

Shabbat Shalom, all who worship Yahuah Alahim and Yahusha haMashiach on their Kadosh (set-apart) New Moons, Lunar Sabbaths, and Feast Days according to the full moon as the start of His months!



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Today is the **eighth day** of our Creator's **Fourth Lunar Month** count that begins in the spring. It is also the authentic **first lunar Sabbath of the month**. It looks like this **04-08-5993**. It coincides with the Roman Gregorian calendar planetary date of **Mon. 07-29-2024**.

Our Creator placed His full moon beacon as the original New Moon and the start of His months, high above for all to see. All praise to YAHUAH Alahim for His steadfast love and compassion for His children and His patience in restoring His lost truths in preparation for the Second Coming of His Son, Yahusha haMashiach (the Messiah). Simply because the full moon as New Moon, with its count to Lunar Sabbaths, and annual Feast Days is not popular among the Rabbinical Pharisee Jews or the Romanized Christian churches today, does, in no way diminish its LIGHT OF TRUTH shining from the pages of Scripture and His Eternal Throne. Only

YAHUAH'S Ruach (power, presence, and provision) gives those who seek Him with all their hearts "*eyes to see and ears to hear.*" Ask Him today to reveal His New Moon and lunar Sabbath to you and see how your life will change as your soul temple is synchronized to His for all eternity.

"Blessed are those who hear the joyful call to worship, for they will walk in the light of your presence, YAHUAH. They rejoice all day long in your wonderful reputation. They exult in your righteousness."
Psalms 89:15-16



Olympic Spirituality

Beyond the Gold

By John Piper

I do all things for the sake of the gospel, that I may become a fellow partaker of it. Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. And everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things.

They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; but I buffet my body and make it my slave, lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified.
1 Corinthians 9:23-27

When Paul wrote these words to the Corinthian believers, he assumed that they all knew about the games. The Olympic Games took place in Greece every four years without interruption from 776 BC until they were suppressed by the Emperor Theodosius in AD 393. That's 1,169 years. Everyone knew about the games. So Paul didn't have to explain the games. Everybody was aware of the games then. And everybody is aware of the games today in Paris France.

Levels of Reality

What Paul did with the games — just like he and the Messiah did with everything else in life — was to see them in relation to YAHUAH Alahim. Paul was so saturated with YAHUSHA haMashiach and the gospel that he couldn't see anything without thinking of how it related to eternity and the great issues of the faithful and obedient follower of Messiah.

So he took the games and he taught the Believers to transpose them into a different level, and to see in the games a reality very different than everyone else was seeing. He said in effect,

The games are played at this level of reality. They run at this level. They box at this level. They train and practice and deny themselves at this level. They set their sights on gold at this level.

Now I want you to see all that at another level. I want you to transpose the temporary struggles and triumphs of the Olympic Games onto a different level of reality — the level of spiritual life and eternity and YAHUAH Alahim. When you see the athletes run, see another kind of running. When you see them swimming, see another kind of swimming. When you see them training and denying themselves, see another kind of training and self-denial. When you see them smiling with a gold medal around their neck, see another kind of prize.

That's what Paul was trying to do in this text for the Corinthians Believers, and that is what I am trying to do for you. I want you to transpose what you see and hear into a different key. Every time you turn the television set on, I want you to hear YAHUSHA talking to you through the games. If I understand Paul in this text, the games in Paris France are meant to be seen and heard by all as a tremendous impulse to fight the fight of faith and run the race of life with nothing less than Olympic passion and perseverance.

High Stakes

This is a two part series, not just because the games last two weeks, but because there are at least two tremendously important things that demand our attention in this text.

1. One is the prize, the crown, the finish, the triumph. What is it? What's at stake in the race of the faithful Bible follower's life? What are we to run for and fight for? And is that okay? To have a great prize in view as we fight the fight of faith?
2. The other thing in this text that needs our attention is the running itself. How then shall we run? What is it to exercise self-control? Are we to buffet and pummel our bodies and make them our slaves? What does this look like in real life? And how do you do it if you are weak and lying in the coronary care unit of Abbott-Northwestern Hospital or tied to a bed with a broken hip at age 95?

Today we look at question one: What is at stake in this race? What is the prize and the crown?

Spoils of Victory

Paul gives the answer to this question in four different ways in four different verses. In two of them he talks about what is at stake in the way he runs his own race. And in two of them he talks about what's at stake in the way the Corinthians run the race. It's the same thing for both. He wants them to see that what's at stake is the prize. And he uses himself as an example. He is in the race with them.

1. Fellow Partakers of the Gospel

First, in verse 23 he comes to the end of his description (in verses 19–22) of how he is willing to become all things to all men in order to save some (verse 22), and he sums up this passion for people and for the gospel like this in verse 23. “And I do all things for the sake of the gospel, that I may become a fellow-partaker of it.”

