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THE ALIYAH HIGHWAY FOUNDATION: REPENTANT HEARTS

*LET THE WICKED FORSAKE HIS WAY
AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS MAN HIS THOUGHTS;
AND LET HIM RETURN TO THE LORD, AND HE WILL HAVE LOVE,
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A Christian ministry assisting Jewish people moving to Israel

QUALIFYING FOR HOLY WORK

BY PHILLIP K. ISRAELSON, MINISTER, AUTHOR, INTERNATIONAL TEACHER, SPEAKER

Therefore, do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise.

Hebrews 10:35-36 NKJV

Endurance

Total dependence on the Lord is the spiritual requirement for every active servant of God. Jesus said, *“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”* (John 15:5 NKJV) This applies in our individual lives and in outreaches raised up by the Lord. To have total dependence on the Lord to do anything spiritual requires every child of God to die to the natural man’s plans and purposes, and to surrender to the Master’s will.

In the worldwide body of Christ today, many servants of God have lost their sense of purpose. The Lord is drawing His people closer to Himself to separate our hearts from worldly things. *The challenge is to be willing to patiently endure the*

THE LORD IS DRAWING HIS PEOPLE CLOSER TO HIMSELF TO SEPARATE OUR HEARTS FROM WORLDLY THINGS. THE CHALLENGE IS TO BE WILLING TO PATIENTLY ENDURE THE TESTING OF OUR HEARTS BY CIRCUMSTANCES AND TRIALS OF OUR FAITH TOWARD GOD.


testing of our hearts by circumstances and trials of our faith toward God. (To endure means to hold up under pain and fatigue, to carry on despite hardships – to suffer.) It is now time to humble ourselves before the Lord for Him to complete the circumcision of our hearts.

Moses was called – alone – to come before the Lord. Moses alone received the words of God for the release of His people Israel – his personal assignment from the Lord: *“Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”* (Exodus 3:10 NKJV) Moses was going to have to learn endurance through the hardships that lay ahead, which would ultimately result in bringing God’s people to the Promised Land – a holy calling (then, as today).

For man, this assignment was impossible. But the Lord encouraged Moses that He would be with him against all odds in fulfilling His purpose for the children of Israel. Twice the Lord tested him – once with the rod that became a serpent and turned back into a rod after he grasped it by the tail, as God told him to – then having his leprous hand restored (Exodus 4:2-7). He then had confidence to trust that the Lord was sending him to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt. If Moses was obedient and continued with faith towards God, the Lord would enable and empower him for the task.

Small Steps of Obedience

Sometimes we do not recognize where small steps of obedience to the voice of the Lord are leading us. In the early ‘70s, my wife and I obeyed the voice of the Lord to work with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) after its president, Loren Cunningham, had shared in our church that YWAM was purchasing a ship

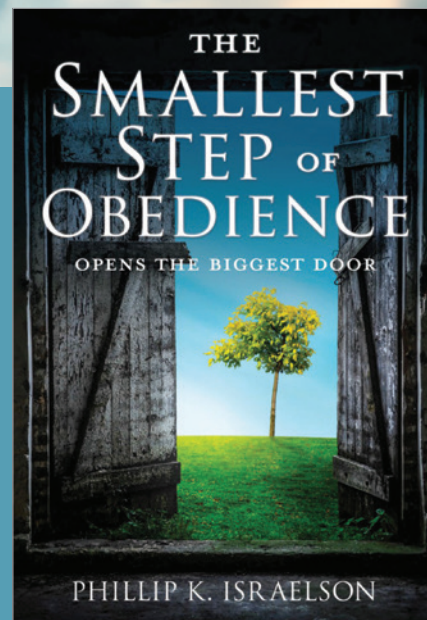


that would go from port to port around the world with volunteers to share the gospel. In obedience, we put our house up for sale and trusted Him to provide for our needs.

Over ninety people from the U.S., Canada, and Western Europe volunteered to travel on the ship, which we were to embark upon in Japan. En route, we stopped in South Korea to minister. On the last night of our time there, a very solemn Loren Cunningham told our group that early in the morning he had a vision of the ship and Christian supporters from around the world shouting in praise to God. But out of the corner of his eye, he saw Jesus weeping. Loren asked the Lord why He was weeping. He answered, “The eyes of My people are on the ship and not on Me.” Continuing on, the Lord said that many of those who had volunteered were unclean. This shocked all of us, who had given up everything to do this work. We had been unaware of what was inside of us, as well as our need to depend totally on the Holy Spirit to change us.

