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1 Samuel 15, Isaiah 59, Matthew 3|4



There was no man so Yahweh brought Salvation

Saul did not obey Yahweh, saying in excuse that the spoil was to be given to Yahweh. Samuel said, “Hath Yahweh as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of Yahweh? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry” (1Sa 15:22-23). Why did Saul sin? He said, “because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice”(1Sa 15:24).

Israel like Saul are told “Behold, Yahweh's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear” (Isa 59:1-2). Yahweh was displeased that there was no judgment, “he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke. (59:15-17) “And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob”. (59:20)

John the baptist cried to those of Jacob, “Repent ye for the kingdom of God is at hand”. He said one would come, “he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” (Mat 3:12). Yeshua came and said unto John, “Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness” (3:15) A voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (3:17). When tested he answered, “It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God” (Mat 4:4).