

Luke 9:18-45 Preparing for Death

Messiah Yeshua's life and Ministry set the stage and laid the foundation for Kingdom-minded thinking and living. Knowing He was sent by YeHoVaH was at the forefront of Yeshua's mind in everything He did, said, and taught.

Yeshua not only taught us how to live, but He also taught us how to die. From conception to death, all Creation belongs to YeHoVaH, the King of Glory. With that knowledge and understanding in mind, we are set on the ultimate course of pursuing His will, or our own, and facing Him in Judgement to account for our life choices.

In this portion of Luke, Messiah challenges His Disciples concerning who He was and reveals a Kingdom mystery to them that they failed to comprehend until after His death, burial, and resurrection.

In the previous portion of Luke, after Yeshua sent out His Disciples, Herod the Tetrarch heard about all that was going on. Herod was perplexed, because some were saying that John had been raised from the dead, others said that Elijah had appeared, and still others said that one of the Prophets of long ago had come back to life.

As Yeshua's Disciples travelled from town to town, they heard the rumors of what people were saying. There was much chatter amongst the multitude of people who followed Yeshua for He had not revealed His identity to the people or to His Disciples and Apostles.

After feeding the five thousand and interacting amongst the people, Yeshua and His Disciples went to a place away from the people to pray.

Lk 9:18 And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am?

Lk 9:19 They answering said, John the Baptist; but some say, Elias; and others say, that one of the old prophets is risen again.

Lk 9:20 He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter answering said, The Messiah of God.

Lk 9:21 And he straitly charged them, and commanded *them* to tell no man that thing;

Yeshua commanded them to tell no one of His identity and revealed to them what was to soon happen to Him at the hands of the Elders, Chief Priests, Scribes, and the Gentiles who would do their bidding.

Lk 9:22 Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, **and be slain**, and be raised the third day.

The Disciples did not have ears to hear what Yeshua was saying. Yeshua was informing them of what was going to happen, but they were unable to hear Him. Yeshua was not trying to hide what was going to happen. He was making it plain to them, but they weren't listening to Him.

Yeshua went further and informed His Disciples that following Him would cost them their lives, but by following Him, they would save their lives.

Lk 9:23 And he said to *them* all, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

The people of Yeshua's day knew full well that the cross was a death sentence, and everyone seen carrying a cross was on their way to a crucifixion. The cross was not a status symbol or a piece of jewelry to be worn around the neck as it is today.

Lk 9:24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

Lk 9:25 For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?

Lk 9:26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and *in his* Father's, and of the holy angels.

Lk 9:27 But I tell you of a truth, there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God.

Lk 9:28 And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.

Lk 9:29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white *and* glistening.

Lk 9:30 And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias:

Lk 9:31 Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.

Lk 9:32 But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him.

Lk 9:33 And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Yeshua, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said.

YeHoVaH speaks out of the cloud.

Lk 9:34 While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud.

Lk 9:35 And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.

That incident was reminiscent of Mt. Sinai when YeHoVaH spoke to Israel.

Lk 9:36 And when the voice was past, Yeshua was found alone. And they kept *it* close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen.

Lk 9:37 And it came to pass, that on the next day, when they were come down from the hill, much people met him.

Lk 9:38 And, behold, a man of the company cried out, saying, Master, I beseech thee, look upon my son: for he is mine only child.

Lk 9:39 And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him.

Lk 9:40 And I besought thy disciples to cast him out; and they could not.

Lk 9:41 And Yeshua answering said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring thy son hither.

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Lk 9:42 And as he was yet a-coming, the devil threw him down, and tare *him*. And Yeshua rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father.

Lk 9:43 And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God. But while they wondered every one at all things which Yeshua did, he said unto his disciples,

Yeshua informs His Disciples again what awaited Him and them. Yeshua wanted them to hear Him.

Lk 9:44 Let these **sayings** sink down into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men.

Sayings – **3056 λόγος** logos {log'-os}

Meaning: 1) of speech 1a) a word, uttered by a living voice, embodies a conception or idea 1b) what someone has said 1b1) a word 1b2) the sayings of God 1b3) decree, mandate or order 1b4) of the moral precepts given by God 1b5) Old Testament prophecy given by the prophets

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Yeshua spoke plainly to them. He did not speak a parable and yet they did not understand, nor did they seek understanding.

Lk 9:45 But they understood not this **saying**, and it was hid from them, that they perceived it not: and they feared to ask him of that saying.

Saying – **4487 ῥῆμα** rhema {hray'-mah}

Meaning: 1) that which is or has been uttered by the living voice, thing spoken, word 1a) any sound produced by the voice and having definite meaning 1b) speech, discourse 1b1) what one has said 1c) a series of words joined together into a sentence (a declaration of one's mind made in words)

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Faith comes by hearing.

Ro 10:17 So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the **word** of God.

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Life takes on a whole new meaning once a person is informed that they are dying and is given a timeline for their decease.

Yeshua spent His entire Ministry preparing His Disciples for their Calling, and yet they failed to comprehend their Calling.

Evidence will show that they had themselves in mind, their position with Yeshua, their family concerns, and issues amongst themselves of their greatness, which will be revealed in the next portion of Luke.

Yeshua was trying to get them to understand what really mattered, and that was **YeHoVaH's will**.

Yeshua demonstrated with His own life that once you understand YeHoVaH's plan, everything else is secondary. However, with man, it seems YeHoVaH's will and plan become secondary and one's own life and survival is at the forefront of one's life.

Yeshua has spoken to His Disciples and us about seeking first YeHoVaH's Kingdom and Righteousness:

Mt 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Mt 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Mt 6:26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Mt 6:27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

Mt 6:28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

Mt 6:29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Mt 6:30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, O ye of little faith?

Mt 6:31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

Mt 6:32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

Mt 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Mt 6:34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof.

When we are mindful of our end, we should plan around it.

Yeshua's life and Ministry began with the full knowledge of His death, His burial, His resurrection, and His ascension in mind.

The knowledge of His limited time fueled His life and was incorporated in **everything** He did.

For many people, life becomes serious, and the things that really matter are pursued, when they find out they have a short time to live.

Many have bucket lists of things they want to accomplish.

Some want to make sure they get right with YeHoVaH before their demise.

Priorities of importance are brought into full view and things we have wanted to accomplish before we die get moved to the forefront of our lives.

When we truly understand the account we will have to give to the Almighty in Judgment, our lives will be prioritized accordingly.

Yeshua taught that lesson to His Disciples in this portion of Luke, but they did not get it.

Do You?