

Yesterday morning, I was stirred in spirit after praying on the Passion of Yahushua HaMashiach/Jesus the Messiah. A heavy sorrow filled me, and in spirit, searing pain hit my belly and hands. I was surrounded by a deep darkness and was crawling on my belly, clawing my way up a steep, rocky mountainside.

The urgency in spirit was deep. The rocks were sharp, but I didn't care. All I could do was climb, push upward without any care for what was happening to my body. While pulling myself past a sharply pointed rock, I saw a crack of light above, although its distance was unclear. In the darkness, that didn't matter, just that it was there.

Even though that crack of light was small compared to the surrounding gloom, the outline of the rocky terrain came into focus. I was filled with a fierce determination that no matter what I would press on and reach that crack of light. As I came out of spirit, back into the world, the weight of Yeshua's sacrifice overflowed into wrenching weeping and emptiness.

As the weeping subsided, a thought formed with two words: new terrain. The image of a large threshing floor emerged in spirit. I became a shaft of wheat in hands that I interpreted as Set Apart. Beaten against the floor, I understood that the threshing is not punishment, it is a search for healthy grain. It is a removal of the useless parts of a cursed heart to find anything living to sustain the beginnings of life.

The threshing and pruning of the "I am", the cursed human heart, is a divine gift. Every cut, snip and chop that removes that cold stone of a heart is welcomed with thanks and praise for the work Yahushua has chosen to do for my salvation, for reconciliation and peace with the Heavenly Father.

Following the Narrow Way described in Matthew 7:13-14 and 11:28-30 gives me hope for which I am completely undeserving. I give all consent to that threshing and call out to Yeshua that the crack of light to remain until I can get to it. I choose Him, the Heavenly Father and the Set Apart Spirit with thanks for their faithful lovingkindness in offering this path to salvation. More important than religious observance is the Way of the genuine regeneration and transformation of the heart. And it is Yeshua who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Only Him.