

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 15th day of our Creator's Fourth Lunar Month count, which begins in the spring. It is also the authentic second lunar Sabbath of the month. It looks like 04-15-5993. It coincides with the Roman Gregorian calendar planetary date of *Mon.*, 08-05- 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 Part 2

How Then Shall We Run?

John Piper

"And 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

What we saw from this text last week was that the faithful follower's life is like a race and like a fight. It is like running and boxing. Even more important we saw that the way we run and the way we fight make a difference in whether we have a share in the good news (verse 23; see Romans 1:16), and whether we seize the prize of the upward call of Alahim through Yahusha haMashiach (verse 24; see Philippians 3:14), and whether we gain the crown of righteousness and life (verse 25; see 2 Timothy 4:7-8), or whether we are disqualified from the race (verse 27; see 2 Corinthians 13:5).

Hanging in the Balance

In other words, life is not a game with no lasting consequences. The way we live our lives has eternal consequences. Life is a proving ground where we prove who we are, whom we trust, and what we cherish. Eternal life, the upward call, the crown of righteousness — all these hang on what our life says about who we are, whom we trust, and what we love.

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Make no mistake here! Life is not a place for proving to Yahuah Alahim or anybody your strength. Life is a place for proving whose strength you trust — man's or Yahuah Alahim's. Life is not a place for proving the power of your intelligence to know truth. It's a place for proving the power of Alahim's grace to show truth (Matthew 16:17). Life is not a field for demonstrating the force of our will to make good choices. It's a field for showing how the beauty of our Messiah takes us captive and constrains us to choose and run for His glory.

The race of life has eternal consequences not because we are saved by works, but because Messiah has saved us from dead works to serve the living and true Alahim with Olympic passion (Hebrews 9:14).

The race of life has eternal consequences not because grace is nullified by the way we run, but because grace is verified by the way we run. "By the grace of Alahim I am what I am and His grace toward me was not in vain, but I labored [I ran, I fought] more exceedingly than all, yet it was not I but the grace of Messiah which was with me" (1Corinthians 15:10). Paul's running did not nullify the purpose of grace; it verified the power of grace.

Eternal life hangs on the way we run and the way we fight not because salvation is based on the merit of works, but because faith without works is dead (James 2:26).

Life is a proving ground for whether faith is alive or dead — a proving ground for whom we trust.

The Power and the Prize

Let me drive this home with the way Paul describes how he runs his race in Philippians 3:12. This is utterly crucial for how you run for the prize of the upward call of Yahuah Alahim. Here Paul makes explicit the relationship between running in order to obtain (which makes life serious), and running because we have been obtained (which makes life secure).

Not that I have already obtained it [the resurrection], 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 through Yahusha haMashiach (the Messiah).

This is the utterly unique thing about the way a faithful follower runs: we run not as though we see Yahusha, the judge, at the end merely scrutinizing while we rely on ourselves for strength; but we run as those who have already been taken hold of by Him for the prize. We run to win the prize in the power of having been taken hold of for the prize.

Hebrews 12:2-3 puts it like this:

Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Yahusha [in what sense?] as the author and perfecter of our faith [as one who is involved in the race, creating and completing the race of faith], who for the joy set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of Yahuah Alahim.

In other words, we run to obtain eternal life (1 Timothy 6:12) because we have already been obtained for eternal life. And our running for it is the evidence that we have been obtained for it.

God's Foundational Work

We have been obtained by Yahuah Alahim's sovereign election before the foundation of the earth Ephesians 1:4). We have been obtained by his predestination to adoption Ephesians 1:5. We have been obtained by the reconciling death of his Son while we were still sinners (Romans 5:6-10). We have been obtained by regeneration and effectual calling 1 Corinthians 1:24; 1 John 5:1). We have been

obtained by the indwelling, sealing work of the Ruach haKadosh (His power, presence and provision (Ephesians 1:13; 4:30).

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On the basis of this massive work of Yahuah through His Son to obtain us apart from any initiatives of our own, Paul now says here in 1 Corinthians 9;24, "Run that you may obtain the prize," namely, the prize for which you have been obtained. Alahim has not saved you to sit in the stands. He has not saved you to lie on the track. He has not saved you sit on the edge of the pool with your feet in the water. "You are not your own. You were bought with a price. Glorify Yahuah Alahim in your body" (1 Corinthians 6;19-20). The point of salvation is to make the glory of Yahuah Alahim visible in the universe.

That's what this text is about: the running and fighting that glorifies Yahuah and Yahusha— that demonstrates that they are real and worthy and precious and powerful and pure and loving and holy and satisfying. Running and fighting are all about revealing who Yahusha haMashiach is for us and who we are in Him and how precious the prize of eternal life with Him is to us.

Racing to Victory

So let's look briefly at how then we should run.

