

# On Reaching the Third Heaven

## “Finding Power & Deliverance through Prayer & Fasting”

### I. SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:19 – “...and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power”.

### II. INTRODUCTION: THE THREE (3) HEAVENS

On the front of today’s bulletin is a picture of a man who appears to be sitting on a rock, with his hands folded and praying toward heaven. Sometimes in our congregation, when we sing praises to our Almighty YAHUAH [God], “**Who art in Heaven**”, we will also raise our hands upward... indicating where we believe is the direction toward heaven: the place where we want to direct our praise.

Did you know that the Scripture speaks of three (3) heavens?

#### 1. The FIRST HEAVEN: THE ATMOSPHERE

“And ELOHIYM [God] said, ‘**Let there be a firmament [expanse] in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters**’. Thus ELOHIYM [God] made the firmament [expanse], and divided the waters which are under the firmament [expanse] from the waters which were above the firmament [expanse]; and it was so. And ELOHIYM [God] called the firmament [expanse] *Heaven*.” (Genesis 1:6-8a)

So later when YAHUSHA [Jesus] said... “**look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them...**” (Matthew 6:26a), the place He was referencing where the birds (and the aircraft nowadays) fly, was the first heaven... while His mentioned “**heavenly Father**” is from yet another heaven that is located beyond the first heaven of the birds (and aircraft).

#### 2. THE SECOND HEAVEN: OUTER SPACE (Where Sun, Moon, & Stars Reside)

We are told, “and take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, [that] you feel driven to worship them and serve them...” (Deuteronomy 4:19).

So again, when YAHUSHA [Jesus] referenced this heaven and said, **“but in those days, after [the] tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken”** (Mark 13:24-25), He is referencing the second heaven, in which the sun, moon, and stars reside, which is beyond the first heaven: the place... the atmosphere where the birds and airplanes fly.

### 3. THE THIRD HEAVEN: THE DWELLING PLACE OF YAHUAH [God]

The Apostle Paul, when referring to himself in 2 Corinthians 12:2 mentions the fact that he was “caught up to [a] third heaven”:

**“I know a man in MASHIACH [Christ] who fourteen years ago — whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know — YAHUAH [God] knows — such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know — [but] YAHUAH [God] knows — how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man [or woman] to utter.”** (2 Corinthians 12:1b-4).

The third heaven is the dwelling place of YAHUAH [God]. And one day, whether you and I are ready or not, remember that it will be those of us who **“...believe that YAHUSHA [Jesus] died and rose again... [that they alone] will YAHWEH [God] bring with Him [to His abode]. For YAH [God] Himself will descend from [the third] heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the shofar [trumpet] of YAHUAH [God]: and the dead in MASHIACH [Christ] will rise first: [and] then we which are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet YAH [God] in the air: and so will we ever be with YAHUAH [God].”** (1 Thessalonians 4:14-17)

And so dear family and friends, there are three (3) heavens mentioned in the Word of YAHUAH [God]. And as we look again at the man praying on the front of today’s bulletin, it is interesting to note that the direction of all three (3) of these heavens is upward. And as we go forward with today’s message, please remember that we see the first heaven by day... we see the second heaven by night... BUT we can only see the third heaven by our faith in YAHUSHA HA’MASHIACH [Jesus Christ] our Savior.

### III. HEAVENS BELOW: THE DWELLING PLACE OF SATAN & THE FALLEN ANGELS

In Luke, when the YAHUSHA [Jesus] responded to His seventy (70) followers who said to Him “ADONAI [Lord], even the demons are subject to us in Your name” (Luke 10:17), “...He [responds] to them [by saying] ‘**I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. [So] behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.**’” (Luke 10:18-20)

So, when Satan and the fallen angels fell from heaven, they fell from the third heaven, which is the dwelling place of His Father YAHUAH [Yahweh]. Even the Apostle John wrote, “and war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, *but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.* So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” (Revelation 12:7-9)

So then, from these two (2) Bible texts, we can know that Satan and the fallen angels no longer reside in the third heaven, from where they fell... from where they were cast out... but now reside in the heavens below.

