

## Ransom for the Righteous

*“The wicked is a ransom for the righteous, and the treacherous is in the place of the upright.” (Pr 21:18)*

A *ransom* is that which is given up to secure what is of more value (Pr 21:18).

Dan 12:10; Zec 13:9 — The fire causes the consuming of the destructible, but the purifying of the indestructible. Pr 20:26; Pr 25:4-5 — In order to purify, something has to be destroyed. In winnowing, something is lost, but it is the chaff only, which blows away (Ps 1:4-6). Likewise, it is the only the dross which is consumed (Heb 12:28-29).

“Let the wicked be a ransom for the righteous” (Pr 21:18). Protect the humble; consume the proud. Isa 49:17 — Drive the destroyers away who destroy your house, but keep the builders to build your house.

A ransom *secures* what is more valuable, gains possession of something or someone. The one ransomed is free from risk, from the influence of the *wicked*. Who are the wicked among us? Dan 12:10 — They are those who do not understand. They are not wise. They operate in their own wisdom and understanding, in a way that seems right to them (Pr 14:12).

The impure will be sacrificed (Pr 21:18) for the sake of the pure.

### **I Have Come to Cast a Fire upon the Earth**

**If Lk 12:49 is true and Lk 12:50-53 is included in that fire, how, then, does Christianity fit in with the purpose Messiah came to accomplish? Lk 12:49 — The divisive nature of His ministry, which He left to His disciples after His death and resurrection, was for the purpose of consuming the destructible and purifying the indestructible. It would separate them from one another by His Word (Lk 14:26-33; Mt 10:34-38; Mk 10:28-30; etc.). It divides whole families and friends by the radical response to the Word of Messiah called the Good News of Salvation.**

**Heb 12:28-29 — A fire which purifies and destroys. It destroys to purify.**

*Question* What does it destroy?

*Answer* Relationships between the closest relatives, as parents, brothers, sisters, and even husbands and wives. And it destroys possessions — everything a person takes security in besides Messiah.

In order to purify, something has to be destroyed.

*Purify* means to separate the true from the false, the real from the unreal. Mk 9:49 — Everyone will be seasoned with fire. They, the true ones, are the only ones who will be at peace, who will be in unity with one another (Mk 9:50). The fire in Lk 12:49 is cast upon the whole world as light to a dark world, having a startling and galvanizing effect, arousing it to the good news which is different from Christianity. Mal 3:18 — They will awaken it to the truth by the witness of Mt 24:14. This witness will be electrifying, jolting, shocking, and stimulating. It will stimulate the chosen to come out of this present evil age (Gal 1:4) and out of this wicked and perverse generation (Acts 2:38-40).

What did our Master Yahshua come to this earth to do? (Lk 12:49). He came to produce a galvanizing effect, startling the whole world by the *loyalty* of His offspring (Isa 52:15; Isa 53:10-11). And who knows what He meant by a fire? It will be a great fire seen and witnessed worldwide (Mt 24:14). It will be seen in a people who are obedient and loyal to Him, who have vision, revelation, understanding, and wisdom. They have become His people (Isa 43:12). They will justify God as to Rev 18:1 since they will illuminate the whole world. Verse 1 speaks of a messenger with great authority; the earth will be lit up by the great light of revelation illuminating the nations by the glory and splendor of the fire.

*Illuminate* in Rev 18:1 means to clarify, lighting up the world with true understanding concerning the church. This light will clear up (Lk 7:29) or justify God, as Isa 43:12 explains. It will give insight as to who He really is, and instruct the world as to the nature of the so-called church in Rev 18, the one that is full of demons. The world was also in darkness, in confusion as to who the true God is and what He is like. The true church is His witness as to who He is and what He is like — good, loving, kind, and one.

Lk 12:49 — Separating all who are not willing to do His will from those who do His will (Jn 7:17). It will also

separate those who have received His Spirit (Acts 5:32) from those who haven't. The fire separates those who are being saved (Heb 5:9) from those whom He cannot save.

*Illuminate* — exposing an illusion, the fallacy, misleading influence, false impression, deception, delusion, error, misapprehension, misconception, sham, unreal, untrue, illusory, illusive, beguiling.

Rev 18:23; Rev 19:2-3 — Sorcery — the nations were deceived in spite of Rev 18:24, "And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints and of all who have slain on the earth." They were under a hallucinatory spell (Mt 24:24). They were under the spell of a false god spell (false gospel).

A spell is magic formula, an enchantment. One under a spell is enchanted. This is as Billy Graham entrances by his sorcery (2 Cor 11:13-15). Such men have charm, sorcery, fascination, and glamour.

