

One thing (or maybe two) you ~~should~~ *must* know!

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Luke 17:30 & 37

*All who come to God must believe that He exists,
and that He is good. Heb 11:6*

If you are sick of the pain and suffering caused by hateful sectarian religious groups and their teachings, consider Christianity as your alternative. Please also reflect on what a sincere evaluation of Christianity amounts to: Consider it is not only the known terrorist religions that are bad. Many or even most of the churches claiming to be Christian are really just more religion. You can realize the danger they pose from Christ's warning at [Matthew 7:15-16 CEV](#): *Watch out for false prophets! They dress up like sheep, but inside they are wolves who have come to attack you. (16) You can tell what they are by what they do. No one picks grapes or figs from thornbushes.* Based on that and other warnings by Christ, if you are not absolutely sure what you believe came from Jesus's own lips, you should check you have not been misled by those false prophets he warned about. Included in his warning, he said we can know fake prophets by their actions. Every day we hear in the news about what bad fruitage or works some of those fake Christians have caused or are doing; from pedophiles to hate mongers. So then, please consider Christianity to be an alternative to religion. You must start with understanding you can only know Christianity by actually listening to Christ. This website is dedicated to helping you understand how simple it is to actually hear and follow Jesus. Additionally, when you realize how easy it is, you should be mystified and angry the churches have not been teaching you to listen to God's son. You will also hear (read) the words of Jesus as he explains what sectarian religionist's real motives are.

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Where the carcass (Christ's remains are his teachings) is, there the eagles will gather. - Mat 24:28

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The free gift of God.

Jesus told a woman he met at a well she needed to learn what the free gift of God is, and how to accept and take advantage of that gift.^A By means of her, then, Christ taught each one of us about our need to understand God's gift. It would seem prudent to begin with first knowing who God is. How can we really expect to receive God's gift if we don't first know who He is? We should also be aware of, and probably have some concern about, all the confusion as to the identity of our Creator. Each religious book or writing, and the followers of those writings, have their own name for God. Because our goal is to examine the Bible, we will focus on the God described in its pages. As we look into the Bible, also consider whether there is sound basis for believing it was provided by a God who is good.^B - (Hebrews 11:6) To illustrate the confusion about God's name: When I was a young man, I was led to believe from reading a King James translation of the Bible (into English), that God's name is Jehovah.^C So... That's the name I have used to identify God. With

^A **John 4:10 ALT** Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the free gift of God and who is the One saying to you, 'Give Me to drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water [*or, springs of waters of life*]."

^B **Hebrews 11:1-7 GW** Faith assures us of things we expect and convinces us of the existence of things we cannot see. (2) God accepted our ancestors because of their faith. (3) Faith convinces us that God created the world through his word. This means what can be seen was made by something that could not be seen. (4) Faith led Abel to offer God a better sacrifice than Cain's sacrifice. Through his faith Abel received God's approval, since God accepted his sacrifices. Through his faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead. (5) Faith enabled Enoch to be taken instead of dying. No one could find him, because God had taken him. Scripture states that before Enoch was taken, God was pleased with him. (6) No one can please [*comes to*] God without faith. Whoever goes to God must believe that God exists and that he [*is good*] rewards those who seek him. (7) Faith led Noah to listen when God warned him about the things in the future that he could not see. He obeyed God and built a ship to save his family. Through faith Noah condemned the world and received God's approval that comes through faith.

^C **Exodus 6:3 KJV** And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by *the name of* God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.~

knowledge and understanding, however, comes the responsibility to change!^D I have for many years known, *but only recently appreciated*, God's name is actually the Hebrew word יהוה. [That is four Hebrew Characters which sound like Y-e-a--V-a-h to English speakers. יהוה is read from right to left, so God's Hebrew name starts at the right with a character that looks a little like an English apostrophe. That first letter is followed to its left by what looks like a small n with a break in its leg. The next letter looks like a Capitol I, and finally, at the far left, another n with a break. You should learn to recognize the name of our Creator when you see it!] Being in possession of that knowledge for

Psalms 83:18 KJV That *men* may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, *art* the most high over all the earth.~

Isaiah 12:2 KJV Behold, God *is* my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH *is* my strength and *my* song; he also is become my salvation.~

Isaiah 26:4 KJV Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH *is* everlasting strength:

^D **John 15:15-27 CEV** Servants don't know what their master is doing, and so I don't speak to you as my servants. I speak to you as my friends, and I have told you everything that my Father has told me. (16) You did not choose me. I chose you and sent you out to produce fruit, the kind of fruit that will last. Then my Father will give you whatever you ask for in my name. (17) So I command you to love each other. (18) If the people of this world hate you, just remember that they hated me first. (19) If you belonged to the world, its people would love you. But you don't belong to the world. I have chosen you to leave the world behind, and that is why its people hate you. (20) Remember how I told you that servants are not greater than their master. So if people mistreat me, they will mistreat you. If they do what I say, they will do what you say. (21) People will do to you exactly what they did to me. They will do it because you belong to me, and they don't know the one who sent me. (22) If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have no excuse for their sin. (23) Everyone who hates me also hates my Father. (24) I have done things that no one else has ever done. If they had not seen me do these things, they would not be guilty. But they did see me do these things, and they still hate me and my Father too. (25) That is why the Scriptures are true when they say, "People hated me for no reason." (26) I will send you the Spirit who comes from the Father and shows what is true. The Spirit will help you and will tell you about me. (27) Then you will also tell others about me, because you have been with me from the beginning (of your life).

some time, while I considered the disagreement and confusion existing about God’s name (even among those who profess faith in the Bible), has led me to *more fully appreciate the importance of “The Name.”* (If you don’t wish to consider God’s name, you can skip to the “Shortly after Creation” heading on page 8. Just know, when you see **יהוה**, it *is* God’s name.) [For those who speak English, **יהוה** pronounced in Hebrew sounds like Yea^vVah: That is “Yea,” as in “yea”-go-team, followed by “Vah,” sounding like the first two letters of “va”ult]. The King James translation I earlier put faith in was an effort to translate into English the words our Creator inspired in the original (mostly) Hebrew language of the Bible. Those who speak English should be very thankful for their translation: Apart from their efforts (and the efforts of others who translated the Bible into English) we English speakers would have no access to the words and thoughts of our Creator. Based on my developing knowledge, however, what I have come to appreciate is it is not the English word “Jehovah” that represents God at all. Rather, it is “יהוה.” **יהוה** is the self-given Hebrew word representing our Creator. It is questionable whether translating “The Name” into English is appropriate. **יהוה** had his name recorded over 6000 times in the Hebrew Scriptures we today refer to as the Old Testament. God thus made clear his personal name is **יהוה**. In that same Bible, **יהוה** gave clear warning against *misusing* his name.^E (Jews express faith in the first five books of the Bible, referring to them as the

^E Please note as you consider these scriptures which warn against misusing God’s name, that some English translators used Jehovah, while other substituted “LORD” for God’s name. Other English speakers use Yahweh, and many Jewish speakers substitute “The Name” when reading the name of **יהוה**.~

Exodus 20:7 LITV You shall not take the name of Jehovah (or LORD or Yahweh in other English translations) your God in vain [*in a worthless way*]; for Jehovah will not leave unpunished the *one* who takes His name in vain.~

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Leviticus 19:12 ESV You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD (or Jehovah or Yahweh in other English translations).

