

WHAT MUST **I DO** TO BE SAVED?

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This is the million dollar question we all must ask ourselves. For years I thought I knew the answer, only to realize that I did not know what the word salvation really meant. I thought salvation was just going down to an altar praying the sinners prayer (repentance), tarrying for the Holy Ghost and declaring "I got saved tonight". I now understand that you don't get saved, **salvation is an end point**. It is the result of a life lived according to the instructions of Yahuah, and being delivered from the rule of our enemies to come under the rule of Yahuah.

The First Writings' definition of salvation and the Second Writings' definition are similar. In Hebrew, the word is **H3467 yasha**, it means to **be safe**, cause to be free (succor – to help in time of need or distress), **avenging**, deliver (er) bring (having) salvation, get **victory**. In the Greek, the word is **G4991 soteria**, it means rescue or **safety** (phys. or mor.), deliver, health, save. To sum it all up the word salvation means a saving, to be delivered from evil and destruction, to free.

The greatest salvation in the history of Yasharal was their deliverance from Mitsyram (Egypt). Yahuah heard the cry of His people and brought a great deliverance in the sight of all Mitsrayim. The deliverance was so great that forty years later people of the city of Yericho were still talking about it and feared for their lives.

Throughout the history of His people, Yahuah would send saviors and deliver them from the hand of their enemies. In the book of Shaphetym (Judges), Yasharal would fall into sin cycles. They would sin against Yahuah by transgressing the covenant. This would cause them to be overtaken by their enemies, after which they would cry out to Yahuah and repent. Yahuah would then raise up **saviors/judges** and bring salvation to His people. The key is they would have to repent before they could be saved. The Hebrew word for judges is **H8199 Shaphat**, it means to pronounce sentence (for or against) by impl. to vindicate or punish, to **govern**, by extension - to **avenge**, defend, reason, **rule**. During this time in the nation's history we see Yahuah's favor on His people. We see His compassion and loving commitment, even though the people were not committed to Him or the covenant. He was their Sovereign and Savior, but they wanted to be like the other nations, so like the other nations they became.

After the time of the judges, the nation had many sovereigns some good and some evil. When a righteous king, a righteous priest, and a true prophet worked together, the nation was prosperous. However, when a wicked king, priest and prophet teamed up, the nation would fall to their enemies. From Babylonian captivity until now, the nation has been in a continual need for someone to deliver them from the hands of their enemies. The people did not understand that their greatest enemy was themselves. A nation is comprised of people. Each

person is an individual that must govern or rule (as judges) his own spirit. We must be able to destroy the works of the flesh. Every thought that is against the mind or Word of Alahym must be brought into submission. We must be able to conquer ourselves. If this is the goal of every individual, we will no longer be dry bones in the valley of death, but will be covered in sinews (strength), flesh and skin. The Spirit will then bring life and we will arise a great army. Does this mean we will have to fight? Not necessarily, an army or host is a mass of people for war or worship. It is also a group of people that have endured hardships. Yahuah sees us, He knows what we have been through, if we stay true to Him and the covenant, He will deliver us by His strong hand! Yahuah does not change He is the same today, yesterday, and forever. When we acknowledge our sins and turn away from them to Yahuah He will forgive and bring the salvation that is needed. People do not realize how destructive sin is. It is like a cancer that eats away at the very heart of man. We become spiritually sick and many times physically sick from the effects of sin. When we repent, the Word of Yahuah is designed to transform the mind and heal the heart. *"He sent His word and healed them, and **delivered them from their destructions.**" Tahalym (Psalms) 102:20.* Our execution of the Word of Yahuah is the only path to our salvation.

This is 2020 and as the people of Alahym we need deliverance from the hands of our enemies. For over 400 years, this country has openly displayed its disdain for us as a people. The prisons are full of men and women that have lost out on the American Dream. Our homes are in shambles, and our youth are killing one another daily, perversion is all around us and has taken hold of our people. We have sold our souls to the devil. The devil is this current system that has literally destroyed us. Many who have turned to the "Church" don't realize that our forefathers were willing to die rather than allow the Roman Church to force a religion on them that would cause them to deny Yahuah and His instructions. Salvation is of Yahuah and Him alone. *"Turn to Me and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am Al, and there is none else."* **Yashayahu (Isaiah) 45:22.**

Let us turn from our sins and man's tradition to the living Alahym, and be immersed in the Word and water. Allow the Word and the Spirit to transform our minds and guide us in the way of set-apartness and peace. Love the brethren, and bear the fruit of righteousness. Cling to Yahuah our Alahym and endure to the end. This is what we must do to be saved. Remember, one of the words that define salvation is avenge. When the sins of the nations are full, Yahuah will avenge us from the hands of our enemies. This will usher in our deliverance. Yahuah will renew His covenant with 'the righteous' of Yasharal and we will be victorious, we will overcome, we will be saved.

*Hebrew and Greek words and definitions from: *The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*