Rev 18:1 — This voice will have some time to penetrate before the other voice calls His people out of her in verse 4 and before she is burned with fire in verse 8. Why are there two voices in verses 2 and 4?

Lk 12:49-53 — This is a righteous judgment based upon Messiah's death and resurrection. Whoever rejects Him is separated from the righteous who accept Him just like a purifying fire separates the impurities from the pure metal. Judgment and division come about as a result of the gospel. Judgment falls on the wicked who reject Messiah, the sons of God, and the Creator's love. The wicked are separated from the righteous.

### **Acceptable Worship to God**

**Within Christianity, like Judaism, there is nothing that can make their worship acceptable to God. Their worship is to a false deity, since they do not know the High Priest over the house of God. They are not that house (Heb 10:19-23; Heb 3:6; 1 Jn 5:20; 2 Cor 11:4; Rev 18:5; Heb 10:17-18; Acts 26:7; Heb 9:8,12).**

**Confidence to worship God, to enter into His presence, is founded upon the blood of our Master Yahshua and His High Priestly ministry. Heb 10:22 is worship from a true heart, that is, with complete confidence and sincerity of purpose. It is based on the assurance of the justifying power of the blood of Messiah (Rom 5:1; Eph 5:20). Heb 10:22 says "let us." It is plural, the all of us (Heb 7:19; Heb 10:1; Eph 3:12; Heb 10:23; 3:6) who are His House as long as we have this faith, this confidence to enter and worship through the One who promised. We must hold onto our confession and hope (Rom 10:9).**

Lk 12:49-53 — His baptism was His immersion into the ordeal of Isa 52:14 plus the death of Acts 2:24 and Mt 12:40. After His victory over death, all who would come after Him, also identifying with Him in His death and resurrection, would be those who would kindle that fire that causes the galvanizing effect upon the face of the earth. This would startle even kings (Isa 52:15), as a result of the suffering of His soul in death into which He was baptized (Isa 53:10-11).

Heb 12:2-3 — "Who for the joy set before Him..." His joy are those who are the result of His suffering. The whole earth, even kings, will be astounded at the end product of His atonement which Isa 52:14 describes, "just as many were then astonished at you." So shall He now startle many nations (verse 15). It was many people then; it will be many nations now (Isa 49:6; Mt 24:14). This is the result of the suffering of His body and His soul.

Even the pleasure of Yahweh shall prosper in His hand. His will and purpose shall be accomplished on the earth in this age because there will be a people, a nation who will identify with His suffering and death in their baptism (Lk 12:45-50; Isa 53:12). We were the many transgressors. We are those whose sins caused Him to taste death, and to be numbered among the criminals and low-lives of the earth.

He made intercession. He gave Himself completely without reservation. He now is looking for a corresponding sacrifice for the purpose of astounding the world (Isa 53:12) — "I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong" (Isa 52:13).

After His uttermost suffering the Servant (Isa 52:13) shall be highly exalted (Phil 2:5-11). Isa 52:14 — He was marred more than any man. His suffering and physical disfigurement are unequalled (Jn 12:23-25).

Isa 53:4-5 — By the power of God He was restored to life. The same power will be upon a people who will restore all things to astound the world. Only a relative few saw Him resurrected, so He did not astound the world by His bodily presence, except by the ones who identified in His death and turned the world upside down in the first century. (Acts 17:6, NKJV).

Where is that witness of the resurrection today? Is it Christianity who merely talks about it, but does not bear witness of it? They do not startle the world. They are not the galvanizing effect of His resurrected life in a

people (1 Pet 2:9-10). But the Redeemer of Yahweh shall return upon the earth for the witness (Mt 21:43 and Mt 24:14) to finally produce the fruit (so long coming) by those in Dan 12:10. They are God's faithful ones who identify without reservation with Messiah's baptism in Lk 12:49-50. They are those who keep themselves pure. They are purified and made white and refined (Lk 12:49-53; Pr 21:18; Pr 20:26; Pr 25:4-5). Purification consumes the destructible, but purifies the indestructible. These are Daniel's people (Dan 12:1) who will be raised up at the end of days for the designated role of Dan 2:34,35,44,45.

Isa 49:6 — I have kept, preserved the seed who will go to their allotted portion at the end of days. Isa 53:12 — His seed are His redeemed. His seed's days shall be prolonged to the end of the age to bring about His purpose (Isa 53:10). The restoration of the twelve tribes will be astonishing and complete (Isa 49:19-20; Lk 12:49; Isa 52:15; 49:6-7).