First, Paul says in 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 win."

The point here is not that only one faithful follower wins the prize of the upward call of Yahuah Alahim. As a matter of fact in the believer's race one of the rules is that you must help others finish (Hebrews 3:13). Finishing the race is a community project. The point is not that there is only one winner. The point is: run the way the winner runs.

How does the winner run? He runs hard. He gives the race everything he has. In another place Paul says, "Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Ruach haKadosh, serve Yahuah Alahim" (Romans 12:10). This is the way we are to run in our service

for our Messiah: with zeal and fervent in the Ruach. Not lazy or idle or sluggish or unconcerned.

All Your Strength

When Jonathan Edwards was a student at Yale years ago he wrote seventy resolutions to stir him up to run his race. One of them catches the spirit of verse 24. He wrote: "Resolved: to live with all my might while I do live." "With all my might." It's the practical outworking of the great commandment: "Love Yahuah your Alahim with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind" (Deuteronomy 6:5). "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

The Brit hadasha (N.T.) is full of ways to say this. "Strive to enter by the narrow gate" (Luke 13:24). "Labor for the food that endures to eternal life" John 6:27). "Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the word of Yahuah" (1 Corinthians 15:58). "Let us not be weary in well-doing, for we shall reap if we do not faint" (Galatians 6:9). "Redeem the time, for the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15). "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12). "The Messiah gave Himself to purify for Himself a people zealous for good deeds" (Titus 2:14). "Show earnestness in realizing the full assurance of hope to the end" (Hebrews 6:11). "Love one another earnestly from the heart" (1 Peter 1:22).

Strive, labor, abound, be zealous, be earnest. Run like the winner runs. Be done with half-heartedness and laziness and luke warmness. The Messiah has laid hold on you for this very thing. You do not do it in your own strength. You strive and labor and abound and love in the strength that he supplies so that in everything he gets the glory (1 Peters 4:11).

I think that's the gist of verse 24. It's a call for faithful zeal. Now Paul gets more specific about the way a winner keeps himself in condition for running.

Spirit-Wrought Self-Control

Verse 25: "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."

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In Galatians 5:22, Paul tells us that this discipline of self-control is a fruit of the Ruach haKadosh. So "self-control" is not ultimately control by the self but by the Ruach. We experience it usually as control by our own will, but in fact it is Yahuah Alahim in us willing and working His own good pleasure (Philippians 2:13). The spiritual power of self-control happens when we believe the promise of the word of Alahim that greater joy will come through self-denial, and when we trust the Ruach haKadosh to give us strength, and when we seek the glory of Alahim as the outcome of our victory.

What Paul is saying here is that there are impulses that we have to control if we are going to run like a winner and receive the crown of righteousness. The impulses we have to control are the impulses to do things that will weaken our zeal for Alahim, our earnestness in prayer, our hunger for Scripture, our longing to love, our passion for holiness.

The serious athlete doesn't ask about how to just get by in his training. He asks about what will bring about maximum performance. So the mature follower asks, what will make me most useful for the kingdom? What will stir up my zeal for Yahuah Alahim most? What will intensify my earnestness in prayer? What will trigger more hunger for His word? What will strengthen my longing to love? What will fan the flames of my passion for holiness?

And then the faithful follower takes note of all the impulses and all the habits and practices of his life that weaken his zeal for Alahim and the Messiah, and his joy of faith, and he sets about to take control of them and put them out of his life.

Battling Your Body

Paul communicates the severity of this self-control in verses 26 and 27. Here he could hardly be more out of sync with contemporary American life: ". . . I box in such a way as not beating the air, but I buffet my body and make it my slave." The body is not evil in itself. Yahuah Alahim created it. And he will raise it from the dead to exist forever. But the body is the base of operations for sin, and sin uses it to give rise to many impulses that are destructive to the faithful follower's life.

Therefore, Paul says that when he exercises self-control, it is like boxing, and the enemy to be struck is the body, and when he swings, he does not miss and hit the air. He connects, and pommels his body, and makes it his slave. He will not be mastered by the appetites and impulses and cravings and lethargy of the body. "The body is for Yahuah Alahim" (1 Corinthians 6:13). So Paul means to make his body serve the glory of Yahuah Alahim.

This is exactly the spirit of Yahuah haMashiach when he said, "If your eye leads you to sin, pluck it out, or if your hand leads you to sin, cut it off. For it's better to enter eternal life blind in one eye and maimed in one hand than to go to hell with both (Matthew 5:29-30)." Paul said, "It's better to beat my body into submission than to be disqualified from the race."

Now gouging out the eye does not overcome lust, and cutting off the hand does not conquer theft or battery. The point is: fight these impulses with that kind of seriousness. Both Yahusha and Paul mean that there are impulses that must be put to death. And the fight to put them to death is like a boxing match with direct blows to the face.

