



And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: **"Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!"** (Rev 5:13)

When John the apostle was exiled on the island of Patmos, he was taken to heaven in the Spirit (Rev 4:1) and saw many amazing things. One of his awesome experiences was watching the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fall down before the Lamb, "each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints, And they sang a new song". (Rev 5:8-9a)

Isn't it interesting to note that our prayers are so important that they are collected in golden bowls? The four living creatures and twenty-four elders have these precious bowls with them even as they worship Yeshua* [Jesus] with their harps, right in the throne room of Almighty Elohim* [God] in His glorious presence.

John also "heard the sound of harpists playing their harps" (Rev 14:2) and he saw "the harps of God [Elohim]" (Rev 15:2). That means Elohim has harps in heaven. John heard their music. That is why we have for some time now been worshipping YAHWEH* [the LORD] playing only the harp, the instrument of heaven. We desire to worship in the heavenlies.

Worshipping YAHWEH With His Word And With The Harp

We are very excited about singing the word of Elohim (especially the verses about heaven) with the harp, the instrument of heaven. I pray that as we sing the word of Elohim with the harp, the Holy Spirit will give us all a view of the heavenly home that is ours in Messiah. May you too be caught up into the heavens, just as many have experienced when worshipping Elohim with His word and with the harp.

Our heavenly life can start right here on earth because the prayer which Yeshua taught His disciples must surely be come to pass.

In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. (Matt 6:9-10)

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. (Matt 6:13b)

YAHWEH's kingdom must be our priority; His will must be done in our lives. He has a perfect will for each and every one of us. Even before we were born, He had all the days of our lives written in His book (Ps 139:16). Praise YAHWEH, we can receive His kingdom, power and glory while on earth. Yeshua who is King of kings and Lord of lords has "made us kings and priests to our God [Elohim]; And we shall reign on the earth." (Rev 5:10)

In 2 Kings 3, when the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom went to enquire of YAHWEH by Elisha, he called for a musician before releasing the word of YAHWEH by the Spirit of YAHWEH.

"But now bring me a musician." Then it happened, when the musician played, that the hand of the LORD [YAHWEH] came upon him. (2 Kings 3:15)

I believe the musician played the harp. It is the instrument of heaven, and prophecy releases the word from heaven. I pray that as you worship YAHWEH with His word and with His harp, you will be released into the prophetic and into a new dimension of worship in spirit and in truth

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(John 4:23-24). May you be able to see into the realms of heaven, into heavenly Jerusalem.

May you also be set free, healed and delivered. Remember that whenever the distressing spirit came upon King Saul, the only remedy for becoming refreshed and well was when David, the shepherd boy, took the harp and played it with his hand (1 Sam 16:23). Let us be delivered from the evil schemes of our enemy who is trying to stop us from experiencing YAHWEH's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

YAHWEH Is Looking For You

What are the two categories of people that YAHWEH, our heavenly Father, is looking for? Not those who can preach or teach, neither those who can cast out demons, perform miracles or do many other things, important though they may be. What, or rather whom, is YAHWEH looking for?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God [Elohim] is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. (John 4:23-24)

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. (John 17:17)

YAHWEH is looking for you to be a true worshipper. Worship Him in spirit and in truth (His word).

So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one. (Ezek 22:30)

YAHWEH is looking for you to be an intercessor. Fill up the golden bowls with your prayers.

There are so many worshipping YAHWEH and many eager to serve Him, which is wonderful, but YAHWEH is looking for true worshippers and intercessors. These are the two categories of people that will really help the nations.

When true worship and intercession rises to heaven, the glory of YAHWEH will come down to dispel the forces of darkness. Men and women in darkness will see the light.

For it is the God [Elohim] who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God [Elohim] in the face of Jesus Christ [Yeshua Messiah]. (2 Cor 4:6)

When YAHWEH finds no one who will make a wall and stand in the gap before Him on behalf of the land, judgment must go forth (Ezek 22:23-31). When there are no intercessors in the land, we see the nation in turmoil. Intercession saves the nation from being judged.

