

What Can Man Do to Me? (Hebrews 13; Psalm 27)

The Lord is my Light and my Salvation- whom shall I fear? The Lord is the Refuge and Stronghold of my life- whom shall I be afraid (Psalm. 27:1)? If the Lord is my Light, my Salvation, my Refuge and Stronghold of whom should I be afraid? Who can withstand His power? He is Light and He "lives in unapproachable light" (I Tim. 6:16a). His light guides and dissipates all darkness of my path; nothing is hidden from His light. Where there is light, there can never be darkness; no room for the devil to hide with his weapon to destroy me. As my Salvation, He carried my pain, my sorrows, my grieves, sins and guilt and nailed them to the cross and suffering on my behalf He cried, My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? At the end of His sufferings, He declared, It is finished! My salvation was completed in His death and resurrection. He is the Rock that provides refuge in my pilgrimage on the way to heaven. I am hidden in Christ, protected with His love, a wall that no one can penetrate to separate me from Him. Whom shall I fear, though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, in this will I be confident, for in the day of trouble He will hide me in His shelter; in the secret place of His tent will He hide me; He will set me high upon a rock (Psalm 27: 3, 5).

What can man do to me, when my God promised that He will never leave, nor forsake me, and that He would not leave me helpless, desolate? He is the same yesterday, today and forever and in Him I have absolute trust. Paul instructed us that our light and momentary affliction is achieving for us an everlasting weight of glory, for we carry in the body the liability and exposure to the same putting to death that Our Lord, YAHSHUA suffered (II Cor. 4:8-10, 16-17). Even though our body is wasting away because of the consequences of sin, thanks to YAHSHUA our inner being is being renewed day after day, for we do not have a permanent place here on this earth, but we are looking for the one which is to come (Heb. 13:14); the one YAHSHUA promised us He was going to prepare. What can man do to me? YAHSHUA said, I tell you, My friends, do not dread and be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have nothing more that they can do (Luke 12:4).

The faithful believer in YAHSHUA dwells in the secret place of God, the Father; there he is established under His shadow; God is his Refuge, his fortress, on Him he relies; he is delivered from the hunter's net, from the destructive plague; he is covered with His feathers; under His wings he finds refuge; God's faithfulness is his protective shield; he will not fear the terror of the night, nor the evil plots and slanders of the wicked that flies by day; he will not fear the sudden death that surprise and lay waste as noonday; thousands may fall at his side, but nothing will reach him; he will be only a spectator witnessing the reward of the wicked; Because he has made the Lord his refuge, and his dwelling place, he will be secured against all evil and plagues or calamity, for God has given angels orders to protect him in all his ways; they will support him with their hands so that they will not strike his foot against a stone; to him is given power to tread upon the lion, the cobra; to trample the young lion and the serpent; because he is devoted to the Lord, and knows His name, He will deliver and exalt him; when he calls out to Him he will answer him and He will be with him in trouble; He will rescue, and honor him and satisfy him with a long life and save him (Psalm 91).

What can man do to me? When there is now no more condemnation for me, since my name is written in the book of life by the blood of YAHSHUA my Savior; He personally bore my sins on the tree that I might die to sin and live to righteousness; and raised me up together with YAHSHUA and made me sit down together in the heavenly sphere (I Peter 2:24; Ephesians 2:6)? So the believer must take comfort and be encouraged in the knowledge that the Lord is his helper, therefore there is no need for fear to take him to despair and drag him to hopelessness. For YAHSHUA suffered for us and died outside the [city's] gate in order that He might purify and consecrate the people through His own blood and set them apart as holy; let us then go forth to Him outside the camp, bearing the contempt and abuse and shame with Him; and let us all the time offer up to God sacrifice of praise (Heb. 13:6,8,12-13.15a).

The Lord's hand strikes with power! The Lord's right hand is raised! The Lord's right hand strikes with power! He will fight for us! Let's fight the good fight of faith, which is laid up for us, in confidence that He Who is in us is greater than the one in the world. Be strong and courageous; no man can withstand the power of our Lord YAHSHUA; If He is for us, who can be against us? He bore the crown of thorns on His head so we could be healed of our mental diseases; His hands and feet and side were pierced and his back was wounded beyond recognition all for the healing of the body and of the mind; in His death He saved us from hell. What can men do to us?

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