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NOT Forsaken!

As the Savior's death drew near, having been beaten mercilessly and impaled upon the stake, He spoke loudly to those assembled there (and to us who listen to His words), "My El, My El, why have You forsaken Me?" Matthew 27:46.

What did He mean? Did the Father forsake Him? No! Was Yahshua in doubt about what was happening? No! Was His impalement something unexpected? No! Of course not. Yahshua knew exactly what was happening. Well, then exactly why did He say these words?

Even as He was taking His dying breath, He was shepherding His flock. He was still teaching and guiding us. In those times, people memorized the Scriptures, especially key verses (not owning personal copies of Scripture). We also memorize, but to an extremely lesser degree today. If I said to you, though, "Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy ..." you could probably complete that word and the remainder of that paragraph by memory. This is exactly what He was doing upon the stake. The words He spoke are in the first verse of Psalm 22, *Eli 'Eli lamah zabtani*. He was teaching the world who He is, by associating Himself with that particular Psalm. He spoke these words to those assembled there, knowing they would complete the Psalm – in their minds. In the 22nd Psalm is the description of His death, impossible to be a coincidence; impossible to stage; impossible to contradict (although many try). Psalm 22 is the foreshadowing not only of the Savior's death – but of a people who will become Yahweh's inheritance, His posterity; people from all nations, a remnant who will be redeemed [not just of Judah, but from "Israel" – from all 12 Tribes!]. Below is the entire Psalm 22. Please read it and see for yourself:

To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Deer of the Dawn." A Psalm of David. My El, My El, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning? O My Elohim, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; And in the night season, and am not silent. But You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel. Our fathers trusted in You; They trusted, and You delivered them. They cried to You, and were delivered; They trusted in You, and were not ashamed. But I am a worm, and no man; A reproach of men, and despised by the people. All those who see Me ridicule

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—Bible

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Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, "He trusted in Yahweh, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!" But You are He who took Me out of the womb; You made Me trust while on My mother's breasts. I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother's womb You have been My El. Be not far from Me, For trouble is near; For there is none to help. Many bulls have surrounded Me; Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me. They gape at Me with their mouths, Like a raging and roaring lion. I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death. For gation of the wicked has enclosed I can count all My bones. They look ments among them, And for My weh, do not be far from Me; O My from the sword, My precious life the lion's mouth And from the horns I will declare Your name to My will praise You. You who fear Yah-Jacob, glorify Him, And fear Him, not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from Him; But when He cried to Him, He heard. My praise shall be of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will praise Yahweh. Let your heart live forever! All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to Yahweh, And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You. For the kingdom is Yahweh's, And He rules over the nations. All the prosperous of the earth Shall eat and worship; All those who go down to the dust Shall bow before Him, Even he who cannot keep himself alive. A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Sovereign to the next generation, They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, That He has done this, Psalm 22:1-31.

**"I will declare
Your name to
My brethren; In
the midst of the
assembly I will
praise You."**

dogs have surrounded Me; The congreg- Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; and stare at Me. They divide My gar- clothing they cast lots. But You, O Yah- Strength, hasten to help Me! Deliver Me from the power of the dog. Save Me from of the wild oxen! You have answered Me. brethren; In the midst of the assembly I weh, praise Him! All you descendants of all you offspring of Israel! For He has

— Elder John Fisher

Prayer List

Elder Eugene Rodgers, Elder Dick Vaow, Hap Tew, Roxanne Garcia & children, Charlie Pelton, Alice Findling, Delores Plazek, Lorna Joseph, Jacob Miller, Wayne Cloos, Sandra Gets, Jim Still, Cindy Gustke and Family, The Tzia Vue Family, Augustus Paul, Bonnie Merryman, Nancy White, Robert Potter, Don Brett, Teresa Greene, Michelle Love, and all the brethren around the world especially in the Middle East.

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Pictures from Recent Services at Kingdom City, Mo.



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Beware of those who speak ill of others to you. They speak ill of you to others. Cherish those who always have kind words for others. Those same kind words will be said of you, to others.

— Author unknown

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Should we Baptize Teenagers?

A youngster is under the care and tutelage of his parents and the protection of Yahweh (1Cor. 7:14). As long as they live according to the parents, Yahweh will protect and guide them. There is no urgency to baptize the teenagers.

—Elder Don Mansager

I feel we should stay with the "Age of Accountability". In the desert Yahweh was quite specific as to who should be allowed to crossover the river Jordan. If one disregards it then one should wait until a person is ~30 years of age since that was Yahshua's age when He was baptized.

—Elder Roger Meyer

As a spiritual matter, only those of the age of 20 and over were allowed to make atonement for themselves, Ex 30:12-16. Since new believers are basically seeking atonement through baptism in Yahshua's name, it seems reasonable that a new convert should be at least 20 years old.

—Elder David Brett

I do not believe that all teens are mature enough to make that choice. When one realizes the consequences of their action and the possible penalty for not staying in the faith. The divorce rate and the number of unwed teenage mothers tend to indicate that teenagers do not make decisions that they want to live with the rest of their lives. This is in addition to the scriptural reasons.

—Elder Dick Vaow

It is a blessing that Yahweh has reserved twenty years as the age of accountability. The first chapter of the book of Numbers clearly demonstrates that 20 years of age is the age of accountability. Today, most children aren't required to be so accountable as to offer their lives to protect our nation. There is a battle; but it is primarily spiritual. Most children in this country begin to taste the effects of accountability at the age of 18 when their necessary schooling is complete. While protected in the cocoon of the family home, the burden of responsibility for food, shelter and clothing rests upon the shoulders of the parents. It is when a child leaves home, that he begins to realize the difficulty of surviving in this material – and spiritual – world. The temptations are great, and the parental instruction he received may play a great role in the road he chooses: the narrow way of Life – or the broad way of Death. Even the child who is raised up with genuine love and truthful instruction may venture down the wayward road; but Yahweh has provided a buffer zone for such a "Prodigal Son." The adolescent is given some time to recognize the broad way that leads to destruction and turn from unrighteous living to that narrow way that leads to life everlasting. Many parents, by baptizing their children at the age of 7 or 8, impose accountability upon a child who cannot possibly be held accountable. Then, when he begins to "seek his own identity" (as normal adolescent minds "require"), he may oppose that which was imposed on him to "prove" to himself (and others) that he is "unique." The faithful parent will understand that, if you "Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it," Proverbs 22:6. It is a confident and wise parent who does not coerce a child into acting or believing a certain way, but provides the child with consistent and loving discipline (as in discipleship), against which there is nothing to oppose. If we imitate our Heavenly Father in His discipline and His blessings, then our children will, at the proper time, choose life.

—Elder John Fisher