

What does to CALL UPON THE NAME means by Rabbi Simon Altaf

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Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of YHWH shall be saved.

As a teacher I often get to speak to Christians and it is very frustrating to speak to Christians who do not understand nor respect the law of Adonai and from one side they will say we believe in the law and at the same time they will deny it. They have little to no understanding of the Renewed Covenant and many principle teachings behind it. For the one reference to Rabbi Paulos's letter above may be very meaningful to someone who understands Torah which it relates to but someone who is steeped in church doctrine would have little or no understanding of Adonai's holy law will also lack in understanding much of Rabbi Paulos' letters.

Most churchy people think this means to simply call on the modern contrived western title of Yahushua called "Jesus" rather than the sacred name of the Holy One of Israel and are confused about what it means to call on the divine name. They think that if you magically say the term "Jesus" it has some kind of salvation power. The truth is it doesn't. Satan must be laughing at ignorant Christians steeped in church dogma with no basis in this theology in Hebrew Scriptures. Confessions and creeds are meaningless if not followed through with the right deeds and actions. Modern Christians are unaware that the early Netzarim disciples of the Master Yahushua and Orthodox Judaism both rejected all forms of early Christianity and wanted nothing to do neither with it nor with their man made creeds. This will indeed come as a shock to many today who parrot one formula of the church.

Let us examine this verse of Romans 10:13 to understand what it means in its Hebraic context. In the King James version it says "*whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord*". It is clear from the AFNHSS bible that calling on the name has a very specific Hebraic meaning for someone and something. For instance the name here identified is Yud, heh, Vav and Heh, which is the sacred divine name. Then we have to go through a long winded explanation of the name of Adonai and that Adonai's words cannot change then one can understand the sense that to "call on someone" is an idiomatic expression meaning something more spiritual and more meaningful and not just words as Christianity has been parading around. It is when you parade these as mere confessions and creeds that you get no understanding and no where spiritually.

This is why I as an ex-Muslim find Christianity is a religion of creeds and no obedience while Netzarim Judaism is a religion of deeds and actions which show a fullness of life. Your faith is always identified by the man and woman that you are and what you are doing and how you are behaving in your life. While in Christianity sadly we find many hypocrites, liars and cheats all for self gratification because there is no sanctity of the Law of Adonai being taught or observed then what is left is what I just described above baseless creeds!!! Welcome to modern Christianity the daughter of Rome.

The Hebrew of Romans 10:13 is below which is Ki, Kul Ashar Karah B'Shem YHWH Ymlat.

כי-כל אשר-יקרא בשם יהוה ימלט:

The Important word Kara which in the Greek is G1941 is epikaleomai actually does not tell you anything until you go back to the Hebrew. So where do we find the first occurrence of this word to get a deeper understanding and its intended meaning. The word kara is first found in Genesis 2:19 with Adam and the animal kingdom.

In the KJV it says the following:

Gen 2:19 (KJV) And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would **call (kara)** them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

We see here the idea of the word kara to give the animals a surname and it has the intention of a surname. No two animals will have the same surname or signature.

Then we realize Rabbi Paulos is describing a signature for Adonai and we know that it is the sacred divine unuttered name of YHWH which was earlier on in the first centre started to be obfuscated or hidden from the gentiles. So men would call upon the signature that is YHWH, this is not simply calling the divine name as in speaking it but ACTING UPON IT. In my Eastern culture if say I am sent by my dad to someone but I do not do the works or actions of my dad who is e.g. well known for his honesty, reliability and on the other hand if I was being dishonest or unreliable then that brings my dad's name into disrepute which taints his name and it does not matter how many times I actually say the name. So the sacred names movement confuses itself by simply uttering Yud, Heh, Vav and Heh while it is actually to do the works or Torah works of YHWH which demonstrate our Father in heaven. Actions are important therefore Jacob says the following:

Jacob (James) 1:22 And be you doers of THE WORD, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

The Word,' is idiomatic for Torah obedience.

But what does the word actually tell us in the most ancient script of the Hebrew language as we have not uncovered all the details in our quest. See Kara in Hebrew below.

קרא

The Hebrew letter Kuf is the picture of a palm turned up like in a prayer to Elohim and the letter resh is the picture of the head as in a leader or King, while the letter Alef is the picture of the Ox or of strength.



This entirety gives us a man praying or lifting his hands to Elohim the Power of powers to the King of strength and might. In this case the man who is praying will mention the name of Adonai note I mentioned the surname earlier. There is a sod (hidden) clue here when Adam was asked to give names to the animals there was an idea behind it so we in fact have to use associations or similar patterns to understand the theology behind Rabbi Paulos's letters. This will help us understand what Rabbi Paulos was deriving at and what pattern is he suggesting.

The idea for Adam was that the animals that he gave names to were to submit to Adam since he was in charge over all of them and for their well being. In the same way Adonai is in charge over all of humanity and we are to submit before him. You will find in the Western world women really do not like to submit to their husband's as they have this thing in the head of freedom and equal rule but forget that even in equality there is still a headship of men in the home. When I go to my job in my office I do not make myself equal to my boss she is my boss so I have to accept her authority over me whether she is male or female that is the pattern in the office and so similarly Adonai set a pattern for us outside the office in the home and in the synagogues.

When man turns to Adonai there has to be a purpose else why would he turn to the king of Kings so Rabbi Paulos was not simply just speaking about uttering the most sacred name as a magic bullet like I find many Christians keep uttering the blood of Messiah like a magic potion. We have to do an association of what was being taught to Adam and we come to a very similar sounding word Karah which is found in Genesis 49:9 which would help us to understand this pattern or association better.

