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And I will bring the [remnant] through the fire, Refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them; I will say, 'They are My people,' And they will say, 'YHWH is my God.' Zech 13:9

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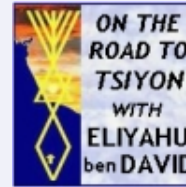
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"Out of Tsiyon, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth" Psalm 50:2

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## News

### **Firemen Report: Tsiyon Headquarters Destroyed!**

Last Sunday, all the residents of the Tsiyon Headquarters in Texas were suddenly and unexpectedly evacuated from our neighborhood, along with thousands of neighbors, as wild fires raged through south central Texas. We are told that the fires ravaged through our area and that all has been destroyed, but conditions have not been safe for us to be allowed back, to take a look for ourselves. We are glad to report that all of us got out safely and are doing fine. At this time our Tsiyon Team has established new temporary headquarters, and the Tsiyon mission continues forward! Praise Yah!

## Listener Q + A

### **Listener Comment - What Is Salvation?**

Hi I have been a listener for a while now but im a bit confused on the topic of salvation. What is it? On one of the programs Eliyahu says something along the line of now your saved then what? You have to walk it out? Does this mean that you are saved at the little prayer? On another episode he said something along the line that salvation is knowing the Father and the Son. Does this mean you are saved when you have had the experience of seeing the Father and Son? Im just confused because in standard Christianity salvation is saying the prayer then you are "saved" and guaranteed entrance into heaven. In Messianic circles I have heard that you are saved when Messiah lets you be part of the kingdom and until then you are just "walking out your salvation." I was just hoping maybe you could clarify what is salvation? Does salvation scripturally mean what is taught in Christianity that once saved always saved?

### **Tsiyon Answer - What Is Salvation?**

Thank you for sharing your questions about salvation. Let me do my best to answer them for you.

**Q.** "...does this mean that you are saved at the little prayer?"

**A.** Sometimes it does, but not usually. Let me explain. Many people treat the "sinner's prayer" like "magic words" that transform the initiate from a lost sinner bound for hell, to a saved saint bound for heaven. This magic thinking is behind the gathering of large crowds of people before the stages of well-known "evangelists" to say the "sinners prayer" or at least, to say

"amen" when the "evangelist" says it for them. After these events it is often announced that "867 people came to Christ" or whatever. Did they really? In most cases, I doubt it. When the "evangelist" leaves town there is usually little evidence left behind that a huge crowd of people from that town are now following the Lord. So why did most of them "go forward?" A lot of reasons. Some friend or family member cajoled them into it, is probably reason #1. "Fire insurance" may be reason #2, and so on. However, we cannot discount the possibility that at least a few of them may have actually repented of their sins and chosen in faith, with all sincerity of heart, to actually receive the grace of God, accepting Messiah as both Lord and Savior, to receive His Spirit, to be saved.

**Q. What does "salvation is knowing the father and the son" really mean?**

**A. Knowing the Father and the Son IS salvation. Messiah Himself said so in the priestly prayer:**

"This is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and him whom you sent, Yeshua the Messiah."  
Yochanan/John 17:3 HNV

Barnes Commentary explains the word "know" as it applies here:

"Might know thee - The word "know" here, as in other places, expresses more than a mere speculative acquaintance with the character and perfections of God. "It includes all the impressions on the mind and life which a just view of God and of the Saviour is fitted to produce." It includes, of course, love, reverence, obedience, honor, gratitude, supreme affection. "To know God as he is" is to know and regard him as a lawgiver, a sovereign, a parent, a friend. It is to yield the whole soul to him, and strive to obey his law." [Barnes Commentary - John 17:3]

All of that is very true. however, I would add one more word that was left out here, that makes the rest of it all possible. That word is "fellowship." To live in the abiding fellowship of the Father and the Son IS eternal life, IS salvation. [1 Yochanan/John 1]

When someone uses the word "salvation" in the Biblical sense they may actually be referring to one of two things, or both things. Yes, that can be confusing. Here are the two things "salvation" can be referring to:

1. The "salvation experience" is the experience of entering into fellowship with the Father and the Son. This involves repenting of one's sins and accepting Messiah as both Lord (meaning you will obey Him) and Savior (meaning you trust in Him and not yourself). You don't need more than the basics of understanding to do this. It has a lot more to do with your heart than with your head. Once you start down this road, you will keep learning and growing from there.

