you know. Deliverance comes as we learn to obey these two commands.

*And a certain teacher of the law got up and put Him to the test, saying, Master, what have I to do so that I may have eternal life? And He said to him, What does the law say, in your reading of it? And he, answering, said, Have love for Yahu your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and for your neighbor as for yourself. And He said, You have given the right answer: do this and you will have life. (Luke 10:25-28)*

Deliverance comes when we give to others as though we are giving to Yahusha. When there are people in our lives who we deem important, we will go the extra mile to supply them with the things that they desire from us. We need to be helping people who are down trodden, oppressed, fallen behind, overwhelmed, etc.

Do not be condescending toward them but hold them in high regard as children of God. See them as the King's kids and know that He would be pleased if you would lend them a helping hand. If you are benevolent in their behalf, God will be gracious to you.

*Then will the King say to those on His right, Come, you who have the blessing of My Father, into*

*the kingdom made ready for you before the world was: for I was in need of food, and you gave it to Me: I was in need of drink, and you gave it to Me: I was wandering, and you took Me in; I had no clothing, and you gave it to Me: when I was ill, or in prison, you came to Me.*

*Then will the upright make answer to Him, saying, Master, when did we see You in need of food, and give it to You? Or in need of drink, and give it to You? And when did we see You wandering, and take You in? Or without clothing, and give it to You? And when did we see You ill, or in prison, and come to You? And the King will make answer and say to them, Truly I say to you, Because you did it to the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me. (Matthew 25:34-40)*

The human tendency is to criticize and condemn others who are different or may not be as good as we would want them to be. If we have the spirit of Yahusha, then we are going to love others, including our enemies and we will desire the best for them. If we are going to help others up out of the ditch where they are, then we are going to have to be on a higher platform.

Motivation to improve is strengthened by doing good things for other people and then waiting for the time when the investment of good deeds will be rewarded. By helping others up, we will be observing the law of Yahusha. We are to help others in humility and not vanity. By serving we will grow, and those we help will improve, and then we will experience more deliverance in our own lives.

*Brothers, if a man is taken in any wrongdoing, you who are of the Spirit will put such a one right in a spirit of love; keeping watch on yourself, for fear that you yourself may be tested. Take on yourselves one another's troubles, and so keep the law of the Anointed.*

*For if a man has an idea that he is something when he is nothing, he is tricked by himself. But let every man make test of his work, and then will his cause for glory be in himself only, and not in his neighbor, because every man is responsible for his part of the work. But let him who gets teaching in the Word give a part in all good things to his teacher.*

*Be not tricked; God is not made sport of: for whatever seed a man puts in, that will he get back as grain. Because he who puts in the seed of the flesh will of the flesh get the reward of death; but he who puts in the seed of the Spirit will of the Spirit get the reward of eternal life.*

*And let us not get tired of well-doing; for at the right time we will get in the grain, if we do not give way to weariness. So then, as we have the chance, let us do good things to all men, and especially to those who are of the family of the faith. (Galatians 6:1-10)*

It is difficult to invest in the lives of others when we are struggling in our own situations. You may be having problems with health, addictions, your marriage, your children, your job, money, or any number of challenges of life. Our own battles prepare us for the times when we can help someone else who is going through the same valleys.

When you help others who have questions, you find answers for yourself. This may not be any consolation, but it is true that there is always someone else having a harder time than we are. We may think that our problems are too big to be able to concern ourselves with the problems of others, but deliverance comes when we put our hope in God and accept the needs of others as our own.

*Give orders to those who have money and goods in this life, not to be lifted up in their minds, or to*

*put their hope in the uncertain chances of wealth, but in God Who gives us in full measure all things for our use; and to do good, having wealth in good works, being quick to give, taking part with one another; making ready for themselves a safe place for the time to come, so that the true life may be theirs. (1 Timothy 6:17-19)*

Deliverance comes when we have the faith that is productive. We believe in the promises. We receive Him and we call upon Yahusha to give us salvation. We need to remember this initial faith and exercise it to bring about a good life.