Intercession is so important that Yeshua Himself is our intercessor. Seated at the right hand of the Father, He is even now making intercession for us. People have many reasons for living, but the Son of Elohim ever lives to make intercession. As sons of Elohim, should not our lifestyle also be one of intercession?

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God [Elohim] through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. (Heb 7:25)

To make sure that we too will be able to intercede, He pours forth His Spirit upon us.

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God [Elohim]. (Rom 8:26-27)

More than that, He makes our bodies to be His temple and the Holy Spirit dwells in us (1 Cor 3:16; 6:19). He wants His temple, His house, to be a house of prayer for all nations.

For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations. (Is 56:7b)

Are You A House Of Prayer Or A Den Of Thieves?

All four Gospels in the New Testament record Yeshua cleansing the temple in Jerusalem. Mark 11:17 says:

Then He taught, saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it a 'den of thieves.' "

So, if you are not a house of prayer, according to Yeshua, you will be a den of thieves.

In Acts chapter 19, the seven sons of Sceva tried to exorcise a man possessed with an evil spirit. Instead of the evil spirit having to flee, they had to flee! What did the evil spirit say to them?

And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus [Yeshua] I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?" Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. (Acts 19:15-16)

Have you wondered why it happened this way? I believe that Paul had so identified himself with the crucifixion, death, burial and resurrection of Yeshua that even the demons recognised it. Just as Yeshua was raised by resurrection power, so too was Paul.

I have been crucified with Christ [Messiah]; it is no longer I who live, but Christ [Messiah] lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God [Elohim], who loved me and gave Himself for me.

We too must be crucified, dead, buried and raised together with Yeshua by resurrection power. Then, we too will have the resurrection life of Yeshua. In fact, to have an effective prayer life, we must have the life of Messiah.

Paul who encouraged us to imitate [follow] him as he imitated Messiah (1 Cor 11:1), was a man of prayer: he talked about prayer, and he lived and breathed prayer. He prayed whether shipwrecked, while in prison and no matter what happened; he prayed day and night, he prayed without ceasing. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, he wrote:

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God [Elohim]; and the peace of God [Elohim], which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus [Messiah Yeshua]. (Phil 4:6-7)

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God [Elohim] in Christ Jesus [Messiah Yeshua] for you. (1 Thess 5:16-18)

Doesn't Paul sound like Yeshua?

Then He [Yeshua] spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart. (Luke 18:1)

"Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Matt 26:41)

"Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man." (Luke 21:36)

The days are coming when the mark of the beast will be enforced, but praise YAHWEH, we can even now have the mark of Elohim. How?

and the LORD [YAHWEH] said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it." (Ezek 9:4)

All those who sigh and moan - the intercessors - will have the mark of YAHWEH. The benefit is that we can have His mark now. Destruction awaits those who do not sigh and cry over the abominations in the land, and thus do not receive YAHWEH's mark. We see that judgment begins in the house of YAHWEH. Let us not take chances. Ezekiel goes on to say:

To the others He said in my hearing, "Go after him through the city and kill; do not let your eye spare, nor have any pity. Utterly slay old and young men, maidens and little children and women; but do not come near anyone on whom is the mark; and begin at My sanctuary." So they began with the elders who were before the temple. (Ezek 9:5-6)

We must not only talk about prayer; we must live a life of prayer. The life of a son of Elohim is a life of prayer.

So, brothers and sisters in Messiah, let us rise up together. We are living in the last days and we are here only to fulfil YAHWEH's will.

Let us determine to stand in the gap and intercede for our nations. Let our prayers and intercession rise up to Him to be collected in golden bowls of incense. Let our worship synchronise with the worship in heaven. Let us give Him His heart's desires.

Of all the things that we do here on earth, that which we may be sure are being received in heaven right now are worship and intercession — the harp and the bowl. What YAHWEH is looking for are already found in heaven. May they also be found in us while we are on earth.