The Mission of the Faithful Runner

Now all this is tremendously relevant to the mission of the faithful runner and competitor and your part in it. There are days of suffering ahead for the confessing followers around the world. The price of faithfulness to Yahuah Alahim's word in a hostile society is increasing almost daily. Not only that, the price of taking the love of our Messiah to the unreached peoples of the world in the midst of centuries of Satanic darkness will not be without persecution and martyrdom.

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And one thing is certain: the human body will say *no* to this suffering. The body will say, "*I will not pay the price!*" Imagine Paul ready to enter a hostile town with the gospel. He has been beaten four times already with 39 lashes during his ministry. He knows it could happen again. For a moment he wavers in his race when the body says, "*No*, I won't go. It's foolish to go. It's painful to go. No!"

Then Paul calls to mind the promise that the one who loses his life for the Messiah will find it. He calls on the Ruach haKadosh for help. He considers the glory of Yahuah Alahim in the salvation of lost sinners. And he turns as it were and hits his body right in the face and says, "You be quiet, and submit yourself now as an instrument of righteousness. You are going in there for Yahuah haMashiach and for His kingdom."

The same thing is true on a lesser level for how we care for each other in our homes and communities. We will not love each other the way the Messiah loved us until we learn to buffet the body the way he did in the garden of Gethsemane. His body cried out, "No, I will not be crucified!" Yet Yahusha wrestled with His body to the point that blood dropped from His face. And He made His body a servant of love.

Unless we learn that kind of self-denial, in this day of self-gratification, we will drift away from the painful pathway of love and away from the costly course of mission minded obedience, and Yahuah Alahim will bypass us on His way to triumph in the world for the gold.

But if we keep our eyes on the prize, if we exult in the truth that Yahusha haMashiach has already obtained us by his own blood, if we bank on the promise of His help and His sustaining grace, then we will run with power in the path of love. The mission will be completed and people will see our good works and give glory to our Father in heaven. HalleluYAH!!!

~ By John Piper

Kerrie's Korner

This really spoke to my heart today. May we each recommit our lives to running the race that Yahusha haMashiach has set before us.

So Let Us Run

In the race of life, we strive with might, not for a crown that fades from sight,
But for a prize that's pure and true,
In everything we say and do.

Paul's wisdom, strong and clear, Guides us through each doubt and fear. We run with purpose, not in vain, Our eyes on Him who bears our pain.

We buffet bodies, make them yield,
On this eternal battlefield.
With discipline, our course we chart,
Through fervent prayer and zealous heart.

Not to prove our strength alone, But to show whose power we've known. For in this race, the faithful few Reveal Alahim's strength through all they do.

The athlete trains with fervent care, For perishable wreaths they dare, But we seek an imperishable crown, For Yahusha's joy to wear our gown.

Self-control, the Spirit's fruit, In every action, take our root. What brings the utmost glory here? What fans the flames of love sincere?

Not as though our strength prevails, But through His grace, we sail. Each stride we take, a testament, To His grace, omnipotent.

In Gethsemane, He showed the way,
To buffet self, and not to sway.
Through suffering and trials endured,
The path to glory is assured.

The mission's price may steeply rise,
But through His strength, we win the prize.
For Yahusha's love compels our heart,
To run this race, to play our part.

With eyes fixed firm upon the goal, We press on, body, spirit, soul. For in this race, His love unfurled, We bear His light unto the world.

So let us run with fervent zeal,
With love that's true, and faith that's real.
Our lives, a testament of grace,
In every step, we see His face.

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

Prayer

I am praying for continued perseverance to pursue the life Yahusha has for you! Your future is bright and sure. Stay the course!

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

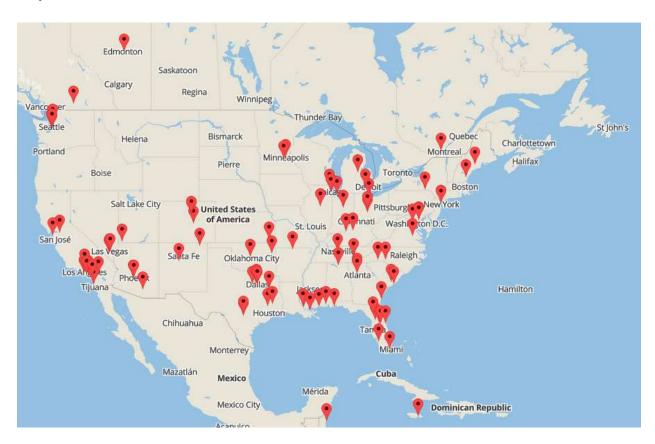
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This is from the same moment in time, but it is just an enlarged image of the USA so you can see the details.



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