

Understanding the WORDS of JESUS

John 6:63b

PSALM 42
The chief musician. A Shaloh of David.
1 I longed intensely for God when I am oppressed, and my soul is oppressed.
2 My soul is poured out like water, and my heart is parched like a thirsty land.
3 My eyes are turned to the mountains, and my heart is lifted up to the hills.
4 My heart is poured out like water, and my heart is parched like a thirsty land.
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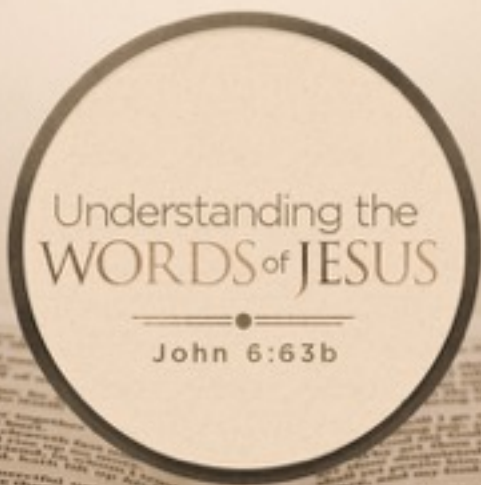
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PSALM 44
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1 We have trusted with our eyes, O God, our fathers have trusted in you, rather than in your name.
2 For we have trusted in our strength, and our eyes are turned to our hands and to our works.
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PSALM 45
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1 My heart is overflowing with grace, and my lips are speaking of righteousness.
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JOHN ANSWERS THE PRIESTS —"BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD"— JESUS HAILS ANDREW, SIMON, PHILIP, AND NATHANAEL

Age 30. *Bethabara*
John 1:15-51



John 1:15-17

15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Yahshua Messiah.

18 No man hath seen Yahweh at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

19 And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?

20 And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Messiah.

21 And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.

22 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?

23 He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of Yahweh, as said the prophet Esaias.

24 And they which were sent were of the Pharisees.

25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Messiah, nor Elias, neither that prophet?

Isaiah 40:1-6

1 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people,
saith your Elohim.

2 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem,
and cry unto her, that her warfare is
accomplished, that her iniquity is
pardoned: for she hath received of
Yahweh's hand double for all her sins.

3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of Yahweh, make straight in the desert a highway for our Elohim.

4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

5 **And the glory of Yahweh shall be revealed,** and all flesh shall see *it* together: for the mouth of Yahweh hath spoken *it*.

26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;

27 He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

28 These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

29 The next day John seeth Yahshua coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of Yahweh, which taketh away the sin of the world.**

30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh **a man** which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Spirit.

34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of Yahweh.

35 Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;

36 And looking upon Yahshua as he walked, he saith, **Behold the Lamb of Yahweh!**

37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Yahshua.

38 Then Yahshua turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, **What seek ye?** They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?

39 He saith unto them, **Come and see.** They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.

40 One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Anointed.

42 And he brought him to Yahshua.

And when Yahshua beheld him, he said, **Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.**

43 The day following Yahshua would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, **Follow me.**

44 Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Yahshua of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

46 And Nathanael said unto him, **Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?** Philip saith unto him, **Come and see.**

47 Yahshua saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, **Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!**

48 Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Yahshua answered and said unto him, **Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.**

49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art **the Son of Yahweh; thou art the King of Israel.**

50 Yahshua answered and said unto him, **Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.**

51 And he saith unto him, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of Elohim ascending and descending upon the Son of man.**

John 1:38-44



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Simon, Cephas, Petros, Petra

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Prophetic Naming

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What's in a name?

Simon, son of Jona, was a fisherman of Galilee. It is by the name of Simon that Yahshua talks to the apostle through the scriptures. There are three events where there are exceptions to the use of his name. Let's look at the three exceptions and a fourth reference to wrap it all up.

This is the Greek form of the Aramaic word for stone; not a small stone nor a big stone, just a stone. This is the very first time that Simon sees Yahshua. He never heard him preach, teach or do any miracles before this moment.

