

# “In the Shadow of His wings”

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When life throws a hardship our way, we often have very little control over the circumstances, but we do have control over our response we take to the situation. Just as we are to think circumstances are about to change, life sometimes pours out its share of bumps and bruises, disappointments and devastations. (Proverbs 13)

In times like these it is almost impossible to think rational or react normal while we are tossed in the whirlwind of disaster. What we sometimes forget is the fact that we still have two choices. We can place all our trust in Yahweh or we can get lost in the sea of emotions that swirls us in turmoil and eventually spits us out totally exhausted from all the efforts to survive. Although it is difficult to ignore the pain and our feelings, we often forget to focus in such circumstances or even care to listen. Turmoil brings out the smallness in us; meaning we sense how we are in fact not in control.

If circumstances around you look a bit dark, make a conscious effort to choose to believe that Yahweh's goodness and sovereignty cover every part of your very precious life. No matter what the circumstances are, nothing is too difficult for Him. I have to put emphasis again on what I have just said “Yahweh's goodness and sovereignty cover every part of your very precious life”

Yahweh took the time creating a universe, fishes, plants, birds, mountains, rivers and seas. He even created you and me. Yahweh created life and therefore life is very precious. How beautifully He sculptured the landscapes and hills planted flowers along the way.

Did you know that you are precious to Yahweh? David writes in *Psalm 139:14-16*: ***"I will give thanks to you, For I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful. My soul knows that very well. My frame wasn't hidden from you, When I was made in secret, Woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my body. In your book they were all written, The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there were none of them."***

Ultimately your life is demonstrated to be so precious that Yeshua, Yahweh's only Son, went through an agonizing death for each human on this earth, even those who reject Him and hate Him.

Our loving Lord wants to establish a personal relationship with each one of us, an eternal relationship based on love and commitment. To bow our knee before the risen Lord and Savior Yeshua and invite Him to become our personal Lord is to choose the life Yahweh intended us to live, enjoy, and appreciate to His honor and to our personal joy. To Yahweh every life is precious, special and purposeful.

Yahweh instead of the pain has proven to be a better choice every time. When we believe Him over the information that our short-sighted human perspective provides we will soon find that the darkness around us has become the "shadow of His wings" and that we are tucked in next to our Father's heart, which is the safest, and dearest place a child of Yahweh can rest their head.

In times of suffering we sometimes allow our circumstances to cloud our vision of Yahweh's true character. During times of heartache we need to dig deeply into Yahweh's word and get to know Him better. Soon you too will realize He is the promise which never changes or fails us.

When circumstances tempt you to think that Yahweh has forgotten you, go back to the word and find verses that remind you of the truth that He sees every detail of your life. When you feel out of touch with His love, search out verses to rekindle that sense of His love. Do not allow satan to steal your joy or bring you down.

Yahweh is faithful to us all the time and His love is one that always protects and covers our confessed weakness. Sometimes when the hurt has been put in proper perspective, we will realize that Yahweh is who He says He is and will always be!

***"if we are faithless, he remains faithful - for he cannot deny himself."* 2 Timothy 2:13**

We absorb the wrongs done to us and allow the shame and pain to define who we are. We identify only the hurt and never the resurrection. When we look in the mirror it is as if we are wrapped in so many hurts that we have lived through and pamper that for comfort.

Yahweh never wants that for His precious children! Yahweh wants us to focus on Him and allow Him to carry than pain and burden. To really receive the healing that Christ went to the ends of the earth to offer, we must allow our Creator to be the only one with access to our identity.

We are precious and valuable to Yahweh because we have not been bought by silver or gold, but by something infinitely more valuable, and that is the precious blood of the very Son of Yahweh, Yeshua. He paid the full price to free us from our destructive natures, to pay the full penalty for our sin, and buy us back and even redeem us from satan's grip.

Like the Scripture says in **1Corinthians 6:19-20** "*You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. Therefore glorify Yahweh in your body and in your spirit, which are Yahweh's.*"

John 3:16 says "For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

Each of us has been given a unique set of gifts and abilities, a unique personality, a unique physical appearance by Yahweh. Appreciate what Yahweh has created in you and give thanks to Him for all His promises.

Ask Yahweh for the strength to endure. Even so, he is at the door. The gladness that surpasses all understanding is almost yours! Wait for it, for it surely will come.

*How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. Psalm 36:7*

*Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by. Psalm 57:1*

*Let me dwell in your tent forever! Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings! Selah Psalm 61:4*