

Precept 13 – Salvation

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Precept 13 – Salvation Without Works?

Passover is our next feast to prepare for and we have less than six months to do it in. And while the physical preparations for this feast is difficult for those who are new to it; the preparations in our minds are of foremost importance. It is with great trepidation that I even dare to approach such a topic as salvation for the traditions and doctrines of men have twisted YHVH's words to their own destruction. For many believe there is salvation without works.

It is because of this that I must remind the reader of several precepts that we have learned over the past three months. The first, and most important, is to understand that [YHVH word is the Law and the Prophets](#).

To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. (Isa 8:20)

If I do not speak according to the Torah and the Prophets it is because there is no light in me!

The second precept is '[YHVH does not change](#)' and '[His word endures forever](#)'. Yeshua has not changed anything; if he did he would be found a liar and could not be YHVH's Messiah.

Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar. (Pro 30:5-6)

This above scripture also takes care of the last precept as well which is, '[No adding to or subtracting from YHVH's word](#)'.

So with these precepts in mind let us go ahead and begin with a very important question.

Who is the Savior?

Most folks will answer this question according to what they have learned from the fathers' and answer, "Yeshua (Jesus), of course!" And they would be right, at least in part. But there is more to this story and Yeshua role is not what most imagine. Let's look at a few scriptures that may add some light to this discussion.

"You are My witnesses," says YHVH, "and My servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He. **Before Me there was no God formed, nor shall there be after Me. I, even I, am YHVH, and besides Me there is no savior.** (Isa_43:10-11)

"Yet I am YHVH your God, ever since the land of Egypt, and **you shall know no God but Me; for there is no savior besides Me.** (Hos 13:4)

YHVH is near to those who have a broken heart, and **saves such as have a contrite spirit.** (Psa 34:18)

It is YHVH who is our savior and Yeshua is the instrument of His salvation; Yeshua is His lamb that takes away the sins of the world.

If YHVH does not change and His word endures forever; it would follow that men did not receive eternal life any differently before Yeshua was born, died and rose than they do now. So how do men receive eternal life and what is Yeshua's role in the process?

How are men saved?



This is a very serious question and one that has not been answered satisfactorily for about 1900 years. Israel has fallen away from the truth of YHVH's word again and again throughout their history. When trouble would come they would **repent** and YHVH would deliver them; but before long they would be right back in the same trouble. Do we think that once we join ourselves to YHVH's people, the commonwealth of Israel, we are any

people, the commonwealth of Israel, we are any different? There is no salvation without works because there is no salvation without repentance, turning from our ways to YHVH's.

After Yeshua was baptized by John and spent 40 days in the wilderness, [repentance](#) was the first message that Yeshua gave as he began his ministry.

Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. **repent**, and believe in the gospel." (Mar 1:14-15)

The gospel is '**YHVH reigns**' not men; we are to leave the kingdoms of this world and follow **His** commandments, **His** statutes, **His** judgments and **His** ordinances! Remember the man on the mountaintop with the good-looking feet? YHVH said of him ...

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, **who proclaims salvation**, who says to Zion, "**your God reigns!**" (Isa 52:7)

Your God Reigns! This was Yeshua's message and it will be the message of the 144,000 servant of YHVH in these coming last days as well.

"Fear YHVH and give glory to Him (not anti-christ), for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water." (Rev 14:7)

How does YHVH say that a man is saved? And what must that man do to receive that salvation?

Oh, I see those red flags going up all over the net and all of you grabbing for your rocks. But please listen to what YHVH has to say about this matter; after all,

"God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that **He** should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? (Num 23:19)

YHVH will make good on all of His promises whether it fits with our traditions and doctrines or not.

I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you **life** and death, blessing and cursing; therefore **choose life**, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the LORD your God, **that you may obey His voice**, and that you may cling to Him, for **He is your life** and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them." (Deu 30:19-20)

"Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine; the soul who sins shall die. But if a man is just and does what is lawful and right; ... If he has walked in **My** statutes— And kept **My** judgments faithfully— He is just; **He shall surely live!**" Says the Lord YHVH. (Eze 18:4-5, 9)

"But if a wicked man **turns** from all his sins which he has committed, keeps all **My** statutes, and does what is lawful and right, **he shall surely live**; he shall not die. None of the transgressions which he has committed shall be remembered against him; because of the [righteousness](#) which he has done, **he shall live**. Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?" says the Lord GOD, "and not that he should turn from his ways and live? (Eze 18:21-23)

Can we lose our salvation by our rebellious deeds? There are many ways that we can be 'kicked out' of Israel and one of them is for willful disobedience; that is why Paul told the Philippians that they were to **work out** their 'own salvation with fear and trembling'. (Phi 2:12)

"But when a righteous man **turns away** from his **righteousness** and commits iniquity, and **does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live?** All the righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; because of the unfaithfulness of which he is guilty and the sin which he has committed, because of them **he shall die**. (Eze 18:24)

Repentance is the basis by which YHVH says a man will live or die. Our job is to choose life.

Notice: Yeshua is not even mentioned in any of these passages but YHVH says that the man who will repent and turn to His ways will live.

So now the question that we must ask ourselves is "How does Yeshua fit into the process of a man becoming Born Again?" Here is another good question – Did you know that men were being 'Born Again' even before Yeshua was even born? Yeshua criticized Nicodemus for being a "teacher of Israel" and not "understanding these things." Was there a "New Testament" or a "Church" when Yeshua spoke to Nicodemus? NO!

We have learned lies, 'worthless and unprofitable things.'

O YHVH, my strength and my fortress, my refuge in the day of affliction,
the Gentiles shall come to You From the ends of the earth and say,
"Surely our fathers have inherited lies, worthlessness and unprofitable
things." (Jer 16:19)

Yeshua is YHVH's lamb who takes away the sins of the world for all who will repent and turn to YHVH's ways. But Salvation and the Born Again experience that Yeshua taught Nicodemus about are two different, but related, things. This Process of Becoming Born Again is discussed thoroughly in the [Born Again series](#) on this blog.

Passover is for our personal redemption; our way back to our heavenly Father comes way too fast each year. It is possible that the [Great Tribulation will begin with a True Passover](#); could it be the next one? Will you be ready? My prayer is that you will!

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