When Yahshua saw Simon he gave him a prophetic name which would reflect a fulfillment of Elohim's plan for him. Three future acts by Simon that would set him apart for a special ministry. There are only two times recorded in scripture where Yahshua calls Simon by the name of Peter.

The first of two times that Jesus refers to Simon by the name of Peter.

Matthew 16:13-

13 When Yahshua came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist : some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Messiah, the Son of the living Elohim.

Understand that Simon saying that Yahshua is the Messiah is not the full revelation. Andrew knew that Yahshua was the Messiah, the Anointed One, when he went to get Simon his brother. They followed Yahshua because they believed he was the Messiah. What set them apart from the rest of the people who would follow Yahshua is the understanding that Yahshua is also **"the son of the living God."**

17 And Yahshua answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

This is the revelation, that Yahshua was the Son of the living God, that made the difference from all previous "Messiah's(?)" that came upon the scene during those days. It is the "blasphemy(?)" that gave the Sanhedrin its excuse to have Jesus crucified.

...the wicked shall be destroyed
...the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord
...their strength in the time of trouble.
...and the Lord shall help them, and deliver them,
...because they trust in him.

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my assembly; and the gates of the grave shall not prevail against it.

At this point Yahshua uses the Greek word for a small rock (Petros) and for a large rock (Petra) instead of the Aramaic based Cephas (a stone). This was by design. It is the Petros (the man) declaring the Petra (the foundational belief of the Christian Church). It is this belief that Yahshua is the Messiah and the Son of the living God that will stand against the grave and gain salvation. Everything rests on these two points.

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Behold an Israelite indeed

A worthy descendant of the patriarch Jacob, who not only professes to believe in Israel's God, but who worships him in sincerity and truth, according to his light.

In whom is no guile!

Deceitfulness ever has been, and still is, the deeply marked characteristic of the Jewish people. To find a man, living in the midst of so much corruption, walking in uprightness before his Maker, was a subject worthy the attention of God himself. Behold this man! and, while you see and admire, imitate his conduct.

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Greater things

Fuller proof of his Messiahship,
particularly what is mentioned in the
following verse.

51 And he saith unto him, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of Elohim ascending and descending upon the Son of man.**

Genesis 28:10-22

10 And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.

11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put *them* for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of Elohim ascending and descending on it.

13 And, behold, Yahweh stood above it, and said, I *am* Yahweh Elohim of Abraham thy father, and the Elohim of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

15 And, behold, I *am* with thee, and will keep thee in all *places* whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done *that* which I have spoken to thee of.

16 And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely Yahweh is in this place; and I knew *it* not.

In Genesis 28:12 the Bible says of the patriarch Jacob: “He had a dream, and behold, a ladder was set on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; and behold, the angels of Elohim were ascending and descending on it.” This wording “the angels of God were ascending and descending” is EXACTLY the same as Yahshua uses here in John 1

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This is no coincidence. Jesus MUST be referring in John 1:51 to the incident of Jacob's ladder. The question is why?

...and he would not be found.
...and behold
...and the LORD shall help them, and deliver them, because they trust in him.

In the Genesis story, the dream of the ladder with the angels ascending and descending was life-changing for Jacob.

Later he says that he encountered Elohim there. Yahshua says in John 1 that the angels will ascend and descend NOT on a “ladder”, as in Jacob’s dream, but instead “on the Son of Man.” Yahshua HIMSELF takes the place of the ladder in His description to Nathaniel in John 1.

What Yahshua is saying, in very picturesque language, is this: His disciples will encounter Elohim in a life-changing way, through HIM. Yahshua Himself is the key to a life-changing experience with Elohim. As He said later in John 14:6, “I am the way” – the “ladder” to heaven and fellowship with Elohim.

The story of Jacob's ladder is indeed amazing – but something greater than a ladder is available to us: **fellowship with Elohim Himself through “The Son of Man” – Yahshua Hamashiach. HE is the “ladder” to heaven!**

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