## WHAT ARE THE <u>TWO</u> MOST IMPORTANT THINGS TO GOD FOR ALL PEOPLE TO DO???

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Yehoshua told His Twelve Apostles and those who would come after them:

[Matthew 24:9-14 KJV] 9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations FOR MY NAME'S SAKE. 10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. 11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. 13 BUT HE THAT SHALL ENDURE UNTO THE END, THE SAME SHALL BE SAVED. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

## DISCERNING WHAT IS THE TRUE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM, THEN, IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT! I BELIEVE IT IS TWO-FOLD!

According to the above scripture, FAITH IN THE NAME OF YEHOSHUA (JESUS) TO BE THE SON OF GOD YEHOVAH AND HIS ANOINTED (MESSIAH – CHRIST IN ENGLISH) is <u>ONE</u> very, very important part of that. Yehoshua said that those keeping that faith alive in their heart, no matter the persecution they may endure, even death, "for His Name" would be "saved" at the end when He returns.

This was spoken by Yehoshua in many other places, as well: Matthew 10:16-42 is a very important instruction of Yehoshua to His Apostles of what to expect when they are preaching the Gospel about Him and His Name:

[MATTHEW 10:22-23, 32-33, 39 KJV] 22 AND YE SHALL BE HATED OF ALL [MEN] FOR MY NAME'S SAKE: BUT HE THAT ENDURETH TO THE END SHALL BE SAVED. 23 BUT WHEN THEY PERSECUTE YOU IN THIS CITY, FLEE YE INTO ANOTHER: FOR VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, YE SHALL NOT HAVE GONE OVER THE CITIES OF ISRAEL, TILL THE SON OF MAN BE COME. ... 32 WHOSOEVER THEREFORE SHALL CONFESS ME BEFORE MEN, HIM WILL I CONFESS ALSO BEFORE MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN. 33 BUT WHOSOEVER SHALL DENY ME BEFORE MEN, HIM WILL I ALSO DENY BEFORE MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN. ... 39 HE THAT FINDETH HIS LIFE SHALL LOSE IT: AND HE THAT LOSETH HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE SHALL FIND IT.

HOWEVER, I believe you must know <u>WHAT</u> you are believing about Yehoshua and <u>WHY</u> it is so important for you, I believe, or you could easily fall away from your faith because of the persecution!!!

Isaiah 52:13-15 on through Isaiah 53:12 tells us the whole story of how Yehovah will accept the punishment inflicted on Yehoshua (Yehovah's Holy Arm) and the shedding of His Blood as the sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins and iniquities! It is His New Covenant given to save His people! This verse is a synopsis:

[Isaiah 53:10 KJV] 10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put [him] to grief: **WHEN THOU SHALT MAKE HIS SOUL AN OFFERING FOR SIN ("ASHAM" in Hebrew),** he shall see [his] seed, he shall prolong [his] days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

[Matthew 26:26-29 KJV] 26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed [it], and brake [it], and gave [it] to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. 27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave [it] to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28 FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW TESTAMENT ("BRIYT" - "COVENANT" - IN HEBREW MATTHEW MANUSCRIPTS), WHICH IS SHED

**FOR MANY FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.** 29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

## NOW FOR THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT THING TO GOD FOR US TO DO!!!:

Even though YEHOVAH, the One True God, has provided the guilt offering ("Asham" - Isaiah 53:10) for our sins by the death and blood of Yehoshua in **THE NEW COVENANT** (Matthew 26:26-29), **EVEN THAT WILL BE TAKEN AWAY FROM WHOEVER CONTINUES PRACTICING "INIQUITY"** (according to Matthew 7:19-23)!!!!

SO, WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO GOD FOR MANKIND TO DO???

IS IT (1) A SIMPLE CONFESSION OF YOUR MOUTH THAT "JESUS IS LORD" <u>OR</u> (2) A COMPLETE REPENTANCE FROM COMMITTING INIQUITY TO START OBEYING GOD'S WILL???

THAT IS THE ZILLION DOLLAR QUESTION!!!

I BELIEVE WE MUST DO BOTH!!!

(AS <u>THE VERY FIRST NAZARENE JEWISH BELIEVERS IN YEHOSHUA</u> DID <u>AND</u> INSTRUCTED THE GENTILE BELIEVERS WHO JOINED THEM TO DO [BOTH] AS WELL!!! See end of this brochure.)

Because, according to Yehoshua and Yehovah, His Father, <u>REPENTANCE IS MORE IMPORTANT</u> THAN EVEN PROPHESYING <u>IN HIS NAME</u>, CASTING OUT DEVILS <u>IN HIS NAME</u>, OR DOING WONDERFUL MIRACLES <u>IN HIS NAME</u>!!!