Torah.) Because of those Bible warnings by God, many Hebrew speaking Jews refuse to pronounce the Divine Name. When reading Bible text (Torah) containing **יהוה**, they will utter “*The Name*” in the midst of their reading (what they actually utter are the Hebrew words which mean “The Name,” of course). When the Jews who do pronounce **יהוה** give voice to God’s Name, it sounds like Yea combined with Vah in English. The English word Yea•Vah is thus created by us to help English speakers reproduce the sound of God’s Hebrew name when spoken by Hebrews. For English speakers, **יהוה** is two syllables: As mentioned, the first syllable sounds like “Yea,” as in “yea” go team, and is followed by “Vah,” like the first two letters of “va”ult. For everyone in possession of that information, all this is *reasonably possible* to understand, right? The real threat arises, however, because most people don’t have that overview. All they hear is some professed Bible scholar uttering “The Name” to represent the God of the Bible, while others use the attempted English translations of “Jehovah” or “Yahweh,” or even the Greek “YHWH.” Still others use the English “LORD” in all capital letters to represent God. And finally, some individuals actually do pronounce **יהוה**. Hearing and seeing so many different representations for “*The Name*” of God certainly confuses many people! Some individuals might be hearing or seeing only one of those representations used to designate God, and, the one they are hearing might be wrong. So, it seems wise to know and recognize God’s

personal name: **יהוה**

יהוה

God's Hebrew Name

As I learn more about the Bible, it seems unwise to attempt to translate the Divine Name of our Creator to another language.

~~“YHWH”
In Greek~~

~~“JEHOVAH”
In English~~

יהוה is the name God gave himself so we can know and speak together about him. Doesn't the fact the Creator used יהוה over 6000 times in the Hebrew Old Testament, always in reference to himself, define his name's importance? Even though I don't speak Hebrew, my personal decision is to know the Bible God of Creation by the name He gave himself. It seems “יהוה” transcends any specific human language. The Divine Name should be known and pronounced the same by every righteous person who is alive on the face of the earth. Every single person who knows and loves יהוה should recognize his

name! You must decide, of course, for your-own-self. These scriptures should provide the facts necessary to decide how you will personally address our Creator. To what name will you address your prayers as you hope to receive the free gift Jesus taught us to accept? All prayers must be addressed *through* faith in our high priest Jesus, of course, and to his Father יהוה.^F

^F Acts 4:8-12 GNB Peter, full of the Holy Spirit, answered them, "Leaders of the people and elders: (9) if we are being questioned today about the good deed done to the lame man and how he was healed, (10) then you should all know, and all the people of Israel should know, that **this man stands here before you completely well through the power of the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth**--whom you crucified and whom God raised from death. (11) Jesus is the one of whom the scripture says, 'The stone that you the builders despised turned out to be the most important of all.' (12) **Salvation is to be found through him alone; in all the world there is no one else [no other name] whom God has given who can save us."**~

Hebrews 4:13-16 GNB There is nothing that can be hid from God; everything in all creation is exposed and lies open before his eyes. And it is to him that we must all give an account of ourselves. (14) Let us, then, hold firmly to the faith we profess. For **we have a great High Priest who has gone into the very presence of God---Jesus, the Son of God.** (15) Our High Priest is not one who cannot feel sympathy for our weaknesses. On the contrary, we have a High Priest who was tempted in every way that we are, but did not sin. (16) Let us have confidence,

One reason knowing **יהוה**'s name is important, and the reason we consider it, is so you can better understand the words of Jesus we are about to examine. The scriptures we quote support an idea we want you to contemplate, or, more accurately, we want to help you see how Jesus himself introduced this idea. When you read the Gospels, and hear Jesus say over and over that his Father sent him to teach us what we need to know,^(M) doesn't that presuppose you should have some idea who the Father of Jesus is. So... Whatever you decide for yourself about using God's name, you should now understand why we herein refer to the only true God, the God of the Bible, as **יהוה**.

You will still find the attempted English translation of "Jehovah" used many times on the thousands of older pages of our website (JustBibleTruth.com). (Many of those are in quotes from Bible translations that use "Jehovah" to represent God.)^(C) It is technically difficult and not feasible in the short term to replace every website occurrence of Jehovah with **יהוה**. So... What I now encourage you to do is to take a near opposite position from that taken by many orthodox Jews. When they read **יהוה** in their literature, they actually pronounce or say "The Name." Taking the opposite tack, then, when you see "The Name," or "Jehovah," or "Yahweh," or "YHWH," or "LORD" (in all caps) on the pages of JustBibleTruth.com, please know them to be **יהוה**. Please also consider pronouncing them all as **יהוה** (Yea^oVah). Where possible, we use **יהוה** to represent God's name on all new webpages. If any English speaker doubts what we say about the Bible name for God, please examine the Interlinear Hebrew translation of the Bible with Strong's numbers.^(E) In his research, including the numbering of Bible words, Doctor Strong assigned the number 3068 to God's personal name. Searching "3068" in the Strong's Concordance will then show the 6000+ times **יהוה** was used in the original Hebrew language Bible.^(G) Please do not become confused to imagine we are suggesting you can use the English written word of "Y-e-a—V-a-h" to represent God's name. "Yea^oVah" is a contrived English homonym for the Hebrew word **יהוה**. (Homonyms are words that sound alike, such as one

then, and approach God's throne, where there is grace. There we will receive mercy and find grace to help us just when we need it. (See also Mat 6:9-15)^(MM)

^G See: JustBibleTruth.com/Graphics/GodsNameStrongs.pdf

and won, or hear and here.) We do not want our manufactured English “sound-alike” to add to the world’s confusion about God’s name. So, again, we are not saying the word “Y-e-a--V-a-h” is God’s name. The English Yea°Vah is an imaginary word that exists solely and exclusively to help English speakers know what the Hebrew pronunciation of יהוה sounds like. If you want to write God’s name, it is always יהוה. If you are an English speaker, and want to read it, it is still יהוה.

A little background to help us better understand יהוה’s gift to mankind:

Shortly after our creation, Adam and Eve sinned against יהוה.

God then promised, while Adam and Eve were still in the Garden of Eden, He would raise up a seed of the woman^h to destroy the enemy who incited our first parent’s rebellion. We find, then, the Bible’s 6000 year recordⁱ amounts to the explanation of how God went about producing that promised seed of Eve: That very special seed of Eve was born about 2000 years ago as the man Christ Jesus, and, as the son of יהוה.^j

^h **Genesis 3:13-15 ESV** Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." (14) The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. (15) I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring [*seed*] and her offspring [*seed*]; he shall bruise [*crush*] your head, and you shall bruise his heel."~

1 John 3:8 ESV Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

ⁱ See: JustBibleTruth.com/DisplayScroll.html

^j **John 1:33-34 GNB** I still did not know that he was the one, but God, who sent me to baptize with water, had said to me, 'You will see the Spirit come down and stay on a man; he is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' (34) I have seen it," said John, "and I tell you that he is the Son of God."~

Mark 3:10-11 ESV for he [*Jesus*] had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him. (11) And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God."

While God has spoken to mankind in many ways during the 4000 years from Eve to Christ, the Bible tells us, in these last days, He has spoken to us by means of a son.^k Since Jesus started to teach about 2000 years ago, **יהוה** has given mankind only one command: "This is my son, the beloved, listen to him."^l These scriptures should help you understand who God is, and, who He sent to teach us about himself. We want that understanding so we can know we should learn from Jesus *how* to accept **יהוה**'s free gift.^m Please begin by understanding, however, this is probably not a mainstream [*popular*] journey to enlightenment. Certain people are not able listen to, or to actually hear, the words of Christ. Jesus said when individuals are not able to hear him as God's messenger, so as to act on his teachings, it is because they have chosen to remain under the influence of Satan.ⁿ Most don't know

^k **Hebrews 1:1-2 GNB** In the past God spoke to our ancestors many times and in many ways through the prophets, (2) but **in these last days he has spoken to us through his Son...**

^l **Matthew 17:5 CEV** While Peter was still speaking, the shadow of a bright cloud passed over them. From the cloud a voice said, "This is my own dear Son, and I am pleased with him. **Listen to what he says!"**

^m **John 7:25-29 GNB** Some of the people of Jerusalem said, "Isn't this the man the authorities are trying to kill? (26) Look! He is talking in public, and they say nothing against him! Can it be that they really know that he is the Messiah? (27) But when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from. And we all know where this man comes from." (28) As Jesus taught in the Temple, he said in a loud voice, "Do you really know me and know where I am from? I have not come on my own authority. He who sent me, however, is truthful. You do not know him, (29) but I know him, because I come from him and he sent me."~

John 8:26 ALT "Many [*things*] I have to be speaking concerning you and to be judging; **but** the One having sent Me is true, and **what I heard from Him, these things I say to the world.**"~

John 13:3 GW The Father had put everything in Jesus' control. Jesus knew that. He also knew that he had come from God and was going back to God.~

Luke 10:16 BBE Whoever gives ear to you, gives ear to me; and whoever is against you, is against me; and whoever is against me, is against him who sent me.

