

Relationship Between Members of the Roman Catholic Church and Messianic Movement .

Letter of Rabbi Benjamin Berger

Dear brother,

I was very glad to hear from you and I am glad that there continues to be a relationship between brothers and sisters who are members of the Roman Catholic Church and those of us who are part of the messianic movement. This relationship is a very important one even if and when, we have differences concerning our understanding of different doctrines. Most important, we belong to the same Lord and we have the same eternal destiny. How the Lord Yeshua will finally bring us altogether around one table before he returns, where we together partake of the one body and blood of Messiah remains a mystery, but God knows the way he will accomplish it.

I'm going to comment on psalm 118 a very important psalm: I will comment on verses 19 to 24: beginning with verse 19:

- **"Open to me the gates of righteousness I will go through them"**. Righteousness comes from God, truly in ourselves we are very unrighteous. He has opened the gates, he has clothed us with his righteousness and through his righteousness we are being transformed and the gates are opened.
- **"and I will praise the Lord "** surely when we know that we are clothed in the beautiful garment of his righteousness our hearts are filled with praise and with thanksgiving and with the greatest of joy. We have been changed, we have been transformed and we are ready to enter in to his glorious presence.
- **"this is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous shall enter"** there is a gate and it is the gate of the Lord, it is the only gate through which the righteous shall enter. The gate has the name written upon it, it is the wonderful name of "Yeshua".
- In great Thanksgiving the Psalmist proclaims **"I will praise you for you have answered me and have become my salvation"**
- In verse 22 a great mystery is revealed to the Psalmist and he proclaims this mystery **"The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone"**. What is he referring to? He's referring to the building of the temple

and it seems that while the temple was being built a large stone, for some reason, was rejected from being used in the building of God's house. David is speaking this prophetically. This very stone however, becomes the chief cornerstone when the building is completed. It is the cornerstone and it is the cornerstone at the very top of the building, it is the stone that connects two sides, that is the function of the cornerstone. The two sides are Israel and the nations. The Hebrew words are "Rosh Piña "which means "top of the corner". It is the sign that the temple is complete, it can be measured with the divine measuring rod.

- The question remains who are the builders who rejected the stone? The builders are the nation of Israel in the first place. In the psalm the house has been built and something most important has been recognized, during the time it is being built it has to do with the rejected stone and it gets the Royal place upon The crown of the Temple of God, The temple made of living stones. This stone is Messiah Yeshua himself. It is the builders who have finally given him his rightful place and when this happens, the house, the temple of the living God, that we call the church Will be completed. The Psalmist continues "**this is the Lords doing it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made we will rejoice and be glad in it.**"

Wishing you the fullness of his blessings your brother in Messiah Yeshua
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