

## **FAITHFUL SERVICE AND THE TALE OF TWO SEAS**

FELLOWSHIP IS VITAL FOR OUR GROWTH AS CHISTIANS.

THIS IS PUNCTUATED AS ONE OF THE ACTS THAT EARLY CHURH DEVOTED ITSELF TOWARD (**ACTS 2:42**).

WITH FELLOWSHIP IN MIND I WOULD LIKE US TO LOOK AT AN ATTRIBUTE OF GOD THAT GIVES US A PATTERN THAT WE MUST BE APPLYING IN OUR OWN LIVES IN RELATION TO OUR SERVICE TO HIM AND OTHERS.

**GOD IS FAITHFUL – RELIABILITY, DEPENDABILITY AND STEADFASTNESS.**

- CONNECTED WITH THE VERY PROMISES OF GOD (**1 KINGS 8:56, LAMENTATIONS 3:22- 24**).

**WHY THE PSALMS ARE SO FULL PRAISE** - THE WRITERS WERE STIRRED TO WRITE SONGS OF GODS FAITHFULNESS IN RELATION TO HIS COVENANTAL PROMISES TO ISRAEL (**PSALM 89 :1-37, PSALM 63:3**)

NOWHERE IS GOD’S LOVINGKINDNESS MANIFEST GREATER THAN **IN HIS SON**, WHOM IN FAITHFUL FULFILMENT OF THE SCRIPTURES, WAS BORN TO DIE, TO BLEED FOR US.

THUS WE HAVE ASSURANCE THAT HE’S GOING TO COME A SECOND TIME!

- HIS NAME IS DESCRIBED AS **FAITHFUL AND TRUE (REVELATION 19)**.

**IN THIS ATTRIBUTE THERE IS CHALLENGE REGARDING OUR OWN LIVING**

ARE WE PEOPLE OF OUR WORD?

AS MEMBERS OF HIS BODY ARE WE PEOPLE HIS WORD (**GALATIANS 5:22**)?

## **TALE OF 2 SEAS:**

- 1) IN THE NORTH WE HAVE THE SEA OF GALILEE (SEA OF TIBERIAS)
- 2) IN THE SOUTH WE HAVE THE SALT SEA (EASTERN SEA, DEAD SEA)

### **THE SEA OF GALILEE**

IS TEAMING WITH LIFE – 30 SPECIES OF FISH, SARDINES, TILAPIA, CATFISH. IT'S SHORES FERTILE, LUSH WITH VEGETATION FULL OF WILDLIFE.

### **THE DEAD SEA ON THE OTHER HAND**

BAR SOME MICROBES, CONTAINS NO LIFE. TOXIC AND BITTER, THE AREA SURROUNDING THE DEAD SEA IS RUGGED, BARREN AND INHOSPITABLE.

INTERESTINGLY BOTH SEA'S ARE FED BY THE SAME SOURCE  
-THE RIVER JORDAN.

### **BUT WHY ARE THESE 2 SEAS SO DIFFERENT?**

- 1) THE SEA OF GALILEE RECEIVES WATER FROM NORTH AND GIVES WATER TO THE SOUTH. ITS FAITHFUL SERVICE AIDS THE PURIFICATION OF ITS WATERS. THERE IS NO STAGNATION.
- 2) THE DEAD SEA HOWEVER ONLY RECEIVES WATER BUT HAS NO OUTLET.

### **SIMPLE LESSON**

THE TRAGEDY IS WHEN BELIEVERS LIVES BECOME BARREN BECAUSE THEY DON'T FAITHFULLY DO WHAT THE SCRIPTURES TELL THEM TO DO - **TO BE DOERS OF THE WORD AND NOT JUST HEARERS (JAMES 1:22).**

WHY FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS EMPTY (**JAMES 2:26**) – **FAITH WITHOUT AN OUTLET.** WE ARE CALLED TO LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE AS SERVICE TO THE LORD (**JEREMIAH 17:5 -8, 2 SAMUEL 2:13-16**).

YET EVEN IN ALL OUR IMPERFECTIONS WE HAVE ASSURANCE THAT ONE DAY WE WILL SEE HIM AND BE LIKE HIM (1 JOHN 3:2). FROM JERUSALEM WILL FLOW LIVING WATERS. HE WILL FAITHFULLY MAKE ALL THINGS NEW. EVEN THE DEAD SEA (**EZIEKIEL 47:1-10**).



## **THE MESSIANIC MIRACLES AT CAPERNAUM**

- **YESHUA RAISED THE DEAD DAUGHTER OF JAIRUS (MARK 5:22; LUKE 8:41).**
- **YESHUA DROVE AN EVIL SPIRIT FROM A MAN IN THE SYNAGOGUE (MARK 1:21-28).**
- **YESHUA HEALED A PARALYZED MAN LET DOWN THROUGH THE ROOF (MARK 2:1-12).**
- **YESHUA CAUSED FOUR OF DISCIPLES TO CATCH FISH IN A MIRACULOUS WAY (LUKE 5:1-11).**
- **YESHUA SUPPLIED TRIBUTE TAX MONEY NEEDED BY PETER THROUGH A FISH (MATTHEW 17:24-27).**
- **YESHUA HEALED THE CENTURION'S SERVANT AFFLICTED WITH PALSY (MATTHEW 8:5-13).**
- **YESHUA HEALED THE SON OF A NOBLEMAN IN THE KING'S COURT (HEROD ANTIPAS) (JOHN 4:46-54).**
- **YESHUA HEALED MANY OTHER PEOPLE AND CASTED OUT DEMONS, AS "ALL THE CITY WAS GATHERED TOGETHER AT THE DOOR" (MARK 1:29-34).**

**JOHN 1:45b WE HAVE FOUND HIM, OF WHOM MOSES IN THE LAW, AND THE PROPHETS, DID WRITE, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE SON OF JOSEPH.**