ⁿ **John 8:40-45 GNB** **All I have ever done is to tell you the truth I heard from God,** yet you are trying to kill me. Abraham did nothing like this! (41) You are doing what your father did." "God himself is the only

they are being directed by Satan, of course, but that's where refusing to listen to Christ always leaves people. It can be inferred, then, everyone who refuses to recognize their need to actually listen to Christ remains under the influence of the devil.^o Isn't that the only reasonable explanation for the growing lack of integrity and decency among the people of this world, including or even especially religious people?^(N) Not being able to hear and understand what Jesus taught also indicates a person has not started being drawn to Jesus by יהוה.^p Every righteously inclined person has an innate desire to know and please God.^(EEE) יהוה is then directing each and every one of those individuals to his son. Every righteous person will listen to Jesus,^q while those who have no real love for God continue to pursue one of the many religions misleading this world. Isn't that just perfect!

Father we have," they answered, "and we are his true children." (42) Jesus said to them, "If God really were your Father, you would love me, because I came from God and now I am here. I did not come on my own authority, but he sent me. (43) Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to listen to my message. (44) You are the children of your father, the Devil, and you want to follow your father's desires. From the very beginning he was a murderer and has never been on the side of truth, because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he is only doing what is natural to him, because he is a liar and the father of all lies. (45) But I tell the truth, and that is why you do not believe me.

^o 1 John 5:19-21 CEV We are certain that we come from God *[through faith in Christ]* and that the rest of the world is under the power of the devil. (20) We know that Jesus Christ the Son of God has come and has shown us *[given us understanding of]* the true God. And because of Jesus, we now belong to the true God who gives eternal life. (21) Children, you must stay away from idols (*those who teach human doctrines as Christ's teachings* – See Matthew 15:9 ALT 'But in vain *[or, to no purpose]* do they worship Me, teaching *[as]* teachings *[or, doctrines]*, commandments of people.'" *[Isaiah 29:13, LXX]*).~

John 14:30-31 GNB I cannot talk with you much longer, because the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me, (31) but the world must know that I love the Father; that is why I do everything as he commands me. "Come, let us go from this place.

^p John 6:44 GNB People cannot come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me...

^q John 10:22-29 GNB It was winter, and the Festival of the Dedication of the Temple was being celebrated in Jerusalem. (23) Jesus was

Armed with the knowledge and understanding, that only people being drawn by God to the teachings of his son will be able to understand what Jesus taught,^R what does that help define the gift of God to be? Isn't it important for each of us to realize this simple fact: יהוה's gift *actually is what Jesus was sent to teach*? If we don't begin with knowing what Jesus said God has promised, how will we be able to ask God for it?^S Then, how will we have faith to receive it?^T Jesus said over and over to people he helped: "Just as has

walking in Solomon's Porch in the Temple, (24) when the people [*the Jews*] gathered around him and asked, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? Tell us the plain truth: are you the Messiah?" (25) Jesus answered, "I have already told you, but you would not believe me. The deeds I do by my Father's authority speak on my behalf; (26) but you will not believe, for you are not my sheep. (27) My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. (28) I give them eternal life, and they shall never die. No one can snatch them away from me. (29) What my Father has given me is greater than everything, and no one can snatch them away from the Father's care.

^R **John 17:25-26 GW** Righteous Father, the world didn't know you. Yet, I knew you, and these disciples have known that you sent me. (26) I have made your name known to them, and I will make it known so that the love you have for me will be in them and I will be in them."

^S **John 16:25-30 CEV** I have used examples [*illustrations*] to explain to you what I have been talking about. But the time will come when I will speak to you plainly about the Father and will no longer use examples like these. (26) You will ask the Father in my name, and I won't have to ask him for you. (27) God the Father loves you because you love me, and you believe that I have come from him. (28) I came from the Father into the world, but I am leaving the world and returning to the Father. (29) The disciples said, "Now you are speaking plainly to us! You are not using examples. (30) At last we know that you understand everything, and we don't have any more questions. Now we believe that you truly have come from God."

^T **Romans 10:11-15 GNB** The scripture says, "Whoever believes in him will not be disappointed." (12) This includes everyone, because there is no difference between Jews and Gentiles; God is the same Lord of all and richly blesses all who call to him. (13) As the scripture says, "Everyone who calls out to the Lord for help will be saved." (14) But how can they call to him for help if they have not believed? And how can they believe if they have not heard the message? And how can they hear if the message is not proclaimed? (15) And how can the message

been your faith, so let it come to pass for you," or, "go in peace, your faith has made you well," or some similar statement. Jesus made clear it was their own faith that helped those people,^U and, their faith provided them precisely what they asked for.^V Similar to Noah and Lot,^(HH) we each one need the exact same gift: We all need to have our lives preserved through a world system that is dying from its own badness; and that will finally be destroyed by God.^(CC) How could you ask in faith for God's protection through the destruction of this old world system, if you haven't first listened to Jesus explain what God's gift is? That is our one encouragement, then, that you should read the Gospels and thereby listen to הנה's son. Let Jesus teach you what God's gift is, as you at the same time realize you are actually accepting that gift by making the effort to learn from his Christ (Anointed One). I'm doing my best to explain this, but I warn you, you won't be able to

be proclaimed if the messengers are not sent out? As the scripture says, "How wonderful is the coming of messengers who bring good news!"

^U Visit: JustBibleTruth.com/HowCanFaithHelp.pdf

^V **Mark 5:25-34 CEV** In the crowd was a woman who had been bleeding for twelve years. (26) She had gone to many doctors, and they had not done anything except cause her a lot of pain. She had paid them all the money she had. But instead of getting better, she only got worse. (27) The woman had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him in the crowd and barely touched his clothes. (28) She had said to herself, "If I can just touch his clothes, I will get well." (29) As soon as she touched them, her bleeding stopped, and she knew she was well. (30) At that moment Jesus felt power go out from him. He turned to the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" (31) His disciples said to him, "Look at all these people crowding around you! How can you ask who touched you?" (32) But Jesus turned to see who had touched him. (33) The woman knew what had happened to her. She came shaking with fear and knelt down in front of Jesus. Then she told him the whole story. (34) **Jesus said to the woman, "You are now well because of your faith.** May God give you peace! You are healed, and you will no longer be in pain."~

Mark 10:49-52 GNB Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man. "Cheer up!" they said. "Get up, he is calling you." (50) So he threw off his cloak, jumped up, and came to Jesus. (51) "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. "Teacher," the blind man answered, "I want to see again." (52) "Go," **Jesus told him, "your faith has made you well."** At once he was able to see and followed Jesus on the road.

fully understand unless you hear it (read it) from Christ's own lips. That is perfect and good because *that* is יהוה's arrangement for you to learn.^(L) Read the Gospels!