2. Being "saved" is an ongoing state of being in fellowship with the Father and the Son. This is what "walking out your salvation" really means. This must never stop, so long as one is sucking air. Here we learn that salvation isn't just an event that happens once. It is a state of being that must continue everyday. Your part is to "abide in Him" daily, and the rest of it will pretty much unfold. [Yochanan/John 15:1-15]

Once a person enters into salvation things happen fast. They receive the Holy Spirit within. Through the Holy Spirit and the Word, the eyes of their understanding are opened and the truth opens up more and more to them. As they walk in that truth, more truth will be revealed, and so on. This causes their life to change rapidly. Through this process the new child of God is led into ever greater fellowship with God, and learns how to perceive and to do His will. If the child of God puts on the brakes at any point, then the revelation will pretty much stop at that point, until they let go and start moving forward with Messiah again. The goal to which we press is transformation into the image of Messiah Himself, in us. Considering where we start from, and the perfection of character we are aiming for, it is not a big surprise that this can sometimes be a painful transformation. Painful, but also blessed, provided we do not give up before we reap eternal life. This is where grace comes in. Not grace to simply allow sin. No, but grace to help us overcome sin. Through His grace we can learn and be empowered to walk "just as He walked" in true fellowship with Him. [Eph 3:13-21, Yochanan/John 14:17,16:13, Acts 13:43, 14:26, Rom 5:21, Rom 6:1-13, 1 Yochanan/1 John 2:6]

Once saved, forget the complacent folly of "once saved always saved." Instead, take up the aggressive struggle to attain the Kingdom exemplified by the Apostle Paul:

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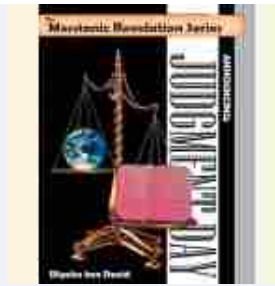
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However, what things were gain to me, these have I counted loss for Messiah. Yes most certainly, and I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Messiah Yeshua, my Lord, for whom I suffered the loss of all things, and count them nothing but refuse, that I may gain Messiah and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, that which is of nomos, but that which is through faith in Messiah, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, becoming conformed to his death; if by any means I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained, or am already made perfect; but I press on, if it is so that I may take hold of that for which also I was taken hold of by Messiah Yeshua. Brothers, I don't regard myself as yet having taken hold, but one thing I do. Forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of God in Messiah Yeshua. Php 3:7-14

## Theme CD



Brother, don't be too concerned with being saved. That is important, but not the best of it. Shoot for "the prize of the high calling" for all you're worth! That is where the incomparable riches of His glory are to be most richly obtained! That is my goal, which I regard as the prize to be seized above all others. That is the goal of the overcomer!

## From Eliyahu

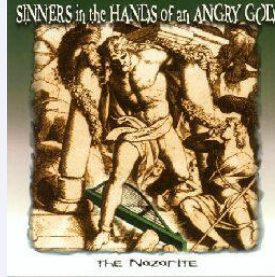
I suppose it had to happen sooner or later. After all, we have been reporting on unusual disasters around the world that are all part of the pattern that defines the Biblical "last days." Now, we have found ourselves right in the middle of one of these disasters. In this case, an unprecedented Texas wild fire that has destroyed well over a thousand homes - probably including our own. Fortunately, while all of our earthly possessions are now reportedly burned up, our real treasures have not been touched. Why? Because they are stored up in heaven where no wild fire can touch them! This is the beauty of going through the fire. You find out what is REALLY important in your life. In our case, we found out that what we have said to others is the real truth in our lives - He is our treasure. And He is our joy in this hour.

Shalom,

Eliyahu ben David

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