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There's the first description of what is at stake in the way Paul runs the race of his life. ". . . that I may become a fellow-partaker of the gospel." ". . . that I might have a share in the gospel." ". . . that I might obtain what the gospel promises."

Now what the gospel promises is salvation — salvation from sin, death, and hell. "The gospel is the power of YAHUAH Alahim (God) unto salvation for all who believe" (Romans 1:16) see (1 Corinthians 15:1-2). So what Paul is saying is this: "I live for the sake of the gospel — I preach it and become all things to all people, not only that they might be saved, but that I might inherit the same salvation with them." He said the same thing to Timothy, "Take heed to yourself and to your teaching, hold fast to that; for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers" (1 Timothy 4:16).

YAHUAH Alahim called Paul to preach the gospel. Whether he does or not is evidence of his living relationship with the Messiah. It is evidence of whether he has been born of Alahim and given a new heart of love through the Messiah. And therefore what hangs on Paul's running in the path of obedience and his fighting the fight of faith is the reality of his own standing in grace, his own participation in the gospel.

If he quit running, if he said, "I've had enough of this life of service; I'm through with following the path of obedience to my heavenly call; I'll try to hang on to the Messiah for the forgiveness of my sins, but I'm done with doing what he says," — if Paul quit like that, and never came back, he would be lost. He would not get the prize of salvation. He would be disqualified from the race and sent away in shame — like a sprinter guilty of unlawful steroids.

2. Disqualification

That's what Paul says in verse 27, which is the second way he describes what is at stake in the race of life. He says, "I buffet my body and make it my slave, lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified."

Paul will warn the Corinthians in the next chapter, "Let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12). Now Paul applies it to himself: If I do not take heed, if I give way to some of the impulses of my body, I could find myself on the slippery slope of disobedience away from the Messiah, and get to the end of my life and hear the judge of the race say, "Disqualified! Yes, you prophesied in my name. Yes, you cast out demons in my name. Yes, you did many mighty works in my name. **But you left the racetrack of faith and love and righteousness. You are disqualified. Depart from me. I never knew you**" (Matthew 7:22-23).

The best evidence perhaps that this is what Paul means is the use of the word “disqualified” (*adokimos*) in 2 Corinthians 13:5. Paul says, “Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves that YAHUSHA haMashiach (the Messiah) is in you— unless you are disqualified.” The word is exactly the same one from 1 Corinthians 9:27.

To be disqualified means that the Messiah is not in you through disobedience to the rules of engagement. The race has been run in vain. It was a sham.

Run and Fight Like Paul

Now Paul does not believe that is true about his own heart. And he means to make his whole life a living demonstration that the Messiah is in him and the Messiah is mighty to save. The way he runs and the way he fights is not because he doesn't love and obey the Messiah and hopes to have him, but because he both loves and obeys and means to show it to the world.

The beautiful way he puts it in Philippians 3:12 is, “Not that I have already obtained it, or have already become perfect, but I press on in order that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Yahusha haMashiach.”

The running and the fighting of the life of the faithful follower is a running and fighting for eternal life: “Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of eternal life” (1 Timothy 6:12). But it is a race and a fight in the confidence that we have been taken hold of by the Messiah for that very life. Our running and our fighting, with all its pain, is proof that the Messiah who ran his race and fought his fight and endured his cross for the joy (the prize) set before Him, is alive and real in our hearts.

So Paul uses himself and his own race twice to show what is at stake in the way we run and fight. Now he says the same thing when he mentions twice what is at stake in the way the Corinthians run their race.

3. The Prize

Verse 24: “Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may seize it.” Run to win the prize.

“Not to get the prize is not to go to heaven.”

The word for “prize” is used one other time in the New Testament, namely, in Philippians 3:14. “I press on toward the goal of the prize of the upward call of YAHUAH through YAHUSHA haMashiach.” Not to get the prize is not to go to heaven.

So when Paul says, “Run in such a way as to win the prize,” heaven and your eternity hangs on this running.

4. Imperishable Crowns of Righteousness

The fourth description of what is at stake in our running is mentioned in verse 25, “Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.” **The prize is an “imperishable wreath.”**

The word is *stephanos*, crown, and the closest parallel to this use of crown is 2 Timothy 4:7-8 where Paul mentions the race and the fight just like he does here in verse 26. “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course [race], I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which YAHUAH Alahim, the righteous Judge will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.”