Many people will now want to interrupt our consideration to assert Jesus himself *is* יהוה's gift to mankind. They are absolutely right as far as that understanding goes. Remember though, the woman at the well^(W) realized Jesus was God's Messiah, and she certainly respected and had faith in God. Jesus still said she needed to appreciate what God's gift was, and, what she needed to do to take advantage of it. Jesus was teaching her how to accept יהוה's gift. Like that woman, even if we know God and his Christ, we still need to understand about יהוה's gift. Jesus explained to the woman (who did already have faith in both God and Christ) God's gift was like life-giving water flowing through Jesus. Jesus initiated that conversation with the woman, and יהוה inspired it to be recorded in the Bible. It thus remains a part of the inspired record to help us each one understand God's gift. Once we grasp the idea that Jesus taught the woman she must accept God's gift by accepting or taking in waters of life from him, we find Jesus repeating that theme throughout his teachings. (No name is given for her. The only way to identify her is as "the woman at the well." She actually is representative of each one of us.)

There is much we can learn from the example of the woman at the well: First, she was a Samaritan woman.^W That is important because it meant she

^W [John 4:4-19 CEV](#) This time he had to go through Samaria, (5) and on his way he came to the town of Sychar. It was near the field that Jacob had long ago given to his son Joseph. (6) The well that Jacob had dug was still there, and Jesus sat down beside it because he was tired from traveling. It was noon, and after Jesus' disciples had gone into town to buy some food, a Samaritan woman came to draw water from the well. Jesus asked her, "Would you please give me a drink of water?" (7) (SEE 4:6) (8) (SEE 4:6) (9) "You are a Jew," she replied, "and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink of water when Jews and Samaritans won't have anything to do with each other?" (10) Jesus answered, "You don't know what God wants to give you, and you don't know who is asking you for a drink. If you did, you would ask me for the water that gives life." (11) "Sir," the woman said, "you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. Where are you going to get this life-giving water?" (12) Our ancestor

was not an orthodox Jew. The Jewish nation (starting from the promises to Abraham to benefit all mankind) had been used as God's chosen people for about 2000 years prior to Christ. **יהוה** had given that nation his Law Code to protect the descendants of Abraham, and by extension all of humanity, from quickly falling again into the wickedness that consumed the world of Noah's time.⁽¹⁾ Because the Jews were being protected by the Law so they could be used by God to produce the Messiah, Jesus told the woman: Salvation originates with the Jews.^(Z - John 4:22) In fulfillment of God's promise that his "Messiah," or the "seed of the woman,"^(H) would be born among the descendants of Abraham,^x then, Jesus was born a Jew. Jesus plainly told the Samaritan woman that she and her people didn't even know God, as he also told her the Jews *did* know **יהוה**.^(Z - John 4:22) So we learn that even though the woman didn't know **יהוה** in the sense of being a part of his chosen and approved earthly organization, what seems more important to God in those days was her sincerity and faith in his existence and goodness.^(B) Just as He is trying to do with you and me, God helped that woman by speaking to her

Jacob dug this well for us, and his family and animals got water from it. Are you greater than Jacob?" (13) Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again. (14) But no one who drinks the water I give will ever be thirsty again. The water I give is like a flowing fountain that gives eternal life." (15) The woman replied, "Sir, please give me a drink of that water! Then I won't get thirsty and have to come to this well again." (16) Jesus told her, "Go and bring your husband." (17) The woman answered, "I don't have a husband." "That's right," Jesus replied, "you're telling the truth. You don't have a husband. You have already been married five times, and the man you are now living with isn't your husband." (18) (SEE 4:17) (19) The woman said, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet.

^x **Genesis 22:15-18 GW** Then the Messenger of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time (16) and said, "I am taking an oath on my own name, declares the LORD, (When God declares He is taking an oath on his own name, shouldn't you know He used his name **יהוה**, and not the title LORD.) that because you have done this and have not refused to give me your son, your only son, (17) I will certainly bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of their enemies' cities. (18) **Through your descendant all the nations of the earth will be blessed,** because you have obeyed me."

through Christ.^Y We can know she had faith in God because יהוה selected her to use in teaching us about his gift to mankind. We can know she was a spiritual person because, when Jesus demonstrated he was God's Messiah, the first words out of her mouth were to ask him about the difference between her people's faith and form of worship, and his Jewish ways.^Z When he responded to her question, it didn't matter that Jesus was not part of her religious group, or even that he told her her form of worship was useless. The opposite of the pious and self-righteous Jewish religionists who rejected Christ,^(GGG) she made no attempt try to protect or defend her previous form of worship... Her sincerity and humility was manifest in her desire for God's son to help her know the "proper" way to worship God. She responded to Jesus without any regard for her previous beliefs and organizational ties. *You must do likewise!* (The woman went and told the people of her religion that she had met God's Messiah. Many of them came to Jesus and put faith in him, in part, because of her words.) Comforting her after telling her bluntly that she and her people didn't even know God, and that his people did, Jesus went on to explain he was starting a new form of worship. He told her people needed to stop worshiping God in the way her people, or his Jewish people, had previously worshiped. The faithful would no longer worship as members of any group or organization, but in spirit and truth, as individuals. Just as it remains since Jesus spoke with that woman, people who come to

^Y [Hebrews 1:1-2 Calvin 1856](#) (1) God having formerly spoken many times and in many ways to the fathers by the prophets, (2) Has in these last days spoken to us by the Son...

^Z [John 4:19-26 CEV](#) The woman said, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. (20) My ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews say Jerusalem is the only place to worship." (21) Jesus said to her: Believe me, the time is coming when you won't worship the Father either on this mountain or in Jerusalem. (22) You Samaritans don't really know the one you worship. But we Jews do know the God we worship, and by using us, God will save the world [*or, salvation originates with the Jews - NWT*]. (23) But a time is coming, and it is already here! Even now the true worshipers are being led by the Spirit to worship the Father according to the truth. These are the ones the Father is seeking to worship him. (24) God is Spirit, and those who worship God must be led by the Spirit to worship him according to the truth. (25) The woman said, "I know that the Messiah will come. He is the one we call Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." (26) "I am that one," Jesus told her, "and I am speaking to you now."

Jesus must worship יהוה in spirit and truth: They must first be led to Jesus by his Father's spirit.^{AA} Also, as Jesus explained to the woman, they must accept or take in יהוה's spirit of life as provided through Jesus's words. We get God's spirit, then, by ingesting the teachings of Christ, or, in the words he used to describe it to the woman, we must accept springs of waters of life from him. Please now consider what that means: Ingesting the words of Christ entails, or equates with, taking in יהוה's spirit of life. Jesus thus told his Jewish brothers in John 6:63,⁽¹⁾ that the words he was speaking to them "are spirit and are life."⁽¹⁾ It is unlikely the woman at the well, or any of the others alive in her day, fully understood what Jesus was teaching her. That understanding, it seems, was reserved for our day in time.⁽⁵⁾ Our sharing knowledge that you must take in the words of Christ for yourself is the great difference between this and all other religious teaching you have heard. It amounts to that "truth" you must worship in. What JustBibleTruth.com teaches, and the only thing it teaches, is that you should sit at the feet of Christ by reading the Gospel recordings of his teachings.⁽¹⁾ Other self-proclaimed prophets want to sell you their books, or consume your energies studying their magazines and doctrines. We caution: Don't rely on anything anyone says outside their encouragement to read the words of God's Messiah. Reading or listening to (possibly by listening to a recording of) the words of Christ is the way you can take in the spirit of life from יהוה. That's the only way to become a Christian. Conversely, each religious sect imagines following and supporting them and their teachings is the way to please God. They believe *their teachings* are your path to worshipping in truth. *That is always wrong!* יהוה specifically commanded ~~we~~ you must listen to *his son*.⁽¹⁾ Then, Jesus said listening to him is the only way we can take in the spirit of life from God.⁽¹⁾ The words [*teachings*] of Christ thus encompass or comprise "the gift" Jesus taught the woman at the well to accept. There is little doubt the Samaritan woman had worshipped God all or most of her life. Jesus told her plainly, however, her form of worship had been false.⁽²⁾ Still, because she was sincere, her previous way of worship didn't stop God from using her: Even though she wasn't an orthodox Jew, יהוה knew her and drew her to Christ because of her sincerity. When Jesus approached and spoke with her, however, the importance of her *form of worship* became magnified. *Her sincerity would no longer be enough.* God was using Christ to make a great change in the earth through her, and her form or method of worship would