## Yehoshua said:

[Matthew 7:19-23 KJV] 19 EVERY TREE THAT BRINGETH NOT FORTH GOOD FRUIT IS HEWN DOWN, AND CAST INTO THE FIRE. 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 NOT EVERY ONE THAT SAITH UNTO ME, LORD, LORD, SHALL ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN; BUT HE THAT DOETH THE WILL OF MY FATHER IN HEAVEN. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: DEPART FROM ME, YE THAT WORK INIQUITY!!!!!

It seems it will behoove us all to find out exactly "WHAT IS THE WILL OF THE FATHER IN HEAVEN?" and "WHAT IS INIQUITY?"

EZEKIEL 18 SHOWS THAT REPENTANCE TO YEHOVAH <u>TO OBEY HIS COMMANDMENTS</u> (EVEN <u>HIS STATUTES AND JUDGMENTS</u>) HAS ALWAYS BROUGHT LIFE!!!

HE <u>DESIRES</u> EVEN <u>THE MOST WICKED</u> TO REPENT SO THAT HE CAN LIVE AND NOT DIE !!!(see verses 30-32 below). HE IS SUCH A GOOD AND KIND GOD!!!

[Ezekiel 18:1- 32 KJV] 1 The word of the LORD came unto me again, saying, 2 What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? 3 [As] I live, saith the Lord GOD, ye shall not have [occasion] any more to use this proverb in Israel. 4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die. 5 But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right, 6 [And] hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath come near to a menstruous woman, 7 And hath not oppressed any, [but] hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment; 8 He [that] hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, [that] hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true judgment between man and man, 9 HATH WALKED IN MY STATUTES, AND HATH KEPT MY JUDGMENTS, TO DEAL TRULY; HE [IS] JUST, HE SHALL SURELY LIVE, SAITH THE LORD GOD.

10 If he beget a son [that is] a robber, a shedder of blood, and [that] doeth the like to [any] one of these Ithings], 11 And that doeth not any of those [duties], but even hath eaten upon the mountains, and defiled his neighbour's wife, 12 Hath oppressed the poor and needy, hath spoiled by violence, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, hath committed abomination, 13 Hath given forth upon usury, and hath taken increase; shall he then live? he shall not live; he hath done all these abominations: he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him. 14 Now, lo, [if] he beget a son, that seeth all his father's sins which he hath done, and considereth, and doeth not such like, 15 [That] hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, hath not defiled his neighbour's wife, 16 Neither hath oppressed any, hath not withholden the pledge, neither hath spoiled by violence, [but] hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment, 17 [That] hath taken off his hand from the poor, [that] hath not received usury nor increase, hath executed my judgments, hath walked in my statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live. 18 [As for] his father, because he cruelly oppressed, spoiled his brother by violence, and did [that] which [is] not good among his people. lo. even he shall die in his iniquity. 19 Yet say ve. Why? doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, [and] hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live. 20 THE SOUL THAT SINNETH, IT SHALL DIE. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. 21 But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. 22 All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live. 23 HAVE I ANY PLEASURE AT ALL THAT THE WICKED SHOULD DIE? SAITH THE LORD GOD: [AND] NOT THAT HE SHOULD RETURN FROM HIS WAYS, AND LIVE? 24 But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, [and] doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked [man] doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die. 25 Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal? 26 When a righteous [man] turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die. 27 Again, when the wicked [man] turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. 28 Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die. 29 Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal? 30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD, REPENT, AND TURN [YOURSELVES] FROM ALL YOUR TRANSGRESSIONS; SO INIQUITY SHALL NOT BE YOUR RUIN. 31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn [yourselves], and live!!!

YEHOVAH set up this principle that "TO OBEY IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE" long ago in dealing with King Saul...(also Isaiah1:1-20. Also Ezekiel 11:17-21 even in Messianic Kingdom! We saw that YEHOSHUA absolutely confirms His Father's Words in Matthew 7:19-23).

[1 Samuel 15:22 KJV] 22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD [as great] delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, <u>TO OBEY [IS] BETTER THAN SACRIFICE</u>, [and] to hearken than the fat of rams.

SO BOTH (1) FAITH IN THE NAME OF YEHOSHUA AS THE SON OF GOD AND HIS MESSIAH AND (2) COMPLETE REPENTANCE FROM COMMITTING INIQUITY TO OBEYING THE WILL OF YEHOVAH ARE NECESSARY TO ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, according to these scriptures.

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