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Messianic Perspectives

Shalom and welcome to Messianic Perspectives – a program aired on radio stations WRKJ 88.5 and WMTP 91.1 in Maine, with the purpose of exploring the scriptures from a Jewish point of view. Paul, whose Hebrew name is Sha'ul writes in Romans 9:4 – 5:

Rom 9:4 the people of Isra'el! They were made God's children, the Sh'khinah has been with them, the covenants are theirs, likewise the giving of the Torah, the Temple service and the promises;

Rom 9:5 the Patriarchs are theirs; and from them, as far as his physical descent is concerned, came the Messiah, who is over all. Praised be Adonai for ever! Amen.

It is from this perspective that we will explore the relationship between the Tenach – the Jewish Bible and the Brith Hadoshah – the New Covenant writings.

Today's topic – Before Born Again

Before the born again experience can happen, there is another Jewish idea that must first occur - T'shuvah

Known as repentance, many teach that you are to turn from your sin. However, turning from your transgression is only half of T'shuvah from a Jewish perspective. The other part is to return to Adonai.

Without emphasis placed on returning to Adonai, the potential to return from what you have turned away from is more likely because you have only changed direction, but not established a destination.

The idea of T'shuvah can be found throughout scriptures. Malachi chapter 3 and verses 6 and 7

Mal 3:6 "But because I, Adonai, do not change, you sons of Ya`akov will not be destroyed.

Mal 3:7 Since the days of your forefathers you have turned from my laws and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says Adonai-Tzva'ot.

Returning to Adonai requires a repentant heart first, followed by action on our part to take the first step. When we do these two things first, Adonai says He will return to us.

Yochanan the Immerser conveys the same principle when he is preparing the way for Yeshua who will convey the message of redemption. Yochanan says in Matthew, chapter 3 and verse 8:

Mat 3:8 If you have really turned from your sins to God, produce fruit that will prove it!

True repentance requires two actions on our part, turning from our ways that are contrary to that of Adonai thus enabling us to return to Him as our destination. Yochanan takes it a step further by stating that if you have done T'shuvah, there will be results that are tangible for others to see.

It is our transgression that separates us from Adonai. It is through T'shuvah – repentance, and trust in that what Yeshua has said and done that our redemption can be restored.

T'shuvah isn't just lip service, but action with results.

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So, until next time when we will continue our journey into Messianic Perspectives, todah and shalom (thank you and peace)

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