

THE UPWARD CALL

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet;
but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God
IN CHRIST JESUS.*

(Philippians 3:13-14 NASB)

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Jesus the King! (Psalm 98)

During my meditative time with the Lord this morning, I sat in the usual chair looking out the window, as I do every morning. This particular room faces the east, so when I look out, I see the sun rising each day. This morning around 7:15 am, I looked out just as the sun was beginning its glorious ascent into the sky above. What I beheld was the most brilliant sunrise that I have ever seen. The sky was on fire with the most brilliant red hue you can imagine. It actually looked as if the sky was aflame. It was glorious. This led my heart to worship the Creator of all things. I looked out upon the glory of God rising over the earth. It reminded me of the day when the glory of the Lord will fill the whole earth as the waters cover the sea. All of creation will be clapping for joy and singing the praises of its God and Creator.

But there is more, for as I sat mesmerized by the glory of God manifested in His creation, I contemplated the true sun, that is, the Son of God, our Lord Jesus who is also known as *Yeshua*. This reminds me of a word Jesus spoke to His disciples: *Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father* (Matthew 13:43 ESV). The glory of the sunshine this morning, in some way beyond description, is a sign of the rising up of the sons of God, the sons of glory, conformed to the image of *the* Son. If you want to have a play on words, then insert the word *Sun* in place of *Son*. Just as every living creature on earth lives because of this great orb shining on us every day, every hour someplace on earth, so too do we all live by the very life of the one who is the firstborn of all creation.

Paul tells us: *Because, in him, were created all things in the heavens and upon the earth, the things seen and the things unseen, whether thrones or lordships or principalities or authorities,—they all, through him and for him, have been created, And, he, is before all, and, they all, in him, hold together* (Colossians 1:16-17 Rotherham). All things were created in *Yeshua*! And, all things are held together by *Yeshua*! He is the Sun of the earth!

There was something else along this line that was added to my morning. I was impressed to turn to Psalm 98, using one particular translation that I often find most helpful, the *Concordant Literal Version* (CLV). Some of the words might seem a bit archaic to some, since they no longer appear in our everyday conversations or writings, for that matter. For example: *Benignity* is *lovingkindness* in other translations; *Habitanace* is *world*. It is a good thing to stretch our minds a bit. Here is the full psalm.

- (1) Psalm Sing to **Yahweh** a new song, For He has done marvelous works; His right hand and His holy arm have brought His salvation."
- (2) **Yahweh** has made known His salvation; To the eyes of the nations He has revealed His righteousness.
- (3) He has remembered His benignity and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the limits of the earth have seen the salvation of our **Elohim**.
- (4) Raise a joyful shout to **Yahweh**, all the earth; Burst forth and be jubilant and make melody."
- (5) Make melody to **Yahweh** with the harp, With the harp and the sound of melody."
- (6) With bugles and the sound of the trumpet, Raise a joyful shout before Yahweh the King."
- (7) Let the sea thunder, and its fullness, The habitanace and those dwelling in it."
- (8) The streams, let them clap with the palm,
- (9) The mountains, let them be jubilant together before **Yahweh**. For He comes to judge the earth; He shall judge the habitanace in righteousness, And the peoples with equity." (Psalms 98:1-9 CLV)

Who is Yahweh in this psalm? Most translations use the word LORD. But, does this refer to the Father, the Son or both? Who is the Lord who, in Hebrew, is Yahweh? The answer is that it is Jesus; He is the Yahweh of the Hebrew scripture. I won't explain this in this short writing, so I encourage you to read my article that does.

See *Yahweh Has Become My Yeshua—Soteria* — <http://www.kingdomandglory.com/art/art53.pdf>

The point I make in this article is that Yahweh of the Hebrew scripture is Yeshua of the Greek scripture, and His name is *Jesus*. As I considered this, the thought came to me to insert the name *Jesus* into this psalm in place of Yahweh. When I did this, it was a wow to my spirit. Here it is for your consideration.

- (1) Psalm Sing to **Jesus** a new song, for He has done marvelous works; His right hand and His holy arm have brought His salvation (*yeshuah*)."
- (2) **Jesus** has made known His salvation (*yeshuah*); to the eyes of the nations He has revealed His righteousness.
- (3) He has remembered His benignity (lovingkindness) and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the limits of the earth have seen the salvation (*yeshuah*) of our **Elohim (Creator God of Genesis)**.
- (4) Raise a joyful shout to **Jesus**, all the earth; burst forth and be jubilant and make melody."
- (5) Make melody to **Jesus** with the harp, with the harp and the sound of melody."
- (6) With bugles and the sound of the trumpet, raise a joyful shout before **Jesus the King.**"
- (7) Let the sea thunder, and its fullness, the habitation and those dwelling in it."
- (8) The streams, let them clap with the palm,
- (9) The mountains, let them be jubilant together before **Jesus**. For He comes to judge the earth; He shall judge the habitation in righteousness, and the peoples with equity." (Psalms 98:1-9 edited)

Jesus the King. Is this music to your ears, as it is to mine? Does it bring out worship in your heart?

Has He made known to you His salvation? Did you know that the word *salvation* in the Hebrew is *yeshuah*. It is as if scripture will not let us escape from Jesus. May it never be that we do escape from Him. Sing a song to Jesus; make a melody to Jesus; shout joyfully before Jesus the King!

This reminds me of the great multitude standing before the throne of God and the Lambkin declaring with one voice: "*Salvation [soteria] be our God's, Who is sitting on the throne, and the Lambkin's!*" (Revelation 7:10 CLV). *Salvation* is *soteria* in the Greek—another interesting word that I share in the above referenced article. It means *rescue*.

Who is in the center of the throne? The Lambkin whose name is Jesus, also known as Yeshua and Yahweh (and, if you will, we could add Joshua to the list)! He is salvation itself; He is the deliverer or, a word I like better, the rescuer of all creation and all mankind. The great multitude worshipping God in John's vision is the first of many to follow.

There is nothing else to add to this. I leave the Jesus rendition of Psalm 98 for your meditation and hopefully worship.

May the spirit of Yeshua bring a melody to your heart for the one who is the lover of your life, for He is your life.

Praise God!

Raise a joyful shout before Jesus the King.