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The Great Rescue Plan

***The Great Rescue Plan — Salvation***

Our Master was the Lamb slain from before He made the universe. Our Father knew that if He was going to make a man represent Him, He would have to have a man who would appreciate Him. He made man so he could give honor and praise to Him. Even though He knew what would happen, He still created the angels and man. One third of the angels went against Him and were led astray by the Archangel, Lucifer. So our Father needed man to eradicate rebellion from the universe. In a certain way it was a calculated risk. But we know our Father is infinite in foreknowledge. Our Master came in time to continue time. He is the eternal Father, the Father of time. And He extends time throughout all eternity. He was a Lamb slain before the foundations of the earth.

Isa 14:13,14 — The thought entered Satan's mind that he could make himself be like God, so he led a rebellion taking with him a third of the angels. He wanted to take God's place although he couldn't because God was an uncreated being. He was cast down from the mountain of God — Eze 28:16 — and the whole world is under the power and persuasion of him and his fallen angels. 1 John 5:19. Our Father took steps to rescue man so he could see what he had been rescued from. Those who have been forgiven much, love much. Yadah, Halleluia and Tahila — all of these words represent Him. Redeemed people must praise Him and will for their deliverance; the thought-out rescue plan from one whose hands were too powerful for them. There was no hope for us but to experience death, and most of us were heading to the second death. So it really is an amazing thing that He came — the Father of time, the eternal Father — not a father in the personal sense, but the Source from which all time existed. Before He became a man, He created all things through His Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit. This was His great rescue plan — salvation. He didn't become a man until 2,000 years ago when He came to rescue and deliver mankind from the dominion of the evil one. If He hadn't come it would have been the end. To get man to love Him He had to send His Son. This was His pre-determined plan. He has infinite foreknowledge — He knew us from before the creation of the earth.

John 1:1 — We came into being, but He always was God. Eph 1:4 — He knew us before the creation of the universe. Pre-determined plan and infinite foreknowledge — We need to really understand these terms so we can rejoice with joy inexpressible for what He has done for us, 1 Pet 1:8. It is amazing when we really start thinking about what our Father had to do to get man to love Him. And now He is making man suitable for His Son, married in a symbolic way, coming together in unity, oneness, like a wife represents her husband without any differences. So we will represent our Master and we will be like Him in every way ; a true representation like He is the exact representation of the Father. Heb 2:11-12 — He will not be ashamed of us because we meet the requirements of the gospel; we gave up everything to follow Him, Mt 10:38.

Worthiness — By giving up our life we became suitable for Him, a suitable companion forever and ever, like a wife is suitable, comparable, compatible in every way to her husband, and they are deserving of one another. It's hard to say, "we deserve Him or He deserves us." But because He died to have us, we die, therefore we are deserving of Him. Counterpart — A part made for another part, a companion. A companion is needed, our Father needed us, so we have companionship with Him.

So you can see how much we need to love Him to make ourselves worthy of Him. The great rescue — He died, we heard, we received faith and through it we became worthy when a sent one came to us with the Spirit. He could communicate the gospel to us because he was not

seeking his own glory, John 7:18, but the glory of the one who sent him. So therefore the sent one could communicate to us the glory of Messiah through the gospel. We have renounced hidden things, 2 Cor 4:2,3,4, so that when we speak to others it reveals His worth. If anyone perishes it's because they do not want to do His will, John 17:3; 7:17.

Somehow we've been chosen, not because of anything good we did, but He saw our heart and knew we were willing to do His will. Some of us were seeking to know God in a round about way while others weren't, but when we heard the good news we responded. That's why we're here today. And He will bring hundreds and thousands of people in on us to proclaim His praises in the midst of the assembly. Giving thanks is the same as confessing His name, Ps 116:12-14. If we don't confess Him, we deny Him. Giving thanks is that you give what you've got. You can't give what you don't have. So therefore that's what giving thanks means — Yadah, Halleluia, Tahila. All must give thanks. It's the same word as confess (or call on His name). We will call on His name and confess His name. How? By giving thanks. We have thanks if we've been saved. The whole plan is that a people would be saved in order to give thanks forever because we've been rescued from death, and a life of misery. We have our Master, Yahshua and our brothers and sisters. He is our King.

Ethan — I was reading Ps 107 this morning. We were all at that place, just falling away. In verse 22 you can see where we've been delivered from. That's our Father's plan — that He could save us so we would give thanks to Him because His lovingkindness toward us would be so overwhelming.

His Chessed, His faithfulness, His loyalty, His covenant — is better than life.

### ***Strive to Enter the Narrow Gate***

Luke 13:24-27 — Many try, but few strive — only those who strive will enter into the kingdom. There is a difference between the words *try* (desire — 75 Gk) and *strive* (are violent — 2212 Gk). The Edah is the narrow door and many of us will not endure in it because we are not striving (agonizing) with everything in us to remain true and loyal to Him. The Master will say that He doesn't know us (those in Christianity as well as those in the Edah who lived here, but didn't have their hearts fully turned towards Him and didn't strive to overcome everything for Him in this age), because He won't know what household they're from. Mal 1:11; 1 Cor 1:2; 1 Tim 2:8 — speaks of a place. That place in the Greek and Hebrew means locality (the place where you're from). If you're not in that place 1 Tim 2:8 (without dissension — anything that divides) then He will say, “Where are you from?” “What are your credentials?” “You were not **with me** in the Edah.”

1 Cor 1:2 — In every place call upon His name — praise and confess His name in every place.

Mal 1:11 — And in every place incense will be offered to His name. Deut 12:5-11 — He will establish His name there for His dwelling place, the place where we are — under a household head, working together, no one having uncoordinated actions in the Edah, everyone getting their orders from the head, no one doing their own thing — that's the order. We're in that place.

Luke 13:23 — Will only a few be saved? Strive to enter into the narrow gate (kingdom) — this is the narrow gate, here. This is not referring to eternal life because we already have it. We received it by receiving our Master and the work He did for us. When we heard the good news we couldn't do anything else but give up our lives, and whatever else would keep us from following Him. And we are becoming worthy and suitable, a people to rule with Him in the next age or the promise to Abraham won't come about. Rev 11:15 — The kingdom of the world will be taken back from the evil one; that's what we're working towards. And then the land will be taken back from the Jews and be given back to the Israelites in the next age, Gen 15:18. He has

waited for this for 4,000 years. When the kingdom of the world has been taken back, the year of Jubilee begins. The land will be given back to its proper owner, and Yahshua will reign with His disciples. Those who are worthy will not be ashamed of Him.

Mt 12:30 — We have to be **with Him** now in order to be **with Him** then. Those **with Him** are the people in Rev 17:14 — the called, chosen, and faithful who endure to the very end. Those who strove and are striving to enter the narrow gate will sacrifice everything there is to enter in and be with Him when He returns. If we are not **with Him**, we're against Him.