The “imperishable crown” is the righteousness (right doing) that finally fits us for heaven, and His eternal Kingdom. We don’t have it yet. We still sin. We repent. And YAHUAH Alahim continues to forgive. But we fight and we run in the pursuit of righteousness (Hebrews 12:14). We hunger and thirst for righteousness with the confidence, YAHUSHA haMashiach says, that “we shall be satisfied” (Matthew 5:6). We do not run in vain!



Better Than Gold

And so the conclusion is this: the life of the Messiah's faithful and obedient follower is an awesomely serious affair and the stakes are infinitely high. What you do with your life — the way you run your race and fight your fight — will make the difference between sharing in the promises of the gospel or being disqualified. It will make the difference between attaining the prize of the upward call of YAHUAH Alahim through YAHUSHA haMashiach, or not. It will make the difference between receiving the unfading crown of righteousness or not. Life is serious business.

You will see in Paris, this week the path of discipline and pain that athletes are willing to pursue for one gold medal and an hour in the glory of human praise. I urge you as you watch to transpose what you see from games into ultimate reality, your eternal destiny.

Above all, remember this: what YAHUAH Alahim (God) offers you and pledges to you in the GOOD NEWS of the gospel and in the prize and in the crown is ten-thousand times more valuable than all the gold Paris, or this world has to offer.

~ by John Piper

Olympic Dreams and Eternal Crowns

In Paris, where the Seine does flow,
Athletes train, their spirits glow.
With every stride, with every leap,
They chase a dream they hope to keep.

Early dawn, they rise and grind,
Pushing limits, body, mind.
In sweltering heat and winter's chill,
They muster strength, unyielding will.

Stadiums filled with roaring cheer,
Medals gleam as they draw near.
A moment's glory, a fleeting prize,
A gold that fades before their eyes.

Yet, Paul saw through this worldly race,
A higher call, a greater grace.
"Run to win," he urged us all,
A race of faith, to heed the call.

Not for wreaths that wither and die,
But for a crown beyond the sky.
Self-control, the athlete's creed,
Mirrors the discipline we all need.

They strive for gold that will decay,
We for a prize that will not sway.
Imperishable, our crown awaits,
Beyond life's narrow, mortal gates.

As they train, we too must strive,
For in His truths, we are alive.
Work the body, make it serve,
Run with purpose, never swerve.

Paul's own life, a testament,
To a race well run, a life well spent.

“I press on,” his cry, his aim,
For heaven’s call, and YAHUAH’s name.

The Paris games, grand and bold,
Pale next to treasures not gold.
In every leap, in every run,
See the race our faith’s begun.

So watch the games with hearts attuned,
To a higher call, along with the moon.
For in the end, what will remain,
Is the crown we gain from righteous pain.

Imperishable, pure, and bright,
Given in YAHUAH’s holy light.
So run, dear soul, with all your might,
For His eternal crown so bright.

Song: One Big Family Around the World ~ Joshua Aaron
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wom79R2cwhk>

Spirit and the Bride ~ Joshua Aaron & Christy-Lyn on the Harp
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5BFmx7SdOY>

I Will Bring Honor ~ Keren Silver
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0B2JX21iYw>

(As I sing along, it has become my habit to change out all the replacement names for Yah, Yahuah, Yahusha, or Alahim as the song requires.)

May the blessings of Yahuah Alahim and Yahusha haMashiach be upon you as we bid farewell till next Shabbat. May His divine light shine upon you that you may receive His promised bountiful grace. May His face shine upon you, and give you peace.

Barak hashem YAHUSHA haMashiach! (*Bless the name of YAHUSHA the Messiah!*)