*Now I am going to make clear to you, my brothers, what the good news was which I gave to you, and which you took, and on which your faith is based, by which you have salvation; that is to say, **the form in which it was given to you**, if it is fixed in your minds, and if your faith in it **is not without effect**. (1Corinthians 15:1-2)*

Accepting Yahusha as our personal Savior opens a door to many opportunities that we did not have before. We limit ourselves when we only imagine performing projects according to our own abilities. Yahusha wants to work through us, giving to us the potential of bigger and better accomplishments. When people are given assignments that they think are impossible, they have a choice between quitting and making excuses or finding ways to get the work done. Listen to the Spirit within you and obey His orders and He will lift you up out of yourself and into His area of expertise. Let go and let your faith grow.

*What use is it, my brothers, for a man to say that he has faith, if he does nothing? Will such a faith give him salvation? If a brother or a sister is without clothing and in need of the day's food, and one of you says to them, Go in peace, be warm and full of food; but you do not give them the things of which their bodies have*

*need, what profit is there in this? Even so faith without works is dead.*

*But a man may say, You have faith and I have works; let me see your faith without your works, and I will make my faith clear to you by my works. You have the belief that God is one, and you do well: the evil spirits have the same belief, shaking with fear. Do you not see, O foolish man that faith without works is of no use?*

*Was not the righteousness of Abraham our father judged by his works, when he made an offering of Isaac his son on the altar? (see Genesis 22) You see that his faith was helping his works and was made complete by them; and the holy Writings were put into effect which said, And Abraham had faith in God and it was put to his account as righteousness; and he was named the friend of God.*

*You see that a man's righteousness is judged by his works and not by his faith only. And in the same way, was not the righteousness of Rahab, the loose woman, judged by her works, when she took into her house those who were sent and let them go out by another way? (see Joshua 2) For as the body without the spirit is dead even so faith without works is dead. (James 2:14-26)*

Deliverance comes according to the purpose and grace of God. Yahusha's Apostle Paul suffered extremely for the cause of the Anointed and eventually was martyred for His Name. He could have exalted himself, and there were those who wanted to make him their chief, but he did not want anyone to identify with him but only with Yahusha.

Paul testified that his salvation was not earned because of his good works and sacrifice. The Spirit motivates us to obey Yahu's commandments and

obedience is a principle for us to follow as we seek to be delivered, but we are saved and delivered because God wills it and He does not owe us anything.

*Have no feeling of shame, then, for the witness of our Master or for me, His prisoner: but undergo all things for the good news in the measure of the power of God; Who gave us salvation, marking us out for His purpose, not on account of our works, but in the measure of His purpose and His grace, which was given to us in the Anointed Yahusha before times eternal, but has now been made clear by the revelation of our Savior the Anointed Yahusha, Who put an end to death and made life unending come to light through the good news, of which I was made a preacher and an Apostle and a teacher; And for which I undergo these things: but I have no feeling of shame. For I have knowledge of Him in whom I have faith, and I am certain that He is able to keep that which I have given into His care till that day. (2 Timothy 1:8-12)*

Deliverance comes through the blood of Yahusha when He was crucified to make us clean to serve God. After Israel was delivered from Egyptian bondage, Yahu made a covenant with His people, making them a nation of priests with the Tent of Meeting in the center of the camp. Blood sacrifices were made through the offerings of clean animals for the forgiveness of sin.

Many of the ceremonial laws were looking forward to the sacrifice made by Yahusha the Anointed. Since He completed His substitutionary work, there is no need for the other slaughtering. Believers were made clean in the covenant at Sinai so that they could serve Yahu and make offerings to Him. We are saved and delivered so that we can serve Yahusha and offer our best to Him.

*But now the Anointed has come as the high priest of the good things of the future, through this greater and better Tent, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this world, and has gone once and for ever into the holy place, having gotten eternal salvation, not through the blood of goats and young oxen, but through His blood.*

*For if the blood of goats and oxen, and the dust from the burning of a young cow, being put on the unclean, make the flesh clean: how much more will the blood of the Anointed, Who, being without sin, made an offering of Himself to God through the Holy Spirit, **make your hearts clean from dead works to be servants of the living God?***

*And for this cause it is through Him that a new agreement has come into being, so that after the violations under the first agreement had been taken away by His death, the Word of God might have effect for those who were marked out for an eternal heritage. (Hebrews 9:11-15)*

Deliverance comes through the merciful forgiveness of Yahusha because of our sin, and His power which is able to keep us from falling into sin. Through Him, we have the promise of eternal life in heaven. If we focus on this great salvation, we will understand the reason we are encouraged to obey Yahusha the Anointed. Notice the orders in these next verses.