### IV. FINDING YOUR AUTHORITY & POWER IN THE THIRD HEAVEN

#### A. YOUR AUTHORITY IS THROUGH YAHUSHA [Jesus]

We can start by looking again at what YAHUSHA [Jesus] told His seventy (70) followers: “**Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you**” (Luke 10:19).

And then we can look again at what Paul told the Thessalonians: that those of us who “...believe that YAHUSHA [Jesus] died and rose again... will YAHUAH [God] bring with Him [to His abode]. For YAH [God] Himself will descend from [the third] heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the shofar [trumpet] of YAHUAH [God]: and [we: whether] the dead in MASHJIACH [Christ] will rise first: [or them] then [who] are alive and remain ... will be caught up together ... in the clouds, to meet

YAH [God] in the air: and so will we ever be with YAHUAH [God].” (1 Thessalonians 4:14-17)

And we CAN possess the necessary faith, the belief that we will overpower Satan and the fallen demons – in this world and the next – because we believe today in YAHUSHA HA’MASHIACH [Jesus Christ]: Who “... said, **‘behold, I have come to do Your will, O [Father] YAH [God]’** [So that]... that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of YAHUSHA HA’MASHIACH [Jesus Christ] once for all..., after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever sat down at the right hand of YAHUAH [God]...” (having returned back to the third heaven from where He had come, and...) “from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. For by one offering He has perfected forever those [of us] who are being sanctified.” (Hebrews 10:9-14)

## B. YOUR SPIRITUAL POWER IN YOUR FAITHFUL PRAYER & FASTING

I do not own, nor does our ministry own... nor do we acknowledge any rights or special permission to show you the video you are about to see, that I will also later post on our Facebook page... and yet, I am going to use it to place before you this personal question as you watch it now: “At this particular time and place in your life, do you have an understanding of... and are you finding yourself in a position where... you understand your place and authority in the supernatural? Your place in the spiritual realm? Your place in the unseen realm: the unseen realm both of good and of evil?”

If... after weeks, months, and even years of going through spiritual bondage breaking messages with you... if you having been a part our body for any length of time... if you believe that you may not understand or know yet how to successfully navigate through the spiritual realm, then I am going to ask that you get ahold of me so that we can begin to pray and fast together over your eternal soul: a soul that is special to YAHUAH [God], that... if you haven’t already... you should be giving yourself completely over to Him... to be possessed by Him... by His RUACH [Spirit]: the RUACH [Spirit] of Truth and Divine Help.

“Lion of Judah” video:

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As so dear brothers and sisters, friends and family... I ask you again now:

“Do you truly understand your place and authority in the spiritual world?”

## V. CONCLUSION

For when I look out at each of you here today, whether you are here physically within this local body... or whether you are within the body that is viewing this video, or having viewed the “Lion of Judah” video that is contained within... I would really like to be saying to you with a heartfelt belief just as Paul said to his fellow believers during his time:

“Therefore, I also after I heard of your faith in ADONAI YAHUSHA [the Lord Jesus] and your love for ALL [your brothers and sister in Him]... the saints, [I] do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the YAHUAH [God] of our ADONAI YAHUSHA HA’MASHIACH [Lord Jesus Christ], the Father of glory, may give to you the RUACH CHOKMAN V’ZAYON [the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation] in the knowledge of Him, [that] the eyes of your understanding [may be] enlightened... that you may know what is the hope of His calling... [that you may know] what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in [you] the saints... and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe... according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in MESSIAH [Christ] when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places [the third heaven, that is] far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named – not only in this age but also in that [age] which is to come. And [YAHUAH (God)] put all things under [YAHUSHA (Jesus)]’s feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body... the fullness of Him who fills all in all.” (Ephesians 1:15-23)

And so dear brothers and sister, this is my prayer for you today as we now conclude.

Amen.

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