



MATTHEW 6

The Lilies of The Valley

Devarim (Words) - Shabbat Chazon (Sabbath of Vision)

This Shabbat is before Tisha B'Av and is also considered the saddest Shabbat of the year. Known as The Black Sabbath. Due to the prophetic vision Isaiah laments the sin that will cause the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple.

Throughout generations of history, YHVH's aim was that the people hear His words and see His Salvation.

Exodus 14–17

“Stand Still, and See the Salvation of YHVH ”

The Israelites were trapped. The Red Sea was on one side, and the army of Pharaoh was advancing on the other. Their escape from Egypt, it seemed, would be short-lived. But YHVH had a message for the Israelites that He wanted them to remember for generations: “Fear you not. ... YHVH shall fight for you” (Exodus 14:13–14).

Since that time, when YHVH's people have needed faith and courage, they have often turned to this account of Israel's miraculous deliverance.

As we read Exodus 14:1–10, imagine how the Israelites might have felt as they saw Pharaoh’s army closing in. Perhaps you might feel that you need a miracle to survive a difficult challenge you are facing. The question often asked is how will we survive and come through this.

It all started by the act of deliverance. YHVH interacted by His addressing Pharaoh to set His people free.

Exodus 14:13–31 we have a vision about the ways YHVH provides deliverance from adversity. We can just ponder in Awe at every promise that turned into a miracle.

As the Journey continue we read in Exodus 15:22–27 about the way towards the promised land. We cant even imagine the wonderful experiences they endured seeing that “bitter” waters of Marah turning sweet.

Consider the following questions:

How can YHVH make bitter things in our life sweet?

What value have life experiences had in your life?

Exodus 15:26 and 27 help us paying attention about how the YHVH blesses us when we take notice to His voice. Surely we can lean on Him, trust in Him even in the most difficult times we might experience.

The Israelites were given instructions about how to gather, the sweet mannah from heaven and how to preserve it. (Exodus 16:16, 19, 22–26).

All these instructions came from YHVH. By hearing His word and following instructions we preserve the good portions day by day. Every day we need to obtain new Mannah from heaven and eat it fresh while fulfilling our spiritual nourishment.

Upon the journey of the Israelites YHVH showed them by sight His Salvation. By His word they had to follow not to be lead astray. We have to keep our eyes focused on His word and every promise YHVH made will turn into a miracle.

YHVH used Moses to speak to the people of Israel.

Deuteronomy 1:1

*“These are the **words** [devarim] which Moses spoke to all Israel on this side of the Jordan in the wilderness.”*

While the Israelites were already delivered from bondage from the Egyptians, some became content not to move forward. Even after they have received the Ten Commandments at Horeb - Mount Sinai

Already with these contentment they broke a Covenant in denying the Promise of a land ahead of them. How can YHVH complete His will and Promise if we do not keep His word as true. Was it their faith that left them or plain stubbornness? In being stubborn we too can face dark times as we open doors to be deceived.

We become comfortable in our ways and change can be difficult at times at least when unexpected. Moving forward will require an effort to reach the purpose of that YHVH had planned. While in the discomfort it is our obedience that helps us to cope with any new situation. Just as the Israelites traveled they knew when they encamped for a while it was not yet the final destiny. For the experience they traveled over mountains and deep valleys to eventually stand still at the Jordan river.

This crossing point was where YHVH made them erect the stones of the Covenant to remember that it was He that brought them to what He promised and delivered.

We are not meant to stand still and stagnate but harkened to the words of YHVH who will deliver us from all evil. This is a point YHVH brings us to and we are meant to move forward.

YHVH gave Moses the lead and expected the Israelites to follow every order carefully. On the way many complained. It was not an easy task with such a great number of people that lost their confidence.

Hebrews 13:17

"Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you."

Unfortunately in today's life, we find leaders, leading astray.

Many took the word of YHVH and changed it deliberately. Again others were appointed as leaders in high authority but their hearts were far from YHVH, only to have their way.