*But you, my loved ones, **building yourselves up on your most holy faith, and making prayers in the Holy Spirit, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for life eternal through the mercy of our Master Yahusha the Anointed. And have pity on those who are in doubt; and to some give salvation, pulling them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear,***

*hating even the clothing which is made unclean by the flesh.*

*Now to Him Who is able to keep you from falling, and to give you a place in His glory, free from all evil, with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Yahusha the Anointed our Master, let us **give glory and honor and authority and power**, before all time and now and forever. So be it. (Jude 1:20-25)*

Deliverance comes by grace through Yahusha so that we can do the things that God has for us to do. Doing good deeds such as sharing the gospel of Yahusha the Anointed or helping those who are oppressed or in spiritual bondage are not to be done so that we can be proud, boastful, and judgmental. He has mercifully saved us and delivers us so that we can live without condemnation and be free to obey Him.

*But God, being full of mercy, through the great love which He had for us, Even when we were dead through our sins, gave us life together with the Anointed by grace you have salvation, so that we came back from death with Him, and are seated with Him in the heavens, in the Anointed Yahusha; that in the time to come He might make clear the full wealth of His grace in His mercy to us in the Anointed Yahusha: because by grace you have salvation through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is given by God: not by works, so that no man may take glory to himself. For by His act we were given existence in the Anointed Yahusha to do those good works which God before made ready for us so that we might do them. (Ephesians 2:4-10)*

Deliverance comes from Yahusha as we accept more and more of Him. We are warned by the Master not to consume philosophies and beliefs that end with this life, but to be nourished by eternal truth. We need to have an appetite for those things that count for eternity.

*Let your work not be for the food which comes to an end, but for the food which goes on for eternal life, which the Son of man will give to you, for on Him has God the Father put His mark. (John 6:27)*

We all have problems and deficiencies. We have challenges of life and we have evil forces that we must deal with. When we accept The Anointed, He saves us from the bondage of death, but He also leads us into the wilderness. His plan includes the demonstration that deliverance comes from the power of God and that Yahusha lives through us.

*But we have this wealth in vessels of earth, so that it may be seen that the power comes not from us but from God; troubles are round us on every side, but we are not shut in; things are hard for us, but we see a way out of them; we are cruelly attacked, but not without hope; we are made low, but we are not without help; in our bodies there is ever the mark of the death of Yahusha, so that the life of Yahusha may be seen in our bodies. (2 Corinthians 4:7-10)*

We have already seen that our salvation and deliverance can only come from Yahu Yahusha. We tend to become impatient and irritated. There are many sources of anxiety in our world, and stress is a deterrent to the healing process. This is when the spirit of endurance comes into play. We are to wait on Yahusha to deliver us according to His plan and purpose. As we join with Yahusha, we are trusting in His abilities and promises.

Waiting is not quitting or giving up. It is not having a lackadaisical attitude or an excuse to be lazy. Waiting is an act of regrouping or binding together into a necessary collection; being a journeyman, or an apprentice. There is a need to build up spiritual strength and endurance. There is a need to grow in faith and trust; in grace and knowledge.

Therefore, we need to be active in doing the things that are commanded; things that we know are right to do.

*Do not say, I will give punishment for evil: go on waiting for Yahu, and He will be your savior. (Proverbs 20:22)*

*And in that day, it will be said, See, this is our God; we have been waiting for Him, and He will be our savior: this is Yahu in Whom is our hope; we will be glad and have delight in His salvation. (Isaiah 25:9)*

*For Yahu, the Holy One of Israel, said, In quiet and rest is your salvation: peace and hope are your strength: but you would not have it so. (Isaiah 30:15)*

*Let your hearts be turned to Me, so that you may have salvation, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is no other. (Isaiah 45:22)*

*And you will be hated by all men because of My Name: but he who is strong to the end will have salvation. (Matthew 10:22)*

*And because wrongdoing will be increased, the love of most people will become cold. But he who goes through to the end will get salvation. And this good news of the kingdom will be given through all the world for a witness to all nations; and then the end will come. (Matthew 24:12-14)*

We may not do everything that is right, but we must have the desire to do everything that we know would make Yahu Yahusha pleased with us. We are saved and delivered by the supernatural work of the Almighty God. We should do everything we can to lift Yahusha the Anointed to the greatest honor and esteem. We obey Him to show that we love Him and that we are His subjects. We must look at the needs of others and do everything in our power to help them as

the Spirit gives us the plan. It is important to wait on the Master and follow Him; not getting ahead of Him.