^{AA} John 6:44 ALT "No one is able to come to Me unless the Father having sent Me draws [*or, drags*] him..."

now become a most important matter. She, and all others after her, had to begin to worship God in spirit and truth. Put in other words: She now had to follow the directions of Jesus Christ based on her personal knowledge of his teachings. Now, 2000 years after the change he made using the woman at the well, it is the time of the second coming of Christ; and, it is time for another change. For 2000 years people have needed to express faith in Christ before dying; that faith allowing them to lie down in the hope of the resurrection. Death has thus been a part of Christian life. It might have been tolerable in God's eyes, during that time, for people to worship within some of the groups who professed Christianity. (Maybe not, either, of course. Your approval can and must come only from יהוה. Our opinion means nothing.) Just like in the days of Lot and Noah,^(HH) however, now is another time of judgment and salvation. According to the teachings of God's son, those who will survive the ongoing failure and final destruction of this wicked world system must be worshipping God in spirit and truth. They must be taking in the spirit of life from God.^(II - John 6:63) We will each have to contain within ourselves springs of waters of life.^(A) We will need to be gathered and feeding on the body of Christ.^(HH) You can't buy it, steal it, be granted it by powerful people or grandiose organizations. There is no way you can manipulate your

way in.^{BB} You can receive the gift of God, or the spirit of life,^{CC} only by hearing and knowing the words of his Christ. Jesus's words must form the

^{BB} **Luke 13:22-28 ESV** He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. (23) And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, (24) "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. (25) When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' (26) Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' (27) But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' (These people will approach Jesus expecting his help, only to be turned away. They imagined they knew him, but they had been listening to the teachings and doctrines of men instead of Christ. Hence, instead of being Christians, they remained "workers of evil," having been misled by the false prophets Jesus specifically warned them about.)^(QQ) (28) In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. (The individuals who have the spirit of life from God, or the springs of waters of live Jesus promised, will live forever into the kingdom of God now being established. Those who remain "workers of evil" will continue to die.)~

John 9:40-41 ESV Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" (41) Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains. (The Pharisees claimed they knew God and had his blessing, while they refused to listen to the one God sent to teach them. They remained lost in their religion.)~

John 10:1-11 ESV "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. (2) But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. (3) To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. (4) When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. (5) A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." (6) This figure of speech [illustration] Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. (7) So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. (8) All

foundation of your faith; they must become your own personal fountain of waters of life.

The free gift of God thus equates with the teaching, or with the words, of Jesus Christ. That's what Jesus meant when he told the woman he would give her water that would well up in her to become springs of waters of life.^(A) & (CC) & (VVV) As you study the Gospels, you will find Jesus told lots of people, over and over, that he is the bread of life coming down from

[religious teachers] who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. (9) I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. (10) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. (11) I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

^{CC} Job 33:14-30 GW "God speaks in one way, even in two ways without people noticing it: (15) In a dream, a prophetic vision at night, when people fall into a deep sleep, when they sleep on their beds, (16) he opens people's ears and terrifies them with warnings. (17) He warns them to turn away from doing wrong and to stop being arrogant. (18) He keeps their souls from the pit and their lives from crossing the River of Death. (19) In pain on their sickbeds, they are disciplined with endless aching in their bones (20) so that their whole being hates food and they lose their appetite for a delicious meal. (21) Their flesh becomes so thin that it can't be seen. Their bones, not seen before, will be exposed. (22) Their souls approach the pit. Their lives come close to those already dead. (23) "If they have a messenger for them, a spokesman, one in a thousand, to tell people what is right for them, (24) then he will have pity on them and say, 'Free them from going into the pit. I have found a ransom.' (25) Then their flesh will become softer than a child's. They will go back to the days of their youth. (26) They will pray to God, who will be pleased with them. They will see God's face and shout for joy as he restores their righteousness. (27) Each one sings in front of other people and says, 'I sinned and did wrong instead of what was right, and it did me no good. (28) The messenger has freed my soul from going into the pit, and my life will see the light.' (29) Truly, God does all this two or three times with people (30) to turn their souls away from the pit and to enlighten them with the light of life.

heaven, that people needed to drink his blood, eat his flesh,^{DD} drink his water, and, that his teachings are spirit and are life.^(II – John 6:63) You should understand all those instructions amount to the same thing. While religionists want to make it hard for you, as they teach you must read their books and follow their doctrine, Jesus summed it up by saying simply that we “work the works of God” by building faith in in what הוה sent Jesus to teach.^{EE} It really is just that simple.

^{DD} **John 6:32-38 CEV** Jesus then told them, "I tell you for certain that Moses wasn't the one who gave you bread from heaven [*manna*]. My Father is the one who gives you the true bread from heaven. (33) And the bread that God gives is the one who came down from heaven to give life to the world." (34) The people said, "Lord, give us this bread and don't ever stop!" (35) Jesus replied: I am the bread that gives life! No one who comes to me will ever be hungry. No one who has faith in me will ever be thirsty. (36) I have told you already that you have seen me and still do not have faith in me. (37) Everything and everyone that the Father has given me will come to me, and I won't turn any of them away. (38) I didn't come from heaven to do what I want! I came to do what the Father wants me to do. He sent me,~

John 6:45 ALT "It has been written in the prophets, 'And they will all be taught of God.' Therefore, every [*one*] hearing from the Father and having learned comes to Me. [*Isaiah 54:13*]~

John 6:51-57 CEV I am that bread from heaven! Everyone who eats it will live forever. My flesh is the life-giving bread that I give to the people of this world. (52) They started arguing with each other and asked, "How can he give us his flesh to eat?" (53) Jesus answered: I tell you for certain that you won't live unless you eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of Man. (54) But if you do eat my flesh and drink my blood, you will have eternal life, and I will raise you to life on the last day. (55) My flesh is the true food, and my blood is the true drink. (56) If you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you are one with me, and I am one with you. (57) The living Father sent me, and I have life because of him. Now everyone who eats my flesh will live because of me.~

John 6:63 ALT "The Spirit is the One giving life; the flesh does not accomplish [*or, benefit*] anything. **The words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life!**

^{EE} **John 6:28-35 GNB** So they asked him, "What can we do in order to do what God wants us to do [*how can we work the works of God*]?" (29) Jesus answered, "What God wants you to do is to believe in the one he sent." (30) They replied, "What miracle will you perform so

When ancient Jewish King David was at war with the Philistines, he took action that can help us understand the different ways Jesus said we should ingest his body (his "body" being his teachings). The three mightiest warriors among David's mighty men, having heard David lament that he wished he could have water from a spring in an area held by the enemy, fought their way into the Philistine camp and drew water from the well David spoke of. When they brought the water to David, however, he poured it out on the ground as a gift offering to יהוה.^{FF} David reasoned their blood existed in that water because they had risked their lives to draw it for him. How could he drink water containing the value of the lives of men who loved his God יהוה? Jesus Christ not only risked, but also gave, his life's blood to bring us the message his Father gave him.^{GG} His teachings thus equate with his blood,

that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? (31) Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, just as the scripture says, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " (32) "I am telling you the truth," Jesus said. "What Moses gave you was not the bread from heaven; it is my Father who gives you the real bread from heaven. (33) For the bread that God gives is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." (34) "Sir," they asked him, "give us this bread always." (35) "I am the bread of life," Jesus told them. "Those who come to me will never be hungry; those who believe in me will never be thirsty.
^{FF} 1 Chronicles 11:15-19 ESV (15) Three of the thirty chief men went down to the rock to David at the cave of Adullam, when the army of Philistines was encamped in the Valley of Rephaim. (16) David was then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then at Bethlehem. (17) And David said longingly, "Oh that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem that is by the gate!" (18) Then the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate and took it and brought it to David. But David would not drink it. He poured it out to the LORD (19) and said, "Far be it from me before my God that I should do this. Shall I drink the lifeblood of these men? For at the risk of their lives they brought it." Therefore he would not drink it. These things did the three mighty men.