As we arrived in Japan, the teachings were focused on heart preparation: “*Lord, show me my heart as you see it.*” and “*I repent from dead works.*” For five days our group cried out to the Lord in repentance for the things He revealed to

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The Smallest Step of Obedience


Opens the Biggest Door by Phillip Israelson is a valuable tool for Christians in pursuit of a deeper walk with the LORD. It is an inspiring book which shares the author's story, detailing how God used life experiences to develop his faith. Throughout its pages are lessons on being obedient, dying to self, pleasing the Lord, hearing the voice of the Lord, living a life of holiness, and waiting upon Him, which are all keys to living an abundant life in Christ.

To purchase book: <https://www.amazon.com/Smallest-Step-Obedience-Opens-Biggest/dp/1662857659>

each individual heart. For each of us, this was all preparation for future ministry with a pure heart.

By grace and mercy, He answered those prayers of repentance so that we could move forward on the highway of holiness – unhindered by the world and the flesh – in righteousness and power. It required steps of obedience to His Word and revealed will, dependence on Him to do the work in us as we surrendered and believed, and endurance to see the process through, without shrinking back or stopping short.

I encourage all those associated and working with OEUSA to begin to take time diligently with the Lord and ask Him, “*Show me my heart as You see it.*” Then, repent of the roots of the things that He shows you. Let the Lord continue the process of sanctifying your heart and life for holiness, so that He may do in and through you whatever He desires – for His purpose and glory.



Leora: "From a young age we both fell in love with Israel. We both dreamed of returning to our homeland, to a place where we can not only live, but to belong. We want to live in a country that celebrates our holidays rather than having to take vacations to celebrate them. We yearn to be surrounded by our brothers and sisters and feel safe from anti-Semitism while walking down the street."

SPIRITUAL HOLINESS VALIDATES OUR SERVICE TO GOD

BY JOHN PROSSER, PRESIDENT, OEUSA

Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and He will have love, pity, and mercy for him, and to our God, for He will multiply to him His abundant pardon.

Isaiah 55:7 AMPC

A repenting heart stands as the cornerstone of our service to God, and it is the conduit through which we obtain His validation to succeed and accomplish His calling upon our lives. This is not a one-time occurrence; it must be an ongoing journey that requires obedience, humility, and accountability to God and to one another – relying on God's grace and mercy to keep us anchored to His purposes.

Daily we must confess our shortcomings, seeking forgiveness for our carnal ways and thoughts, and strive to live a life that honors and validates each one of us for His holy service. Time is of the essence, and we must be spiritually prepared to serve the LORD during these crucial times. Let us actively seek and inquire of the LORD while he may be found, and call upon Him while he is near. (Isa 55:6)


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My experience in joining this ministry was marked by a profound understanding from God – an unshakable realization that humility and obedience in following His lead would yield His unwavering faithfulness in ordaining each step we take and providing for all the needs of our ministry. These words resonate loudly within me: *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are My ways My ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts."* Isaiah 55: 8, 9 AMPC

Our mission is no ordinary task; it is a holy work that the LORD Himself is doing in all His faithfulness to restore and redeem Israel and all His people. The road ahead may become more and more treacherous, but He is faithful to help and keep us in right relationship with Him as we repent and seek His forgiveness.

Just as we are strengthening our walk with the LORD, so must we prepare for the practical work assigned to our ministry. Even in the face of unforeseen disruptions to the essential services we rely upon for our day-to-day activities, we remain steadfast by bolstering our contingency plans and safeguarding the ministry's framework. Above all, our support and assistance to Jewish people are paramount. We trust that the LORD will protect our work and that our support will continue uninterrupted. For His glory!

The work of *Aliyah* is a testament to God's holiness and His faithfulness to His Word. Together, let us stand strong in our pursuit of God's validation to serve Him on the Holy *Aliyah* Highway. Thank you for your unwavering, fervent prayers and support for the *Aliyah* of His people Israel.



Aaron: "Growing up, going to modern orthodox Zionist day school, Israel became part of our lives. . . .From a religious perspective, Israel awards more opportunities to follow in the commandments of God something for which is a major part of our lives. Lastly, our desire to be closer to family at this time in our children's lives is very important to us."

PREPARATION OF THE HEART

BY SHIRLEY LAWRENSON, ALIYAH DIRECTOR, OEUSA

A voice of one who cries: Prepare in the wilderness the way of the Lord (clear away the obstacles); make straight and smooth in the desert a highway for our God!

