

This coming Tuesday night at sundown the Day of Atonement begins



10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be paid back according to what he has done while in the body, whether good or evil. 11 Therefore, because we know the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade people. 2 Corinthians 5:10-11a

Yom Kippur - Here Comes the Judge!

After focusing on Yeshua as the soon-coming King at Yom Teruah, the second function of Yeshua related to the fall festivals is Him as the Judge of all humanity. I have had a few times of appearing before a judge in my lifetime. Each time, there was a great sense of sobriety that settled on me-- even when I was fairly confident of a good outcome. I can only imagine how much more holy fear there will be as I appear before my Creator and Redeemer on that coming day. This day of individually appearing before the Judge of all humanity is coming for each of us (Hebrews 9:27). This is the most important future day of our lives.

We as Believers will appear before the judgement seat (bema) of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:10-11). The Scripture states that Yeshua's recorded words in the Scripture will serve as the judge over our lives (John 12:48). For all true Believers, this appearing before Yeshua will not be in regards to our eternal judgement but to be a review of our life. This day will show us what Yeshua thought of our life-choices while we were on earth. Did you know, that not all Believers will receive commendation and a good report from Yeshua? He will hand out rewards related to those who partnered with Him in making wise choices, but there will also be Believers who suffer loss on that day as a consequence for foolishly living their lives. They will be saved but only as through the fire (1 Corinthians 3:15).

As I prepare for Yom Kippur this year one of the things that I am asking YHWH is that He would give me a glimpse of what His assessment of me would be right now. One of my prayers is "O God shock me now and not on that Day." Now, I can repent, change, and make adjustments, but then it will be too late.

This Sabbath at our service together we will talk about preparing for Yom Kippur and how we can focus on Yeshua as the coming Judge. Then on Tuesday evening we will meet at Mayflower to humble ourselves, pray, and seek Yah's face together. I hope that in this season of Yom Kippur that we are motivated to focus on God's truth, ask Him for help, and be renewed in our commitment to live our lives for Him.