

The Invitation

I recently received an invitation to a wedding, and the invitation came with the standard RSVP. We all understand that this means a response is needed by the one to whom the invitation is sent. My dear brothers and sisters, the call has gone out to the four corners of the earth, an invitation of great compassion, love and mercy is given to all who will hear and respond. What does this invitation say to us?

“Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden light.”

Mattiyahu 11:28-30

This chapter begins with Yohanan sending word to the Mashiyach saying, “Are you the coming One or do we look for another?” After sending back word to Yohanan, he then proceeded to upbraid the surrounding cities that saw His miracles but refused to repent stating; that if Tyre and Sidon had witnessed the mighty works done in Chorazin and Bathsaida, they would have repented long ago! And to Capernaum He stated that; “If the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, It would have remained until this day!” In short, the people did not recognize who was in the midst of them or why He had come. He goes on to say, All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father, neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son and **he** (the person) to whom the Son reveals *him(self)* The Father Know the Son and the Son knows the Father because they are one in purpose. Their purpose is to redeem mankind from their sins (Yashayahu 59:20). We see a similar invitation recorded in Yashayahu 55:1 “Ho every that thirsteth, come to the waters and drink; come ye, buy and eat; yea, come buy wine and milk without money and without price.” Now, Yahuwah expected an RSVP also, and Yashayahu told the people how to respond, “Seek ye Yahuwah while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near: Let the wicked forsake his ways and the unrighteous man his thoughts and let him return unto Yahuah and He will have mercy upon him, and to our Elohim for He will abundantly pardon”. So when Yahushuah spoke of those who labor, we understand that He was not talking about people with a 9-5 job. The labor He is speaking of is that heavy burden that is laid upon us because of the sinful nature that we inherited from the fall. When Adam willingly partook of that which was strictly forbidden, it produced a seed, and that seed of sin was passed on to each of us, yielding in us the unfruitful works of darkness. This seed of sin is capable of growing into any form of ungodliness

imaginable, falsehood (lying with our actions as well as our words), greed, idolatry, and much more. Producing an ever increasing lust for what is against Yahuwah and His righteous nature. Today, what has been unleashed is the sin of homosexuality. Homosexuality/Lesbianism is nothing new, It's just been unleashed by a society that has become morally and spiritually bankrupt. We can assess from the word of Yahuwah that every society/nation that reaches this point sign their own death certificate. When a nation even considers giving such a trespass of Yahuwah's instructions, a common place, acceptance and protection under the laws of man, I wonder who do we as a nation fear? Yirmeyahu 5:22-23 records "Do you not fear Me declares Yahuwah. Do you not tremble at my presence, who have placed the sand as the boundary of the sea, by an everlasting law, and it does not pass over it? Though its wave toss to and fro, they are unable: though they roar, they do not pass over it. But this people has a backsliding and rebellious heart, they have turned aside and are gone." Folks, it's true today also, this train has past the last depot with blazing speed and only true repentance can derail it from destruction. The argument today is that no big deal should be made about this particular sin because [God, as they say] does not categorize sin. True, sin is sin, and all sin is a transgression of Yahuwah's Law [instructions], which, by the way, began in Eden and not with Mosheh and the children of Israel. However, the consequences of sin will vary according to Yahuwah's Sovereign and righteous nature. Our responsibility is to respond with obedient faith and sincere repentance. We must believe His word and with reverent fear, govern ourselves accordingly. Yahuwah alone reserves the right to set the penalty for sin, and He alone will execute judgment for sin. What we do know to be true from the word of Yahuwah, is this; The pay off for sin is death! The sin of adultery in Israel was so serious because a person had to make a conscience choice to violate His command. The sin of blasphemy against the Set-a-Part Spirit is a sin that is unforgivable (Mattithyahu 12:31-32). The sin of idolatry was a chronic disease in Israel. Over and over they failed to do what they were instructed in order to guard themselves from this terrible sin. Because of their failure to repent of it, they were as a nation destroyed. Even Mosheh who spoke to Yahuwah face to face was issued a sentence for his trespass against The Most High!

"Get thee up into this mountain Abarim unto Mount Nebo And die in the mount whither thou goest up. . . Because you trespassed against Me among the children of Israel at the water of Maribah-Kadesh because you sanctified Me not in the midst of the children of Israel."

Debarim 32:49-52.

What we need to understand is this; Yahuwah has no picks or favorites. If He gave a stiff sentence to a man that He knew face to face and gave Yahushuah the authority to upbraid those cities for their rebellious and unrepented hearts, after He showed to them miracles, signs

and mighty works on their behalf. So what do you think our chances will be today if we too fail to repent? This is the RSVP we all are expected to give to this great invitation. In order to come to Him we must be willing to turn from sin and be turned to Him. He wants to spare us from the drudgery and hardship of sin; for the way of the transgressor is hard, but Yahushuah says His yoke is easy. A yoke is the wooden brace that kept the oxen together and allowed them to walk in the same direction. When we take His yoke upon us, we become one with Him. We began to walk in the light as He is in the light and have fellowship with Him, and He gives us a promise that His burden will be light because He will never put on us more that we can bear. Now this invitation is to all; but for a limited time, for His spirit will not always strive with us. To make our point more clear; Let's take a look at how many invitations have been sent:

Come now, let us reason together, saith Yahuwah: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Yashayahu 1:18

Incline your ear and **Come** unto Me: hear and your soul shall live, and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

Yashayahu 55:3

If any man thirsts, let him **Come** unto me and drink.

Yohanan 7:3

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come** out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not her plagues.

Revelation 18:4

And the Spirit and the bride say, **Come**. And him that heareth, **Come**. And let him that athirst, **Come**. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely.

Revelation 22:17

As we see, every invitation urges us to **Come**. This is your chance to RSVP. No matter who you are or what you are doing with your life, you have received an invitation. You can choose to respond to your invitation or you can ignore it, whatever your decision, know and understand that the patience of The Most High will come to an end. Yashayahu 65:2-3 says:

I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that is not good, after their own thoughts: A people that provoketh me to anger

continually to my face. Behold, it is written. . I will not keep silent, but will recompense into their bosom, your iniquities and your fathers together.

When we as a people reach this point, it is too late, and whatever we haven't done we will not have a chance to do. The door will be shut and it will be His turn to **COME!**

Therefore I will number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not.

Yashayahu 65: 2-3, 12

And, behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his works shall be.

Revelation 22:12

A voice in the night