

## The Most Important Call (Psalm 95:7-11)

The most beautiful proclamation made to the human race is found in John 3:16: For God so **loved** the world that He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. The love of God took the human form, so that He could experience humanity as we do and suffer the way we do. He emptied Himself by assuming the form of a slave, taking on the likeness of men, and when He had come as a man in His external form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death- even to death on a cross (Phi. 2:7-8). That's the way His Son came expressing the extent of His love for mankind. He gives each one of us the calling to come to Him through the hearing of the Gospel of His Son. His calling is in every opportunity a person is given by going to church, through radio waves, through a neighbor or through T.V. Remember that when you turn on the radio or T.V. and hear the message of the Gospel, that is your calling. If you turn it off, you are rejecting His calling and who knows if you will have more opportunities later. You can never be chosen to salvation, if you reject God's calling. Psalm 95:7-11; Hebrews 3:7,15; 4:7 confirm this truth: Today, if you hear His voice; do not harden your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the wilderness where your fathers tested Me though they had seen what I did; Hebrews reads, where your fathers tested Me tried Me, and saw My works for 40 years. Therefore I was provoked with this generation and said, 'They always go astray in their hearts, and they have not known My ways.' So I swore in My anger, "They will not enter My rest. (Heb.3:9-11). These were not chosen, but died in the desert, without reaching the Promised Land.

YAHSHUA told a parable of the wedding banquet saying: The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent out his slaves to summon those invited to the banquet, but they didn't want to come. Again, he sent out other slaves and said 'Tell those who are invited; Look, I've prepared my dinner; my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet. *But they paid no attention and went away, one to his own farm, another to his business; and the others seized his slaves, treated them outrageously and killed them...* many are called (invited), but few are chosen (Matt. 22: 1-5, 14). This statement seems to us unfair when we do not study to understand the heart of God. He is never willing that we should perish, otherwise He would have never sacrificed His Son to save us. Peter said, The Lord does not delay His promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance (2Peter 3:9). The responsibility is ours to accept the invitation to hear the Gospel and to receive its message in our heart. God's love is without measure; nothing in this world can measure such love. His tender calling the sinner to salvation happens every day, and every day one accepts Him or rejects Him. If we make the choice to reject Him, we have already been condemned for not believing in the name of the One and Only Son of God. (John 3:18b). So when you hear the message of salvation, don't reject the invitation, for this is your invitation, or calling to be chosen for salvation. There is no other name under heaven or in heaven for which we can be saved. The acceptance of the calling and of the gift of God- His Son makes us His child and heir with YAHSHUA. Now we will be conformed to the image of YAHSHUA through sanctification. Those He justified He sanctified and glorified. God sees us already sanctified and

glorified, although we do have to go through the molding into His holiness. When YAHSHUA completed His sacrificial work on the cross, He said, It is finished! His work was complete in all those who received the calling and have been chosen to be part of the family of God. To walk in His holiness is to shine His light, imprinting His love in the lives of all who desires to hear the message of the Gospel of our Lord YAHSHUA. This is a calling within a calling.

God's unfailing purpose through the Gospel is that we be holy as He is holy. Being set apart to sanctification requires a life that will follow the steps that will lead to the fulfilment of God's purpose for His children. He called us according to His purpose to be of one mind with Christ in all our way of living. The deeds of the flesh must be crucified with Christ, so He can live in us. When He offered Himself for us, He called us to suffer with Him by riddance of the carnal deeds; we are no longer obliged to the works of the flesh, but to the works of HOLY SPIRIT Who lives in us. Paul said, if we are to be glorified with Him, we must suffer with Him (Rom. 8). YAHSHUA said, Remain in Me and I will remain in you; My Father is glorified by this: that you produce much fruit and prove to be My disciples. You did not choose me, but I chose you, I appointed you that you should go out and produce fruit and that your fruit should remain (John 15). The most important call given to the human race is that to come to salvation. Don't receive God's grace in vain, For He says: In an acceptable time, I heard you, and in the day of salvation, I helped you. Look, now is the acceptable time; look, now is the day of salvation (II Cor. 6:1b,2). We are called to be separated from whatever is contrary to the mind of God. We are called unto Him; we will not be blessed if we engage ourselves with the things of the world. His holiness requires our commitment to be holy as He is holy.

The heart of God was patient toward Israel's sins. He called them to "Wash yourselves; cleanse yourselves; remove your evil deeds from My sight; stop doing evil; learn to do what is good... He invited them to "Come, let us discuss this. Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are as red as crimson, they will be like wool; if you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land (Isaiah 1:16-20)." Had Israel accepted God's call to holiness and obedience, they would have received the blessings that came with them, just as they are available today for those who will listen to God's calling of repentance to salvation. No sin is greater than His love for us. His blood can purify our life white as snow. YAHSHUA, just before His death, made a solemn plea to Jerusalem inviting her to return to God: O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who continue to kill the prophets and to stone those who are sent to you! How often I have desired and yearned to gather your children together as a hen [gathers] her young under her wings, but you would not! Behold, your house is forsaken and I tell you, you will not see Me again until the time comes when you shall say, Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord (Luke 13:34-35)! When you hear his voice do not harden your heart toward His invitation for His salvation, because no more sacrifice is left besides the sacrifice of His Son to atone for your sin, but only a terrible expectation of divine judgment that will fall on those who reject His calling. Answer the call of His love and be saved from the condemnation sin brought you. Don't wait for tomorrow; tomorrow may not come to be today!