

How would we have known about our great God had we not been told of Him?

Good day to all my beautiful friends in Jesus/Yeshua our one and only Lord and Saviour! In Christ Jesus (Yeshua HaMaschiach) we are the family of the most high eternal God! How would you and I have known about this great God, who divided the waters at the Red Sea, who virtually made a path for His people in the desert, had we not been told of Him? Had we not have the oral and the written testimony received from God's precious Old Testament flock? (God is Elohim and nobody acquainted with Hebrew will deny this but in translation it means God, i.e. the very Most High, absolute One so let's move on to higher heights not knit-picking on semantics). But, and this is the crux, sound advice would surely be to stick to the written Scriptures. This is the holy record you and I can depend on and upon which our New Testament faith is also founded.

It is a consolation if we should realize that God the Father - the uncaused God who has no beginning nor end and who is awesome in all He does - gave us the testimony of His precious Son, Jesus/Yeshua our Saviour! Imagine what we would have done without Him. Yes, we would indeed have been lost forever - tossed to and fro on the ocean of life! But Jesus/Yeshua left His heavenly abode (His glory) to dwell among us (Phil. 2) and so that we could be bloodwashed. Yes, this was needed for once we are bloodwashed, we are ready to approach the Throne of God Most High. See what the apostle Paul propagates in his epistles, namely that he bows his knees to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus!

Yes, my dear and precious friends, this is Salvation to its fullest! This is our passport to heaven. And this is no glib word! This is no flippant idea of one or other apostate or crank who tried to impress his people and when he told them that Jesus/Yeshua had personally met him on Damascus Road (Acts 9). This is the word of faith God the Father had intended us to hear and so that we could be saved! Therefore all of us have to hear the Word (Rom. 8 & 10) before we will be able to apply God's promises to our lives. "Hearing" as we all should know by now, then indeed implies that we have understood what was told us.

Now, thank God, we have not only the Word in our hearts, but we also have the living Word engraved upon the tables of our hearts, just as Paul depicts it for us in his precious Letter to the Hebrews. In this preserved Biblical letter he so confidently tells us that Jesus/Yeshua is sitting on high as the great Kohen Gadol (the High Priest) who did not need to first and foremost bring a sacrifice of repentance, a guilt and sin offering, for himself, i.e. before He could bring it on behalf of his people. His sacrifice was the perfect sacrifice God most high had required for FULL redemption. He Himself required this son of Abraham - i.e. to the flesh - to work Salvation for fallen man on the Cross, i.e. for everyone in need of an authentic Saviour and so that our conscience could once and for all be cleansed in a supernatural way, meaning of course to be thoroughly washed in the living blood of God's chosen Lamb. Our conscience then has to be washed in Yeshua's/Jesus' eternal blood, that supernatural fountain of living, eternal blood flowing from Calvary.

And for this very reason God did not allow His Son's Holy Spirit created body (!) to decay in the grave (Acts 2.30) but He raised Him from the grave and in this glorified body, Jesus ascended on high appearing before His Father in the heavens and whom no one will ever see and live (note Jesus' words in the Gospels - Jn 4.24; Jn 1.18, also 1 Jn 4.12 - John then saw the Son of God, not God most high, yet he was also acquainted with Jesus/Yeshua's words in Jn. 14, i.e. the conversation Jesus had with Phillip making Jesus then indeed the one and only Mediator the apostle Paul was also preaching (1 Tim. 2.5 and clearly brought by this apostle also as the expressed Image (!) of God the Father (Col. 1.15). Jesus was then raised from the grave and He ascended on high with the marks of the wounds in His hands and with the holy blood in His resurrected body. His conception was not brought about by the will of a man (Jn 1.13) and therefore His blood could atone for the sins of man! And His created blood (!) - brought forth by the will of God the Father through His omnipotent Holy Spirit Power - could then indeed enter the heavens (His raised body had access to the Throne of God - it could appear before God Most High for Jesus prayed in Gethsemane that God the Father would glorify Him again (validate him/vindicate him) as in former times (Jn 17) reinstating Him then indeed as Son of God and just as Paul declares it in his Letter to the Romans (1.4), giving Him this status of glory after His resurrection).