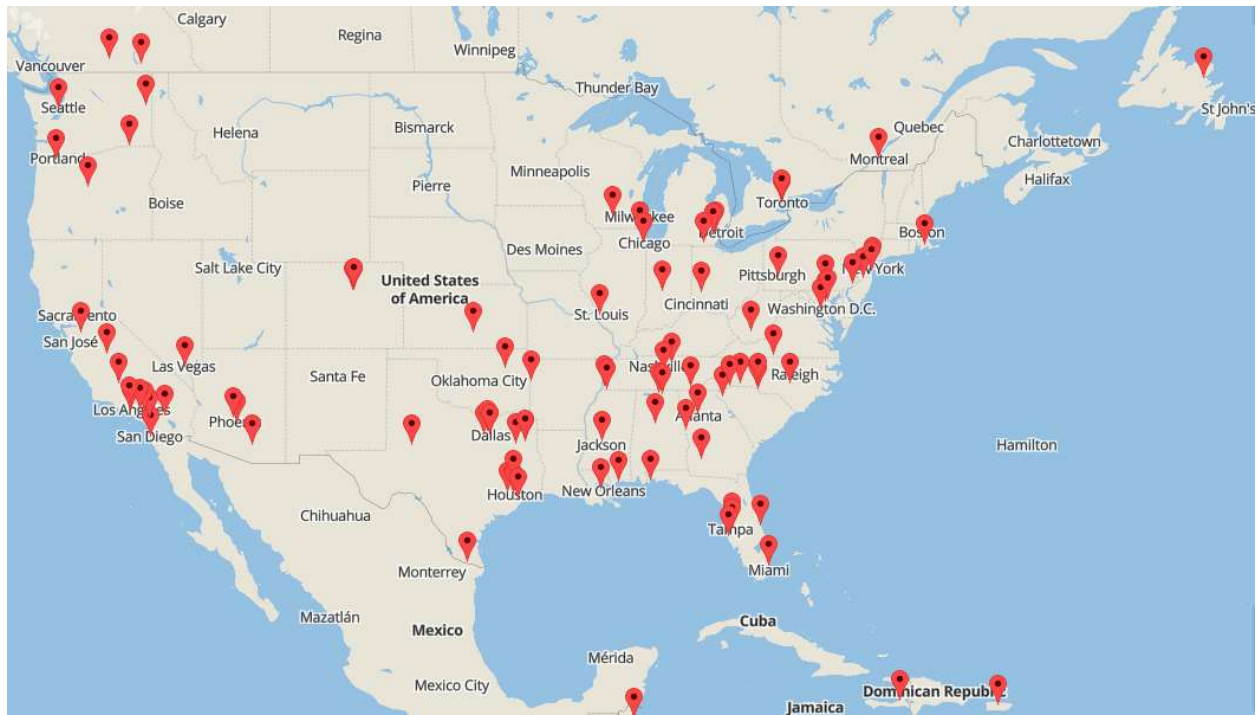
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Below is a world map of those visiting TheCreatorsCalendar.com website at this very moment in time. The purpose of showing you these is to encourage you and help you know that you are not alone. Many are waking up as the still, small voice speaks to each heart. Only those who “seek with all their heart” will find. (Jeremiah 29:13)

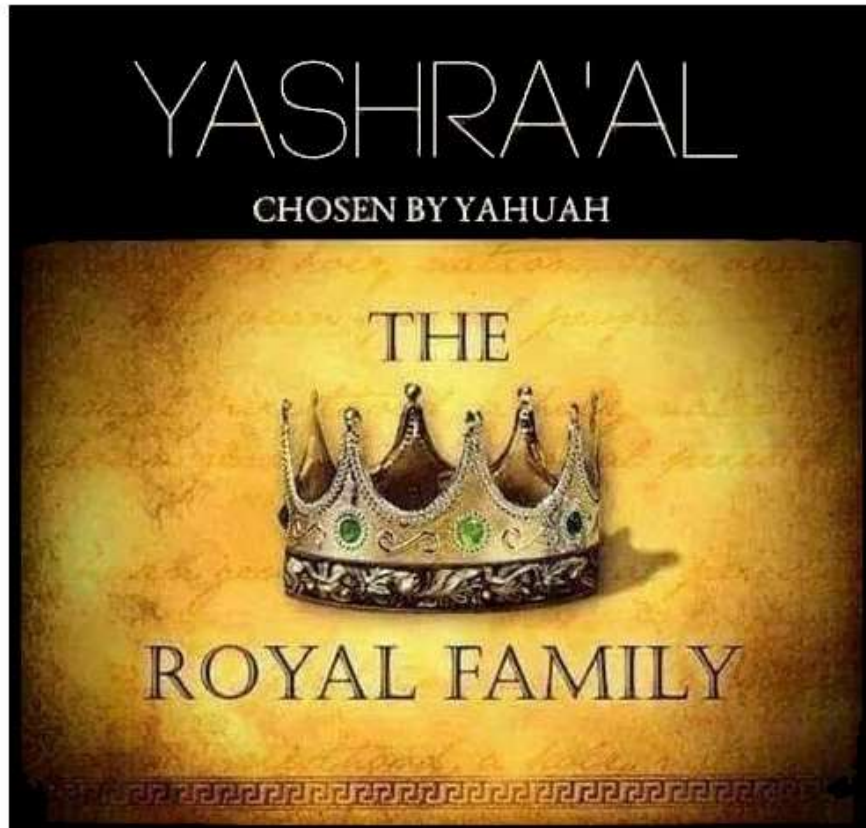


This is from the same moment in time but just an enlarged image of the USA so you can see the details.



The chart below shows the top 20 most popular articles read at this very moment. To read any of these, simply go to www.TheCreatorsCalendar.com and type the article name in the search bar provided near the top left corner of this web page.

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He is a
Rewarder
of those who

DILIGENTLY
SEEK HIM



HEBREWS 11:6