Isaiah 40:3 AMPC

These days are the most urgent and important seasons to prepare for the great return of the Jewish people to Eretz Israel. Isaiah 40 starts with the words ... comfort, comfort the people – Speak tenderly to the people. These are words that God encourages us to use to speak with compassion and a tender heart to the people of Israel. Then follow the words in verse 3: It is time to prepare for the journey on the highway. It is time to remove the obstacles.

These are words to our Jewish friends and to those of us who assist and pray for *Aliyah*. Obstacles on a highway make it challenging to move forward. This is very true on the highway of *Aliyah* – the return of our Jewish friends to Eretz Israel. We are encouraged to remove the obstacles that hold people back from getting on the highway of *Aliyah*.

In these challenging days, more than ever it takes courage like never before to uproot from where you are and move to a new place. Our Jewish friends know and understand the plans and promises that their God, the God of Israel, has for them.

Many of them are unsure that now is the time to take the courageous steps to make *Aliyah*. They need each of us to stand with them, to comfort them, to pray for them, and to help them remove the obstacles that stop them from taking the next steps towards Israel.

It is a time for us to listen – to hear what the steps are that we need to take to persuade

our Jewish friends that now is the time that they urgently need to consider making *Aliyah* – to know that the right step is to follow their hearts and their dreams.

In this season, when we see things slowing down, we have many questions about why that is happening. Maybe it is because we need to take time to know how to move forward to prepare the hearts of our Jewish friends to follow their heart to make *Aliyah*.

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The preparation for *Aliyah* starts with the preparation of the heart. For many of our Jewish friends, making *Aliyah* is overcoming the challenges and obstacles that they carry in their hearts. They wrestle with the thoughts that maybe it is easier to remain in the wilderness.

When they start to see the obstacles being removed, the way towards Eretz Israel becomes straight and smooth. Our prayers are needed – our voices are needed! Our Jewish friends must be encouraged to choose the *Aliyah* highway to Eretz Israel. When they overcome the challenges, when the obstacles have been removed, God will reveal to them in a personal way the fulfillment of His plans and purposes for them to be home in Eretz Israel.



Rachel and family: "My husband and I are making *Aliyah* as we no longer feel safe within the US and want to return to our homeland, Israel. Our synagogues are constantly increasing security and with the number of hate crimes against Jews rising we no longer feel comfortable . . . We have waited 5 years to be ready to make this move together and we feel the time is finally right for us . . . Our daughter and future children growing up in Israel and only knowing Israel at home significantly increases their likelihood to stay . . ."



Thank you so much for the very generous gift towards our *Aliyah* expenses. We really appreciate it as we begin our new lives in Israel. We also really appreciate the coloring pages you sent over for our two year old. He really enjoyed them. Coloring is one of his favorite activities.

Thank you so much!
Martelle and family



Thank you so much for helping me to make *Aliyah*. I cannot begin to tell you how helpful this is to me, and how grateful I am for your generosity. Happy New Year to all. I wish you the best for everything too.

Maya



David: "As religious Jews and lifelong supporters of Israel, we have dreamed of living in Israel for many, many years. The rise in anti-Semitism makes us feel not safe to be here long-term. This has motivated us to move now."



Shoshana and family: "I went to Israel for the first time to visit at the age of 12, to celebrate my Bat Mitzvah. I instantly felt a connection with the land and yearned to go back. . . . Jake, my husband, shares the same values as me and has had a similar life trajectory. . . . This past summer, we finally decided that it's "now or never". . . . We want to give our kids the opportunity to grow up in this holy land and to lay roots there for our future grandchildren and generations as well."



I would like to say thank you for your assistance and contribution in helping with my *Aliyah*. It absolutely would not happen if it were not for your contribution and help. Please thank everyone for helping and let them know their contribution enables G-d's will of our returning to Israel and my personal journey. May G-d bless everyone for their help.

Thank You, Jakob

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Yair and family: “Ever since my wife Cecilia and I met while I was studying in Italy, living in Israel has been like a dream for us, a prospect that was always in front of our eyes. . . . Our families did not support us emotionally, and so we were pretty much alone in this journey. We have decided this is the right time for us to make our dream come true and raise our children in Jerusalem, where they and we can feel even closer to G-d and to our religion.”

REPENTANCE: THE WAY TO EXCELLENCE

BY QUAY MESSNER, NATIONAL PRAYER COORDINATOR, OEUSA

And it shall be said, “Build up, build up, prepare the way ...