This way Salvation He had wrought on the Cross - when many had gazed upon Him labelling Him as a deceiver, sticking their tongues out for Him, and poking fun at Him in His bitter agony - was sealed once and for all! How do we know that this message is true? Because it is apostolic through and through. Paul deals in a very special way with Jesus/Yeshua's High Priesthood, the true Melchizedek (King of Righteousness) in whom you and I can now trust fully (Heb. 7).

Our Salvation was therefore clinched by God's Holy Son once and for all and everybody can now go directly via the Cross of Calvary to the Throne of God Most High. We need not do anything else, that is to try hard (and in vain) to prove our dependence on God, but to proverbially bow our knees at the Cross asking Him, our Precious and only Saviour whose death on the Cross the prophet Isaiah depicts so neatly for us (Isa. 53), to wash us in this living fountain of life (gayyim).

Only Jesus/Yeshua can give as real LIFE for Life is in the Son of God (1 Jn 5.12). This is the will of the Father for everything now contracts in the Son's redemptive work on the Cross! Through the Cross we regain the image of God lost in the Garden of Eden (Don't worry about those who deny this Gospel (Eph 4.23-24). I know of a man of God who had seen Jesus often in His lifetime in visions and appearances, i.e. during dry fastings and prayer) and Jesus one night appeared to him telling Him that He was the same one who was with Adam and Eve in the Garden - He saw a Light flickering in a tree (that is indeed the Tree of Life nobody could dare touch and live) and then a Being in the Light whilst Jesus was speaking to him. Life is in Jesus/Yeshua whom God the Father gave to helpless man (Prov. 8.22+). [My advice to believers is: Don't worry about those who ridicule our living faith! Leave them aside and carry on with Jesus/Yeshua. The disobedient and the arrogant who go out against this type of faith in the living God have always been there and they will be there up until the very end. I'd rather be labelled a fool for Christ's sake than being an instrument of satan! And just to confirm, Jesus is the Light of the world (Jn 1; Gen.1.3; 2 Cor. 4.6)].

Therefore, getting washed in the blood of the Lamb is the best washing you and I can ever undergo. It is indeed better than any modern shower, ancient Roman bath. even a nice private bubblebath! The blood of Jesus will just never ever loose its power! Try it, and you will instantly experience how the goodness of God will flood your soul, i.e. if you call upon the blood of Jesus! Can I "call" then upon the blood? Of course! By crying out to Jesus and acknowledging His blood sacrifice on Calvary, you elicit God the Father's response to bring His goodness in action on your behalf, and you will then, over and over again, seal your faith in the risen Jesus/Yeshua! It is the blood atonement that brought Salvation, i.e. deliverance from the clutches of satan (Acts 10).

Now, why a sacrifice and especially the spilling of blood which sinners may easily label as gory? Because sin attaches to the blood, our inner being, our nefesh, call it what you may, but Torah emphatically states (Leviticus) that the soul - the life principle - is in the blood! No matter what may be said of such message, this is God speaking! For Torah is truth and Torah was preserved for us and so that we could have something to go by just as we also can see God's finger in today's DNA pertaining to the priesthood and the Levites. As though God wanted forever to alert us that He indeed had chosen a people of old and so that He could pave a way for the Better Covenant that was going to bring about eternal and lasting Salvation! This is the crux! Fact is, nobody can mess with the God of Israel, expecting to win! He emphatically states (Book of Zechariah) that He makes Jerusalem a heavy stone, declaring also that anybody daring to touch it (trying to move it, kicking it out of the way) SHALL surely be hurt! And this very same God sent us His Son - something depicted for us in Psalms (40) and again Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (10), also the apostle's Letter to the Galatians (4) - so that a new era could be announced via the Cross of Calvary.