I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD [YAHWEH], do not keep silent, And give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. (Is 62:6-7)

Now when He [Yeshua] had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God [Elohim] by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us kings and priests to our God [Elohim]; And we shall reign on the earth." (Rev 5:8-10)

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Heavenly Life

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ [Messiah], he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. (2 Cor 5:17)

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ [Messiah] was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. (Rom 6:4)

Do you know that you are supposed to have a heavenly life, and that the life you now live is no more your life?

...anyone who belongs to Christ [Messiah] has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! (2 Cor 5:17, NLT)

Once we are in Messiah, we are a new creation in Him. The old way of living has gone, **a new way of living has come into being.** We live in newness of life. This new life is a heavenly life.

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ [Messiah] was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. (Rom 6:4)

This new life is the life of the Son of Elohim* [God], the life of Yeshua* [Jesus]. It is a heavenly life because He came down from heaven to give His life to you and me. When we receive Yeshua, we receive the heavenly life. **It is an extension of His life on earth.**

The heavenly life given to us by Yeshua is an everlasting life, a victorious and overcoming life, a life of obedience, authority and power. It is a blessed and fruitful life, holy, godly and extraordinary, the spiritual life of a son of Elohim. It is a kingly and priestly life, a resurrection life of glory. It is zoe life, the fullness of life in Yeshua.

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We cannot live the heavenly life without the life of Yeshua, the Son of Elohim. The Christian life is not only about going to church. **It is about life in the kingdom of Elohim.** This life has to be received and lived through faith in Yeshua Messiah.

The apostle Paul said it this way:

I have been crucified with Christ [Messiah]; it is no longer I who live, but Christ [Messiah] lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God [Elohim], who loved me and gave Himself for me. (Gal 2:20)

As far as Paul was concerned, he was dead. The life he lived was the life of Yeshua. He could lead such a powerful Christian life because he lived a heavenly life, a life of faith in the word of Elohim.

We too can live the life of heaven on earth.

And we know that the Son of God [Elohim], has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ [Yeshua Messiah]. This is the true God [Elohim], and eternal life. (1 John 5:20)

He who believes in the Son of God [Elohim] has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God [Elohim] has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God [Elohim] has given of His Son.

And this is the testimony: that God [Elohim] has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God [Elohim] does not have life.

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God [Elohim], that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God [Elohim]. (1 John 5:10-13)

We have the same life as Yeshua because He gave us His life. YAHWEH* [the LORD] gave us His only begotten Son.

For God [Elohim] so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

For God [Elohim] did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God [Elohim]. (John 3:16-18)

The heavenly life is the life of a son of Elohim. What qualifies you to be a son of Elohim? We were born again into the kingdom of heaven and our Father is the heavenly Father.

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God [Elohim], to those who believe in His name:

who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God [Elohim]. (John 1:12-13)

Why is it possible to live the heavenly life? Because once we receive His new life, we are joined to Him and His life flows to us by the power of the Holy Spirit. **The heavenly life is a Spirit-filled life.**

But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. (1 Cor 6:17)

But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God [Elohim] dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ [Messiah], he is not His.

And if Christ [Messiah] is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus [Yeshua] from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ [Messiah] from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors--not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God [Elohim], these are sons of God [Elohim]. (Rom 8:9-14)

Elohim does not give the Spirit by measure (John 3:34), and we have received Yeshua's fullness.

And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. (John 1:16)

And this is the promise that He has promised us - eternal life. (1 John 2:25)

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God [Elohim], and Jesus Christ [Yeshua Messiah] whom You have sent. (John 17:3)

This life is above all life because, **although our bodies may be here on earth, we are already raised up together in Yeshua and made to sit in the heavenly places in Messiah Yeshua** (Eph 2:6). It is a life of worship (John 4:23-24) and intercession (Rom 8:26-27) because it is the life of a son of Elohim.

The gospel itself is about life, the kingdom of Elohim and receiving the life of heaven while we are on earth. The pattern is Yeshua who came to show us how to live this life. It's a supernatural, abundant, eternal and wonderful life!

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