Gen 49:9 (KJV) Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped (karah) down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

Now this helps us to see the association of the meaning of why call on Adonai's true name which should be clear that the lion is stooping down or bowing down. The meaning of the Hebrew word karah H3766 here is linked to the word kara H7121 to stoop down or more accurately **to bend the knee**. **This means Rabbi Paulos was connecting this not to an empty baseless Christian creed but to the Netzarim submitting to Adon (Master) Yahushua who was sent by the Father with full authority so that if we submit to Rabbi Yahushua we in fact then are submitting to our Abbah in heaven.** In other words we are asked to bend our knee and accept to submit before Him. This is very easy for me to understand in my eastern culture but harder for a western person to grasp.

Romans 10:13 (AFNHSS) For whosoever shall call upon the name of YHWH shall be saved.

So now let's get an accurate assessment of the meaning? For whosoever (gentiles) shall bend his knee in submission to YHWH and to publish the sacred name shall be delivered. This is what Rabbi Paulos is saying. When you bend your knee to a king you

¹ Ancient letters courtesy Jeff Banner <http://www.ancient-hebrew.org/>

are accepting his rule and Law and demonstrating them by observing and doing them. Do you accept YHWH's rule and law? I know most Christians don't therefore you put your salvation in jeopardy.

If you don't and are simply reciting a meaningless creed then you have no salvation and no association with the Holy One of Israel. If you reject the Torah given to Moses then you have rejected the King and His rule and if you think you are a New Testament Christian you have nothing to do with the Adonai of Israel.

The other important phrase that Rabbi Paulos says is B'Shem YHWH. **In the Name of YHWH.** Rabbi Paulos is trying to connect Yahushua the Messiah with the name of the Father in heaven and taking us back to the prophet Joel 2:32 as a remiz or hint. So we are directed to read the prophet Joel to get a full understanding of what Rabbi Paulos means by his one reference in Romans 10:13 that Christians use so freely but have little understanding about.

Joel 2:32 (AFNHSS) And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of YHWH shall be delivered: for in Mount Tsiyon and in Yerushalayim (Jerusalem) shall be deliverance, as YHWH has said, and in the remnant whom YHWH shall call.

Now we can see that calling on YHWH has a meaning connected back to Jerusalem to submitting to his Temple rule and law. If you reject the rule of the Temple and the law entrusted on to them (Jews who are Torah observant) when it did stand then you were considered an outcast and a rebellious man or woman hence why Rabbi Paulos particularly mentioned this fact via Luke testifying **on his behalf in Acts 25:8 that He submitted to this rule.** Do you today?

We can see Rabbi Paulos was addressing the gentiles or the ten scattered tribes since the letter is addressed to Romans and not Jews because this was a Netzarim congregation in Rome which was being taught the importance of Jerusalem and the place of the Jews with in the kingdom rule. The words take a whole new meaning under the context where Rabbi Paulos shows YHWH is going to call people or the remnant that He has appointed back home and that Rabbi Paulos was doing that very work that Yahushua had commanded him and others of his disciples of restoring the lost sheep who had for all practical purposes become gentiles because they had rejected the Law of Adonai.

These gentiles were living a life of sin and non-Torah compliance because sin is the rejection of the Law of Adonai so one can understand that Rabbi Paulos has a meaning behind his words for those gentiles now wanting to live in Torah compliance. These are not words in isolation. To call Kara which takes us back to the word Karah which means to submit, with an addition to separating oneself. To call on the name of Adonai then means to set yourself apart and the only way we can set our self apart is to start to obey and guard the Torah commandments because now we bend our knee to this Higher King only and we no longer are slaves to the world. This does not mean we rebel to our governments but it does mean we reject any laws that they have which are contrary to Adonai's law. We can reject the government laws but still be a good citizen in the lands we are placed by simply separating our self by not getting into politics or to indulge in

laws that are abhorrent to Adonai but we are not called to violent protests or to break property that is simply not allowed as it's against loving our neighbor as self.

Rabbi Paulos was not talking about empty meaningless creeds that Christianity has established since the 4th century up to today. There needs to be deeds and without deeds your faith is simply dead and nothing but manure. I do not mince my words and mean what I say.

Jacob (James) 2:26 AFNHSS For as the body without the ruach (spirit) is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

The deeds are those which are commanded in the Torah and there are many to choose from. Some such deeds are looking after the orphans, helping the widows or helping the poor find jobs and shelter. If Adonai has placed you in politics or in important government positions then you can fight for the rights of these kinds of people and peacefully voice concern for important Torah laws such as the institution of marriage, avoiding adultery, or causes of common divorces and resolution or other sins of the flesh committed by both male and female members of a society. In all things our first concern should always be to live peacefully and to uphold the state or country Adonai has placed us in.

So if you are in the US you need to uphold your lawful governments and respect your president. I see today that many Christians are involved in writing against their president Obama and hating him and slandering him which is totally against Torah. I would never slander or hate our Prime Minister in the UK David Cameron and would hold him in utmost respect as a statesman and the leader of our country. We need to learn from the prophets of old. Just look at Daniel the prophet how he respected and upheld Nebuchadnezzar even though he was not a worshipper of the Adonai of Israel to start with and he became a believer later.

If your president makes mistakes then these need to be addressed in a respectful manner to your local ministers and senators and certainly not slanderously as I see Christians doing commonly in the USA. Unfortunately as I said earlier Christianity is a religion of creeds and while ours is the faith of deeds and actions this only reinforces and proves our faith with our Adonai. Instead of reciting useless creeds its time to do the deeds and prove your faith. Keep strong in Adonai.

May YHWH bless you.

Shalom Shalom

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