We know that because of the law there is sin. We are never commanded to sin; therefore, sin and the law are opposite. This makes the law good and of course, sin evil. Obedience to the law reduces the effects of sin.

*The pain of death is sin; and the power of sin is the law: but praise be to God Who gives us strength to overcome (sin) through our Master Yahusha the Anointed. For this cause, my dear brothers, be strong in purpose and unmoved, **ever giving yourselves to the work of the Master**, because you are certain that your work is not without effect in the Master. (1 Corinthians 15:56-58)*

## Conclusion

If we are to be saved and delivered from the penalty and power of sin and death, we need to first fear Yahu God. We are to fear Him because of the judgment and condemnation that can be our eternal sentence since we all are sinners and have violated His holiness. We are also to fear Him with reverence, holding Him up to the highest esteem and honor.

As we lift Yahu, we humble ourselves and recognize that He is incomparably greater than we are. We realize that we cannot impress Him with our own righteousness, we are not entitled to any of His grace, and we need His salvation according to His mercy.

The plan of salvation focuses on the only savior, Who is Yahusha the Anointed; God as the Son. Yahusha was sent by the Father to sinful mankind to take away our sins. He lived a sinless life, but He became the sin offering necessary to satisfy the requirements as the Lamb of God. Yahusha was slaughtered and His blood was given to redeem us. He was raised from the dead, proving His righteousness, and conquering death for us. Yahusha ascended into heaven and is preparing a place for us and He is preparing us for His place. We need to believe in Yahu Yahusha.

Now that we have qualified Yahusha as our only legitimate Savior, this belief is followed by a conscious act of receiving Him and commissioning Him to bring to us eternal life. We need to let go of all other means of salvation. Our good deeds cannot redeem us and keep us from becoming outcasts. The church cannot save us, our parents cannot save us, our husbands or wives cannot save us, and neither can we talk or think our way to heaven. We need to be born again. We need to accept Yahusha the Anointed as our personal savior.

Salvation comes in answer to our humble and sincere prayer to Yahu Yahusha, asking Him to save us from the condemnation of our sins and deliver us from the power of our sin nature. We need to confess that we are sinners and need a savior. We need to confess that our master is Yahusha, the resurrected savior, and ask Him to forgive us of our wrongdoing.

*If we say openly that we have done wrong, He is upright and true to His Word, giving us forgiveness of sins and making us clean from all evil. (1 John 1:9)*

The confession that Yahusha is our master brings us into agreement with Him, and we are brought into His kingdom with Him, as He is our head and we are His disciples. Believers are made disciples by being immersed in the Name of Yahusha. In this way, we are identified with the Anointed One and His followers. This initial act of obedience paves the way for the immersion of the consecrating Spirit, Who enables us to walk the righteous path.

As we look at all that Yahu Yahusha has done for us, we are motivated to submit to His desires and be obedient to His commandments. There are many ways that we can demonstrate our love for Him and our love for others, as He said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments." Biblical principles instruct us and show us what we know to be good and righteous works. We will also want to be open to special personal assignments that the Master asks from us.

And so, as we follow these seven principles, we will find our focus to be on God and we will experience His salvation and deliverance. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for reading this material. As you follow these lessons and studies on truth, make yourself available to the Scriptures and begin your search for truth. May Yahusha bless as you continue to serve Him. Shalom.

“Oh Yahu, Yahusha the Anointed, Elohim of the armies of Heaven, I come before You with thanksgiving in my heart and humbly pray that You will bless the content and the reading of this book. I pray that this book will get into the hands of those with open minds and receptive hearts. I pray that the truth contained in these pages will change lives and encourage those who are walking righteously. I pray for the salvation of the lost and deliverance of the oppressed. I pray that You will lead Your children out of the house of bondage and that You will build a community dedicated to Your Kingdom and motivated by the Spirit of Truth. I pray that You will do these things by the power of the blood of the Lamb and by the word of Your Testimony. According to Your holy Name I pray. Amen.”