God knew so well that we, sinful man, needed more than just the annual repetition of confession of faith via an animal blood sacrifice. We were very obviously in need of spiritual substance and He therefore fulfilled His implicit promise to Abraham, i.e. In due season, and when this patriarch was bound, upon the instruction of God (testing his faith to the extreme!!) to sacrifice his son. Fact is Isaac would not have been able to bring about redemption, but the Son of God - the Adam from heaven as Paul so neatly states for us in his letters - indeed did! Why? His blood was the epitome of the Fountain of Life for His blood was not that of a woman or of a man.

It was blood brought forth by the power of God's Holy Spirit (Lu. 1.35).

Therefore, those who believe the Scriptures, not tampering with it as the obstinate and the disobedient were apt to doing, will embrace the message of Calvary! And thank God for the (Jewish!) apostles of Jesus/Yeshua who brought us the Good Tidings, this message that will never ever lose its power, meaning up until the very end when Jesus/Yeshua the Son will again hand back the Power (the Kingdom) that God the Father had bestowed upon Him (resting upon His shoulders - Isa 9.5; Math. 28.18; Rev. 1.7-8) back to the Father and so that God, in clear Pauline explication of the scriptures, will be all in all! (God the Father, the omniscient, the consuming fire God whom nobody shall ever see and live but whom we see in the face of His one and only Son, Jesus/Yeshua the Christ/HaMaschiach - Ex. 4, Heb. 12.29; Deut. 4.24). We will then all be united under one Head and one dominion (Eph. 1.10). i.e. the Messiah of whom the prophets had spoken.

The shed blood of Jesus/Yeshua is then that veil of protection, covering us when we approach the Throne of the One and only God, always (!) manifesting in and through His Son, whom He clothed with the New Covenantal Name, Yeshua (Jesus in translation and so that many among the Gentile stock - a multilingual people - could also share in this glorious message. Note that it is still and always about Jesus/Yeshua and therefore never about ethnicity for this message, this reality, had pulled down the wall of separation once and for all! This correlates neatly with the apostolic message (Paul's and whom God had endowed with special wisdom and a wisdom that was acknowledged by the Jerusalem apostles - 2 Pet. 3.15).

Know then that there is but one Lord Jesus (Paul) and He is the centre of our worship as He is then that one and only Mediator between God and man forever and ever (1 Tim. 2.5). Yes, Salvation hinges upon this salient scriptural truth: You and I need a Saviour and therefore our authentic Saviour indeed also acted as God's Messenger between Israel of old (Ex 4), showing Himself in appearances to Moses and especially to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, also the faithful prophets (think of Isaiah (6) who saw Him sitting in the heavens, high and mighty, enthroned on high). He, the New Testament Jesus/Yeshua (the one who was made flesh) is for sure that faithful one who reprimanded David at Aruna and He is also that very one in conversation with God (His Father) in the Book of Zechariah (1.11-13).

Fact is, Israel too has had a Mediator since Abraham's calling, but He is often denied His real place and status. Why? Their spiritual leaders want to depict God as though He is an all-pervasive spirit being one can just call upon directly and therefore "everywhere", yet this way side-stepping Paul's New Testament Mediator. And it is this Mediator whom God the Father had sent us (Ps 40; Heb. 10; Gal. 4). Without this Go-between Israel would not have been able to know their God properly. He would just have been a thought to them an idea/theory/a supernatural, distant, ritualistic object and therefore, should we make the Son a mere post-apostolic (!) Logos (Justin the Martyr - 110-150/165 was presumably the first to have introduced this idea into Christendom), the real One who appeared to Moses in the bramble bush would have remained for us a mere thought, a reason, a mere characteristic!

Our conclusion? Come to the living, risen Jesus/Yeshua so that He, Light of a sinful world, can enlighten your mind! Our consolation is that we have real Life actively within us through Jesus Christ/Yeshua Hamaschiach shed blood!

Have a wonderful day in Christ/HaMaschiach. There is a future in Him for all of us!

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