^{GG} John 7:14-18 CEV When the [Jewish religious] festival was about half over, Jesus went into the temple and started teaching. (15) The leaders were surprised and said, "How does this man know so much? He has never been taught [by their Jewish scholars]!" (16) Jesus replied: I am not teaching something that I thought up. What I teach

and with his flesh, and with his remains or his body. It is God's arrangement and command^(L) that we consume his son's remains. Jesus told the Jews the kingdom of God was in their midst, because it existed in what he was teaching them. He then spoke about the last days and said "where the body is, there the eagles will gather."^(HH) Far sighted individuals are thus gathered about the body of Christ to feed on what he taught (Christ's body, or remains, are his Gospel teachings).^{HH} He also said his teachings are spirit and life from God.^{ll} We take in life giving waters, and/or spirit of life from יהוה,

comes from the one who sent me. (17) If you really want to obey God, you will know if what I teach comes from God or from me. (18) If I wanted to bring honor to myself, I would speak for myself. But I want to honor the one who sent me. That is why I tell the truth and not a lie.^{HH} **Luke 17:20-27 CEV** Some Pharisees asked Jesus when God's kingdom would come. He answered, "God's kingdom isn't something you can see. (21) There is no use saying, 'Look! Here it is' or 'Look! There it is.' God's kingdom is here with you." (22) Jesus said to his disciples: The time will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not. (23) When people say to you, "Look there," or "Look here," don't go looking for him. (24) The day of the Son of Man will be like lightning flashing across the sky. (25) But first he must suffer terribly and be rejected by the people of today. (26) When the Son of Man comes, things will be just as they were when Noah lived. (27) People were eating, drinking, and getting married right up to the day when Noah went into the big boat. Then the flood came and drowned everyone on earth (except those who had put faith in God's words to Noah).~

Luke 17:37 BBE And they, answering him, said, Where, Lord? And he said to them, Where the body is, there will the eagles come together. ^{ll} **John 6:47-63 BBE** Truly I say to you, He who has faith in me has eternal life. (48) I am the bread of life. (49) Your fathers took the manna in the waste land--and they are dead. (50) The bread which comes from heaven is such bread that a man may take it for food and never see death. (51) I am the living bread which has come from heaven: if any man takes this bread for food he will have life for ever: and more than this, the bread which I will give is my flesh which I will give for the life of the world. (52) Then the Jews had an angry discussion among themselves, saying, How is it possible for this man to give us his flesh for food? (53) Then Jesus said to them, Truly I say to you, If you do not take the flesh of the Son of man for food, and if you do not take his blood for drink, you have no life in you. (54) He who takes my flesh for food and my blood for drink has eternal life: and I

by ingesting (listening to or reading) the words of his Christ. After telling the woman she should understand what the free gift of God is, and that she should ask for waters of life from Christ,^(A) it is evident the free gift of God is the springs of waters of life brought us by Christ in the form of his teachings! The woman understood that as she mentioned she had been taught the Messiah would explain all things openly.^(Z – John 4:25) You must build your life around Jesus's words, but, they must first be inside you for you to be able to do so. Sit at Jesus's feet and make yourself part of his family by reading the Gospels!¹¹

This knowledge about הוה's free gift, and how to take advantage of it, is something I am only now learning and understanding after many years of study. It is God's time, not just for me, but for all faithful humanity to understand what He is doing in our time! I am offering something to help that I surely wish someone had given me many years ago! It is the knowledge and warning that I am not really able to teach you the things I talk about,

will take him up from the dead at the last day. (55) My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. (56) He who takes my flesh for food and my blood for drink is in me and I in him. (57) As the living Father has sent me, and I have life because of the Father, even so he who takes me for his food will have life because of me. (58) This is the bread which has come down from heaven. It is not like the food which your fathers had: they took of the manna, and are dead; but **he who takes this bread for food will have life for ever.** (59) Jesus said these things in the Synagogue while he was teaching at Capernaum. (60) Then, hearing this, a number of his disciples said, This is a hard saying; who is able to take in such teaching? (61) When Jesus became conscious that his disciples were protesting about what he said, he said to them, Does this give you trouble? (62) What then will you say if you see the Son of man going up to where he was before? (63) The spirit is the life giver; the flesh is of no value: **the words which I have said to you are spirit and they are life.**

¹¹ **Mark 3:31-35 CEV** Jesus' mother and brothers came and stood outside. Then they sent someone with a message for him to come out to them. (32) The crowd that was sitting around Jesus told him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside and want to see you." (33) Jesus asked, "Who is my mother and who are my brothers?" (34) Then he looked at the people sitting around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. (35) Anyone who obeys God is my brother or sister or mother."

beyond presenting the ideas I believe I see in the words of Christ. After telling you what *I believe Christ taught*, I protect both myself^(ZZ) and you by directing you to read his words to verify for your-own-self. (Don't ever try to justify yourself by repeating *what I told you*. Realize... You can only justify yourself by repeating what you personally know Christ said.) Part of the gift I offer, then, and that I wish someone had given me, is helping you understand no person or group can give you God's gift. Only Christ can do that! Now, after many years, I finally do realize I was being told to listen to Christ and to him alone during all that time: Jesus himself has been telling me.^(QQ & KK) My problem was, I was so busy listening to and debating the divisive doctrines of self-proclaimed Christians, and being influenced by their sometimes well-intentioned religious sects, I wasn't hearing what Jesus was actually saying. While I imagined all my life I was becoming righteous, I was actually being misdirected to judgmental *self-righteousness* by the influence of those sectarian religious cults I associated with. Too much of my faith was in their doctrines and creeds as I tried to believe their assertions that their dogmas were the true teachings from God. What a waste! That's not to say I didn't learn anything about the Bible during those years. There was so much more I could have learned, if I had just focused my attention on the Gospels rather than sitting and listening to the preachers and elders I looked up to. My time was also wasted reading religious doctrinal materials instead of the Bible. My warning to you is this: Just like the Samaritan woman at the well, you must stop following religions that don't even know God.^(Z) You must abandon all religious doctrine. This all becomes so very simple if we just remember Jesus's warnings about false prophets.^(QQ) Also remember, he told us not to appoint other men and women as our leaders, or suffer them grand titles such as preacher, elder, father, Pope, or even teacher.^{KK} Just remember

^{KK} **Matthew 23:1-12 Darby** Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, (2) saying, The scribes and the Pharisees have set themselves down in Moses' seat: (3) all things therefore, whatever they may tell you, do and keep. But do not after their works, for they say and do not, (4) but bind burdens heavy and hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of men, but will not move them with their finger. (5) And all their works they do to be seen of men: for they make broad their phylacteries and enlarge the borders of *their garments*, (6) and love the chief place in feasts and the first seats in the synagogues, (7) and salutations in the market-places, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. (8) But *ye*, be not ye called Rabbi; for one is your instructor, and all *ye* are brethren. (9) And call not *any one* your father upon the earth; for one is your Father, he who is in the

always: **יהוה** didn't tell you to listen to any religious person or group. He specifically told you to listen his son.^(L) You can only do that by reading the Gospels. After you finish this material, read the Book of John through.^(L) It's only about fifty pages and you will be getting the words of Christ Jesus as **יהוה** inspired them to be recorded for you. Your listening to the light He sent^(SS – John 3:19) is the perfect arrangement of **יהוה**. As you read the words of Christ, pay attention to all he said about our need to consume his existence, and how his words are spirit and are life.^(M) Then, think about what the spirit of life from God can do for you.^(U) Learn from Christ how your faith in what is true means the preservation of life! Remember: Jesus taught whatever *your true faith is*, that is what will come to pass for you.^(V) If your faith in in lies, or in nothing, or in badness cloaked as good, that will be your only reward.^(MM)

heavens. (10) Neither be called instructors, for one is your instructor, the Christ. (11) But the greatest of you shall be your servant. (12) And whoever shall exalt himself shall be humbled, and whoever shall humble himself shall be exalted.

