

## **Drawing Near To Yahweh**

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John 10:10 promises that if we come to the Messiah that we will have life more abundantly. Many would characterize this kind of life as a life of blessing. We think we will suffer a little less, and be blessed a little bit more. I believe that this leads to an erroneous view of Yahweh. John 10:14 speaks of knowing Him as he knows us. This leads us to a better hope, not a better life of blessing.

The better hope is based on Hebrews 7:19 which states through the better hope we draw near to Yahweh. No matter what we are going through we can draw near to Him. To draw near to him is to know Him. It says in Hebrews 8:11 that "we will all know him from the least to the greatest".

Now if the abundant life is not found in blessing, but in the better hope, then we must do everything to draw near Him. To draw near to Him is to know Him, which produces the life we most want. Yahweh gives us the desire for Himself based on Jeremiah 24:7 which states; "I will give them a heart to know me".

Yahweh rigs life so that He and He alone can fill our deepest desire. No amount of blessing, good fortune, spiritual revelation, or earthly peace will suffice. However we must recognize the desire he has placed within each of us and it is here where a divergence must take place. We must step off the highway of blessing which leads to disappointment and onto the ancient path.

When dealing with the issue of life we must ask the question "where is life found". Is it found in our jobs, calling, church or even family? Can life truly be found outside the world we know? Yes it can and even more so! Because life is found in Yahweh and we look outside of Him to find that life we are saying "Yahweh, You and You alone are not enough, I will have more".

The life Yahweh offers is not a moral, upstanding, citizen kind of life. It's a radical breaching third heaven, Melchizedek priest kind of life. It drives people to the wilderness into the river of life and down the ancient path. It is a call to return to our first love and forsake the idols of blessing. Life is found in the blood and Yeshua most vividly displayed that life.