Isa 57:14a, ESV

God says, “Rebuild the road! Clear away the rocks and stones so my people can return from captivity.

Isa 57:14, NLT

Many boulders on the *Aliyah* highway have been placed there by organized efforts of the enemy, such as Freemasonry, Islam, Communism, and others. Anti-Semitism is unique in that the LORD uses it to compel His people to return home; but it is a boulder in that it causes the people called to carry His people home to not obey that command.

As a ministry we have removed many external boulders, and by God’s grace we will continue. But the internal rocks and stones in our hearts can be subtle. If these are not removed from our hearts, we will not be able to fully accomplish the command to build up “*The Holy Highway*.” (Isa 35:8, TLB)

We are all in the process of “*working out our salvation with fear and trembling*” (Phil 2:12, NASB). In modern lingo “we are a work in progress.” Purposely presenting our hearts to the Holy Spirit for daily examination is essential for us to participate in the holy work of *Aliyah*.

*“The high and lofty one who lives in eternity, the Holy One says this:
“I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts.”*
Isa 57:15, NLT

Our God is the Holy One who dwells in a realm so far above our fallen world and finite minds that it defies measurement. His thoughts are high above ours (Isa 55:8-9; Isa 40:13; Rom 11:34).

Amazing Grace! Even so, He delights to dwell with “*those whose spirits are contrite and humble*.” His Spirit searches His heart and our heart – *restoring and reviving us* – bringing us together in deep communion with Him (1Cor 2:10-11). God does not compromise His thoughts and ways to adjust to our fallen nature. Rather, through an indescribable work of Grace, our inmost fallen thoughts are permanently removed like rocks cleared from a road and replaced with His holy thoughts – a smooth path of obedience.

As we stay on the repentance path, our capacity to receive, digest and adopt His thoughts and ways increases. Our effectiveness to serve Him and His people on “*The Holy Highway*” of *Aliyah* is made more excellent day by day.

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Rina: "We see Israel as the 'place to be' to raise a Jewish family. Our kids are still young and we wish to shape their view of the world through the lens of the Holy Land. We want to establish our home in a place that we believe to be generational and which aligns with our values."

REPENTANCE LEADS TO THE WAY OF HOLINESS

BY ADRIANNE PROSSER, OUTREACH DIRECTOR, OEUSA

A highway will be there – a roadway. It will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not travel on it. It is for the one who walks the way. . . . The ransomed of ADONAI will return and come to Zion with singing, with everlasting joy upon their heads. They will obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.
ISAIAH 35:8-10 TLV

In the immeasurable abundance of God's grace and mercy, we, as Gentile believers in Jesus, the Jewish Messiah, are called to live in the righteousness and purity bestowed upon us by His Holy Spirit. Repentance, reconciliation, and submission to God's ways are vital parts of our journey toward the *Way of Holiness*.

Our hearts overflow with great joy and gratitude to our LORD, who paved a way for us to partake in the Father's greatest gift to all His children: salvation, achieved through the death and resurrection of the Jewish Messiah, Jesus Christ, our LORD and Savior!

May we never overlook, disregard, or underestimate the immense debt we owe to the Jewish people.

In Romans 11, the Apostle Paul cautions us not to be ignorant of this mystery: "... lest you be

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wise in your own eyes – that a partial hardening has come upon Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; and in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, 'The Deliverer shall come out of Zion. He shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob. And this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.'" Romans 11:25-27 TLV

His love for His chosen people and His covenant promises are unwavering. God's salvation plan encompasses both Jewish people and Gentiles. The gifts and the calling of God for all His children are irrevocable – steadfast and unchanging. Each of us has a role to play in God's eternal plan of restoration and redemption for Israel (His first-born) and His Church. We are eternally intertwined as children of the One True and Living God – The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

On God's *Aliyah* Highway, we are called to be instruments in His hands – strengthened by His eternal love and faithfulness – to foster enduring relationships and mutual trust between Jewish and Christian communities. We must build bridges to communicate and remind our Jewish friends of their God-given legal right to make *Aliyah*.

In this pivotal moment in history, we cannot falter in our devotion and commitment to serve God – encouraging Jewish people to make *Aliyah* by taking a bold step of faith, in obedience to their God.

Aliyah is a springboard that positions God's chosen people on His Highway – the *Way of Holiness*. Together, let us demonstrate our love for God's chosen people through both actions and deeds. Join us as we pursue God's heart and His leading – through thanksgiving, repentance, and unity in His Spirit.



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