^(L) JustBibleTruth.com/biblejohn.pdf

^(MM) **Matthew 6:1-21 GW** "Be careful not to do your good works in public in order to attract attention. If you do, your Father in heaven will not reward you. (2) So when you give to the poor, don't announce it with trumpet fanfare. This is what hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets in order to be praised by people. I can guarantee this truth: That will be their only reward. (3) When you give to the poor, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. (4) Give your contributions privately. Your Father sees what you do in private. He will reward you. (5) "When you pray, don't be like hypocrites. They like to stand in synagogues and on street corners to pray so that everyone can see them. I can guarantee this truth: That will be their only reward. (6) When you pray, go to your room and close the door. Pray privately to your Father who is with you. Your Father sees what you do in private. He will reward you. (7) "When you pray, don't ramble like heathens who think they'll be heard if they talk a lot. (8) Don't be like them. Your Father knows what you need before you ask him. (9) "This is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, let your name be kept holy. (10) Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as it is done in heaven. (11) Give us our daily bread today. (12) Forgive us as we forgive others. (13) Don't allow us to be tempted. Instead, rescue us from the evil one. (14) "If you forgive the failures of others, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. (15) But if you don't forgive others, your Father will not forgive your failures.

You must guard your heart as to your faith.^{NN} Your only safe haven is within the teachings of Jesus inside the Gospels. In John chapter 3, Jesus said we must be born again and Nicodemus asked him to explain. Jesus said we must be born from water, and then a second time from spirit, to gain life. Many people think that was the end of the answer but Jesus went on for a long time explaining what it means to be born of water and spirit. He was still explaining when he met the woman at the well in chapter 4. We have to understand Jesus conveyed large thoughts. You can't grasp them unless you spend time and effort actually listening to *him*. We are born the first time by water at our physical birth, and Jesus was explaining how we can be born a second time from spirit. You need to read the Gospel through from beginning to end to try and see the picture John painted as God inspired him to record Christ's words. That is the birth by the spirit of יהוה.

Please consider a true life example of bad caused or magnified by religious teachings; even when people trust they are upright!

A religious man spoke recently to a congregation of his self-proclaimed Christian brothers and sisters, about something his workmate had said. I'm sure his desire was to provide an example of how and why their group is different and special. I won't mention the name of the religious man's sect because it doesn't really matter. All the self-named^{OO} and self-proclaimed

(16) "When you fast, stop looking sad like hypocrites. They put on sad faces to make it obvious that they're fasting. I can guarantee this truth: That will be their only reward. (17) When you fast, wash your face and comb your hair. (18) Then your fasting won't be obvious. Instead, it will be obvious to your Father who is with you in private. Your Father sees what you do in private. He will reward you. (19) "Stop storing up treasures for yourselves on earth, where moths and rust destroy and thieves break in and steal. (20) Instead, store up treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moths and rust don't destroy and thieves don't break in and steal. (21) Your heart will be where your treasure is.

^{NN} Proverbs 4:20-23 GW My son, pay attention to my words. Open your ears to what I say. (21) Do not lose sight of these things. Keep them deep within your heart (22) because they are life to those who find them and they heal the whole body. (23) Guard your heart more than anything else, because the source of your life flows from it.

^{OO} Acts 11:26 CEV He found Saul and brought him to Antioch, where they met with the church for a whole year and taught many of its

religious groups are just the same in this regard. We'll just call the story teller "religious man" as we consider what he said to his congregation about his "co-worker." He said "co-worker" had approached him with kind words because he had noticed religious man didn't curse and joke about badness as did most of the men they worked with. Religious man proudly went on to reveal how he told his co-worker the difference he had noticed was because religious man was a member of their congregations named sect. Religious man proudly related to the group how co-worker's tone then changed toward him. When co-worker heard religious man was a member of their sect or cult, co-worker responded in disbelief: "No, no you're not... I really liked you." Religious man's "church" then had a hearty laugh at co-corker's expense. I must confess, when I heard this story, I laughed as well. I laughed, however, for a *very* different reason. They all laughed because they share the common delusion that co-worker rejected religious man because religious man is a follower of Christ. So, *they all judged, it was Jesus* the co-worker actually rejected. Just imagine how good that made them all feel. Problem is, of course, their conclusion is broken.^(KK) The obvious fault with their judgment, based on religious man's own account, is religious man didn't tell co-worker he tried to be an upright person because he was a follower of Jesus Christ. Co-worker might have been sincerely interested in God or Jesus as his basis for commending religious man. Rather than taking his opportunity to direct co-worker to the Bible and to the words of Christ, religious man directed him to the sect he is part of. It might have had a completely different outcome if religious man had told his co-worker he tried to be upright because he followed the example of Christ from the Bible. Religious man and all the members of his sect have been deceived to such self-righteousness as to imagine rejecting them or their organization is the same as rejecting God's son. It's just a modern twist on the self-righteous attitude the ancient Jews displayed toward Jesus.^(GGG) The way religious man *labels himself* actually identifies who he worships. He worships his religion, and he magnifies *them* as the only source of life and hope. Rather than directing his co-worker to the Gospels, to read for himself what Christ taught, religious man directed him to his sectarian group and to their doctrine. Please comprehend: That's all religious man is capable of offering

people. There in Antioch the Lord's followers were first called Christians. (Christian is thus the one and only inspired name for the followers of Christ. Any other or additional name is not scriptural.)

because that's a reflection of his true faith. He has been misled to believe his salvation is tied to the approval of the men who govern his sect. If his true faith was in Christ and his teachings, that is where he would have directed his co-worker. As I understand what Jesus taught, that is where religious man must turn for himself. Self-righteous hatred is what religion always produces in its sheep. That hate ranges from trying to kill nonmembers, to marking them wicked and in line to be killed or tormented by the God their sect worships. Retrospectively, I should not have laughed at hearing religious man's allegory. It's not funny. Religious man, and/or some of his brothers and sisters, may be sincerely trying to help other people. The problem is, since the day Jesus spoke to the woman at the well, sincerity is no longer enough.^(QQ) Like her, each one of us must be looking for and listening to the true God יהוה. That means hearing his command to listen to his son,^(L) and that certainly includes Jesus's command to avoid false prophets.^(QQ) We must avoid being led into sectarian judgment and bigotry by listening to and following what some religious sect is saying Jesus or God taught. We have to read the Gospels for our-own-selves, and, we must realize by doing so we are drinking in the spirit and life from יהוה.^(II – John 6:63) Just like the sincere woman at the well, we must accept the free gift of God, in part, by abandoning whatever religion we have been part of. Moving forward, we each one must worship in spirit and truth.