Before the Israelites left Horeb, Moses had to set a system in place with leaders in charge of thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens because their quarrelsome nature has been such a heavy burden. These leaders were commissioned to judge cases and disputes fairly, showing no favoritism.

After the system were in place and leaders appointed, they were ready to move *on*. *When they reached Kadesh-Barnea, Moses told them: "Look, YHVH your God has placed the land before you. Go up, take possession, as YHVH, the God of your ancestors, has told you. Don't be afraid, don't be dismayed."* Deuteronomy 1:21

Moses appointed one man from every tribe to go ahead of them to find the best way into the Land.

Upon the return these representatives came back saying that the Land was bountiful. There were 10 representatives that delivered a message that the inhabitants were giants and stronger than the Israelites.

The message defeated the purpose of YHVH's word. The Israelites chose to believe the faithless majority, instead of the two spies that believed YHVH is faithful and mighty to defeat them against any terror that face them.

Surely these Israelites had no reason to believe that YHVH would bring them to this point only to see the Promised Land or let them enter without Him. YHVH surely did not bring them through the desert to leave them without fulfillment of what He promised.

When we fight the enemy in our own strength and not allow YHVH into our lives, we will suffer a terrible defeat. Sometimes following the majority can have unforeseen, tragic consequences. It is far too easy to get pulled along by the crowd.

People throughout life followed people blindly into places where they have been left helplessly and in the darkest place they could not escape without the call to YHVH.

YHVH will not desert us when we are ready to repent and acknowledge our wrongs.

Moses did not cross the Jordan with the Israelites They will no longer journey through the wilderness as YHVH gave Joshua leadership. It is YHVH whom they will follow as they cross the Jordan to take the Land that is the blessing of obedience. *“YHVH your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as He did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes, and in the wilderness. There you saw how YHVH your God carried you, as a father carries His son, all the way you went until you reached this place.”* Deuteronomy 1:30–31

It is often that people lose their faith and fall in disobedience. Some would rather be part of a worldly system and temptations than believing in the promises of YHVH.

As the Journey took the Israelites 40 years, they wandered in the wilderness, eating quail and mannah. They were led into the Promised Land by Joshua; the victory at Jericho marked the beginning of possession of the land.

The Red sea could not be devided without the power of YHVH. YHVH provided the Mannah from heaven and sweet water to show His dedication and care. When they thirst YHVH opened the rock with living water.

Exodus 16:1–5 and 17:1–7 helps us to understand Yeshua as the Savior, our Bread of Life, as Living Water, and as our Rock of Salvation.

YHVH's word brought us to a standstill so we can see our Salvation in Yeshua HaMashiach. Not lean on our own understanding but live by the bread of every word of YHVH.

YHVH prepared a Kingdom for us that will last forever. No other kingdom will stand. Let's pay attention to some verses

Psalm 47:7-8

For YHVH is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with a skillful psalm. YHVH reigns over the nations, YHVH sits on His holy throne.

Exodus 15:18

“YHVH shall reign forever and ever.

Chronicles 16:31

*Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
And let them say among the nations, “YHVH reigns.”*

Isaiah 51:4-5

“Pay attention to Me, O My people, And give ear to Me, O My nation; For a law will go forth from Me, And I will set My justice for a light of the peoples. “My righteousness is near, My salvation has gone forth, And My arms will judge the peoples; The coastlands will wait for Me, And for My arm they will wait expectantly.

Isaiah 2:2-4

Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of YHVH. Will be established as the King of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it. And many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of YHVH, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths.” For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of YHVH from Jerusalem. And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war.

What a mighty God we serve. We have no reason to doubt.
We have no reason to fear because our Salvation is near.
HalleluYah

Jeremiah 3:17

At that time they will call Jerusalem 'The Throne of YHVH,' and all the nations will be gathered to it, to Jerusalem, for the Name of YHVH; nor will they walk anymore after the stubbornness of their evil heart.

Daniel 2:44

In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.

Zechariah 14:9

And YHVH will be king over all the earth; in that day YHVH will be the only one, and His Name the only one.

Luke 11:2

And He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, Holy be Your Name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Lesson continue

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