

MOVIN' ON UP

(Luke 16:1-15)

I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 3:14

OUR ALIYAH

In the Old Testament, the people went on pilgrimage to Jerusalem three times a year. The Hebrew word for this act is *aliyah* (ah-lee-yah) which is defined as: going up or to ascend.

We, as children of the Messiah, are still required to make the *aliyah* today. However, for us it is not a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, but a daily decision to be made for our entire life.

HOW DO YOU ACCOMPLISH THE ALIYAH?

The same way you ascend a mountain, step by step. Each day you will be given choices and every choice will allow you to go either: lower, stay the same, or go higher. “...*Press on toward the goal...*”

The Earth is Heaven's Footstool

We live in a _____ world; It isn't a place we rest our full weight.

The LORD says: “The heavens are my throne and the earth is my footstool.” Isaiah 66:1

- This world's possessions are only footstool possessions.
- This world's issues are only footstool issues.
- This world's problems are only the footstool problems.
- This world's glory is only a footstool to Heaven's glory.

What We Must Do

⇒ **Strive to be Faithful**

*“The one who is faithful in a very little is also **faithful** in much, and the one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. LUKE 16:10*

- ‘Faith’ in Greek pertains to being trusted—‘*faithful, trustworthy, dependable.*’
- ‘Faith’ in Hebrew means *firm/faithful, it is to be true, sure.*
- ‘Faith’ in the English dictionary: *responsible, conscientious, strong sense of duty*

As God's children, our life on earth is temporary; therefore, we need to be faithful with what we have now so that we will acquire eternal possessions.

*If then you haven't been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will entrust you with the **true** riches? And if you haven't been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you your own?"***Luke 16:11-12**

I tell you, make friends for yourselves by how you use worldly wealth, so that when it runs out, you will be welcomed into the eternal homes. **Luke 16:9**

The Point: Use what you have now in a way that you will acquire eternal possessions.

The man in the parable knew his end was coming soon, SO WHAT DID HE DO?

He uses his _____, his _____, and his _____ to do what will give him for the rest of his life that which won't be small but will be real and his own.

Each thing you have can attain eternal blessing.

- The key is to use everything now... do not try to hold on to it.
- Every possession you have doesn't belong to you...USE IT.
- Just like the steward did not own but used his master's possessions... everything we have is the Master's.
- REMEMBER everything now is temporary...what you do with it becomes eternal.

How do you take earthly things and translate them to heavenly things?

- You give your earthly possessions, your earthly time, your earthly abilities, and give them to God's purposes. He will convert them into Heavenly currency/treasures.

⇒ **Pray**

Ordinarily, when prayer is spoken of, we are concerned about the "answer" to the prayer. The Lord Jesus emphasizes not on the answers to prayer but the reward of prayer.

Matthew 6 :1-2,5-6,16-18 shows us that the "answers" are secondary. If the reward for prayer is answers to prayer, what do the rewards of almsgiving and fasting refer to? According to its context, "reward" refers to what one receives in the kingdom. The main thing is receiving a reward for our prayer.

If our prayers are according to His will, not only will they be answered, but they will also be remembered and rewarded in the future before the judgment seat.

Today, choose the higher step...the higher act... the higher ground... the higher path... in **every** decision.

Start making your life and *aliyah*.

ANSWER KEY

Footstool

time, resources, position