



Finally, Yeshua will **carry** G-d's salvation to the ends of the earth so that the scattered generations and nations of the children of Adam and Eve can be re-gathered back to the garden, back to the purposes of G-d (**faith** and **obedience**) and back to the truth upon which our universe is built (Shema Israel, Adonai Elohaynoo, Adonai echad). (Free will and dignity)

These four functions are what G-d is always going to be doing in our midst. They are the big picture (mega, or meta-issues) which G-d will be bringing us back to, no matter what else is temporarily going on in our lives (the micro, or mini-issues). Sometimes we will lose our focus and wrongly focus on the micro-issues of our lives (the cares, the pleasures and the riches of this life – or the lack thereof). **Biblical spirituality focuses persistently on the agenda of G-d, because we are called to serve Him, and never to expect Him to serve us** (Mark 10:45).

How far does this light reach? What is G-d doing, while we are manning the light house? John 1:4, 5. Here is where the five "C's" come in (**cosmos, conscience, culture, circumstance and canon**). Yeshua is the light of every man – the spirit/soul, the **nefesh** (fire) which burns in every human (and the life force which flows through all living things, plant and animal). We are working in His field, harvesting what He has both planted and watered, and weeded and fertilized. Now, in the spiritual darkness of this world, men have not understood, nor received this light which is in them. But as long as we draw breath, in all the generations, nations and cultures of mankind, this light will always burn and we will always yearn until we come back to the Author and finisher of our faith. This is the true cosmic groaning which echoes through every heart in the universe.

John 3:17-21. When we encounter hostility, counterfeits and confusion, we should never despair because we serve the Author of life who is active in the lives of all mankind in a cosmic conflict for their souls. Before anyone comes to faith, He has worked on them and is drawing them to Himself. So when people argue, deny, accuse or syncretize (mix the truth with a lie), instead of trying to pick unripe fruit (2 Tim. 2:24-26), we need to say as much as they will listen to (Matt. 7:6 | Peter 3:15), and make sure we stay focused on G-d's agenda in our own lives, individually and corporately, to the Jew first and also to the Gentile (Luke 8:11-15 and I John 2:15, 16 and Jer. 9:23, 24 and Is. 28:9-13).

Matt. 5:16. We will be tempted to leave the lighthouse for the sake of peace, acceptance or for the abundance or thrills of the world which surrounds us – either to make a fortune or to make a difference by **elevating micro-issues of life to the status of macro-issues**. We need to heal the sick and feed the hungry and defend the cause of the widow, as a demonstration of the love of the Father, but the poor will always be with us and we must be careful not turn the miraculous feeding of the multitudes into the mandate of the Gospel. Good works need to be the fruit of our call, and must never become our call.

As well, we may also wish to pursue a stimulating career to find a cure for cancer, to design an intergalactic cruiser, or to make the most beautiful music this planet has ever heard – all the while living in the latest material comfort and luxury which the exploding technology of our world offers. Now, there is nothing wrong with wealth, just as there is nothing wrong with poverty – they are temporary conditions which may be brought on by injustice or by revolution and revival, but **neither the acquisition nor the redistribution of wealth are high enough or big enough goals, for either for Israel or for the church.**

We are called to remind mankind that is **eternity awaits us all**, whether we want it to or whether or not. Our pilgrimage from the cradle to the grave is not our final home, nor is it the reason for our existence (you know, get all you can and can all you get and sit on the lid). **Naked and wrinkled we came into this world and naked and wrinkled we shall leave it.** We will remain a **lighthouse** in the midst of storms, fog and darkness and stand against all and any temporary spiritual distractions which will try and rise up to obscure, blur or extinguish the truth of eternity (Eccl. 12:13, 14; 1 Cor. 4:5; Rom. 2:16; Matt. 25; 31-46; Rev. 20:11-15).

Let's pray.