

New Beginnings

“Stand at the crossroads and look; ask about the ancient paths, which one is the good way?” Take it, and you will find rest for your souls. But they said; We will not take it.” Jeremiah 6:16

Modern man is in a mad rush into the future. Modern thought looks at humanity as always evolving upward. In religious circles there is a willingness to adopt whatever is seen culturally as “cutting edge” as the answer to what is needed to be effective. No heed is given to the voice that cries out “*Ask about the ancient path.*”

Mankind continually stands at a crossroads. In the larger picture fundamental choices set the direction and content of what we think, and thus how we live. If we find the path laid out for us by God, and decide to follow it, we should experience something other than what the world has to offer. If the world celebrates modernity; should we not expect God’s path to lead us another way.

What is that way? We can only speak from experience. This is our journey and we offer it humbly. ***“I appointed sentinels to direct them: Listen for the sound of the shofar.” Jeremiah 6:17***

We believe that the path starts with receiving Yahshua as Messiah. As the result of our trust in him many things open up before us. We receive remission of sin that opens the way for being filled with the RuachHa Kodesh. As we are immersed in the Spirit the reality of the renewed covenant places us at the beginning of the ancient path. Now, according to Hebrews 8:10-12 ...the Torah is put in our minds and written on our hearts by God. We become His people, called forth as the House of Israel and the house of Judah, we need no one to teach us for all will know Him. This knowledge comes by the Spirit in a procession of revelation that leads back through the scriptures to the beginning. This is the Ancient path.

The new or renewed covenant is about getting the traveler ready to make the journey. Our condition is poor, apart from Messiah. A supernatural work is needed. We have to be picked up, turned around, and our feet put on solid ground. The natural man does not know the things of the Spirit for they are foolishness to him, neither can he discern them, but the spiritual man can know the mind of Messiah.

The apostolic writings bring out the wonder of the Messiah. Both who he is, what his first coming accomplished, and the promise of his coming again. They exhort and teach us about how God prepares his people to participate with him in their personal and corporate lives. They also give glimpses that whet our

appetite for the deeper things that lie along the ancient path. Without the glories of the last covenant we are not equipped for the former glories.

The renewed covenant writings focus us on Yahweh our Savior. Yahshua is revealed as the flower or the fruit of God's tree. The Elohim of creation has become flesh and tabernacled among us. He is the Omega who can lead us back to the Alpha. We will appreciate the fruit of the tree to the degree we understand his relationship to the branch of the tree which is connected to the trunk of the tree that draws nourishment from the root of the tree. This journey is backward, not forward. The good way is the one that leads away from the latest toward the first.