Please note, then, you are just like the woman at the well. Most all of us are! Like her, we are or have been part of, or influenced by, some religious organization; and, as with her, our religious sect doesn't know יהוה. You must abandon religion and worship God in spirit and truth. You worship in spirit by being drawn to Christ by יהוה's spirit,^(AA) and/or, you take in God's spirit by reading the words of his Christ. You worship in truth because truth is what Jesus brought.^{PP} Believing his warning to recognize false prophets is a part of following Christ.^{QQ} Our true faith will then be

^{PP} [John 18:37 GW](#) Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus replied, "You're correct in saying that I'm a king. I have been born and have come into the world for this reason: to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to me."

^{QQ} [Matthew 7:15-23 Darby](#) But beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but within are ravening wolves. (16) By their fruits ye shall know them. Do *men* gather a bunch of grapes from thorns, or from thistles figs? (17) So every good tree produces good

expressed as our life choices. You can forsake religion only by making certain you are actually listening to Jesus.^(KK) You can only do that by reading the Gospels.^{RR} Just know this: Reading the words of Christ is the act of receiving הוה's spirit of life. The only way to do that is by ingesting all of what Christ stood for as he gave his life for us.^(II – John 6:63) This is not a club you can join where people will pat you on the back and demonstrate their amazement at your righteousness. No Christian will praise you and render their judgment you are approved by God, either because you are an approved member of their sect, or by counting the hours or money you spend in supporting the works^(EE) their group takes pride in. Every real and true Christian is working to place and keep themselves among the group started by Jesus some 2000 years ago.^(JJ) Each one is individually and directly attached to הוה through the teachings of his son.^(see back page) They are receiving or feeding on the spirit of God by ingesting Christ. Since they are each one working to improve themselves by drinking in Christ, the only encouragement they can give is to direct you to the Gospel records of Christ's life and teachings. That is because every Christian knows they are not your judge and that you must feed on Christ's words for your-own-self. Your response to the words of Christ is thus providing your own judgment, either for or against!^{SS} Be

fruits, but the worthless tree produces bad fruits. (18) A good tree cannot produce bad fruits, nor a worthless tree produce good fruits. (19) Every tree not producing good fruit is cut down and cast into the fire. (20) By their fruits then surely ye shall know them. (21) Not every one who says to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but he that does the will of my Father who is in the heavens. (22) Many shall say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied through *thy* name, and through *thy* name cast out demons, and through *thy* name done many works of power? (23) and then will I avow unto them, I never knew you. Depart from me, workers of lawlessness.

^{RR} Visit: JustBibleTruth.com/JoinBibleStudy.html

^{SS} **John 12:42-50 CEV** Even then, many of the leaders put their faith in Jesus, but they did not tell anyone about it. The Pharisees had already given orders for the people not to have anything to do with anyone who had faith in Jesus (to expel or shun or disfellowship them). (43) And besides, the leaders liked praise from others more than they liked praise from God. (44) In a loud voice Jesus said: Everyone who has faith in me also has faith in the one who sent me. (45) And everyone who has seen me has seen the one who sent me. (46) I am the light that has come into the world. No one who has faith in me will stay in

warned: In order to keep their “sheep” restrained in the darkness of their groups doctrine, and to keep them from hearing this message (Christ’s message), religionists warn members not to forsake the gathering of themselves together, especially in these last days.^{TT} They then assert, of course, having their sects approval (by following their teachings) is the only way to be gathered to Christ. They are right that you should gather with others who express faith in Christ. Because of the many warnings by Jesus and his disciples about false prophets arising from amongst his own followers,^{UU & (QQ)} however, when you gather with people for worship, it

the dark. (47) I am not the one who will judge those who refuse to obey my teachings. I came to save the people of this world, not to be their judge. (48) But everyone who rejects me and my teachings will be judged on the last day by what I have said. (49) I don't speak on my own. I say only what the Father who sent me has told me to say. (50) I know that his commands will bring eternal life. That is why I tell you exactly what the Father has told me.~

John 3:16-21 MKJV For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (17) For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through Him. (18) He who believes on Him is not condemned, but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God. (19) And this is the (basis of) condemnation, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than the Light, because their deeds were evil. (20) For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light, lest his deeds should be exposed. (21) But he who practices truth comes to the Light so that his works may be revealed, that they exist, having been worked in God.

^{TT} **Hebrews 10:25 ESV** not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Not meeting to judge but to encourage by reading the words of our Lord Jesus.)

^{UU} **2 Timothy 3:1-5 GW** You must understand this: In the last days there will be violent periods of time. (2) People will be selfish and love money. They will brag, be arrogant, and use abusive language. They will curse their parents, show no gratitude, have no respect for what is holy, (3) and lack normal affection for their families. They will refuse to make peace with anyone. They will be slanderous, lack self-control, be brutal, and have no love for what is good. (4) They will be traitors. They will be reckless and conceited. They will love pleasure rather than

should be to read the Gospels.^(RR) All you need do is pretend you are among the people who followed and gathered around Jesus 2000 years ago; as you each remain determined to *hear his words!* You must be cautious not to let any man or woman arise to “lead” the group.^(KK & WW) That’s the only way you can be certain you aren’t being deceived. Religious people will naturally say we are deceiving you by warning you about the dangers they pose. They will say we are just bitter at some religious person who wronged us, and that we are unforgiving of the weaknesses in the person or group who caused us harm. You can know that isn’t true, however, because our only encouragement is to read the Gospel accounts of the life and teachings of Christ. Remember always, if you are sincerely seeking God by listening to his son, there is no reason to fear making the wrong choice: Jesus said his sheep know *his* voice and will not follow strangers.^{VV} Religionists tell you Jesus was

God. (5) They will appear to have a godly life, but they will not let its power change them. Stay away from such people.~

Acts 20:29-30 GW I know that fierce wolves will come to you after I leave, and they won't spare the flock. (30) Some of your own men will come forward and say things that distort the truth. They will do this to lure disciples into following them.~

1 Timothy 4:1-3 GW The Spirit says clearly that in later times some believers will desert the Christian faith. They will follow spirits that deceive, and they will believe the teachings of demons. (2) These people will speak lies disguised as truth. Their consciences have been scarred as if branded by a red-hot iron. (3) They will try to stop others from getting married and from eating certain foods. God created food to be received with prayers of thanks by those who believe and know the truth.~

2 Peter 2:1-3 GNB False prophets appeared in the past among the people, and in the same way false teachers will appear among you. They will bring in destructive, untrue doctrines, and will deny the Master who redeemed them, and so they will bring upon themselves sudden destruction. (2) Even so, many will follow their immoral ways; and because of what they do, others will speak evil of the Way of truth. (3) In their greed these false teachers will make a profit out of telling you made-up stories. For a long time now their Judge has been ready, and their Destroyer has been wide awake!

^{VV} John 10:1-11 GNB Jesus said, "I am telling you the truth: the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber [*Christ is the one and only shepard and teacher*]. (2) The man who goes in through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. (3) The gatekeeper opens the gate for him; the sheep hear

always loving and kind, and not like us with our words of warning. While Jesus was certainly loving, he had no patience for those who asserted they were righteous^(D) while they proclaimed what they believed (their religious doctrine) was truth from God.^{ww}

his voice as he calls his own sheep by name, and he leads them out [יהוה is the gatekeeper as he instructed us all to listen to his son]. (4) When he [Christ] has brought them out, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they know his voice. (5) They will not follow someone else [religious teachers]; instead, they will run away from such a person, because they do not know his voice." (6) Jesus told them this parable, but they did not understand what he meant [because they wouldn't abandon religion]. (7) So Jesus said again, "I am telling you the truth: I am the gate for the sheep. (8) All others who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. (9) I am the gate. Those who come in by me will be saved; they will come in and go out and find pasture. (10) The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come in order that you might have life---life in all its fullness. (11) "I am the good shepherd, who is willing to die for the sheep.

^{ww} **Matthew 23:27 ALT** "How horrible it will be to you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you resemble graves having been whitewashed [or, whitewashed graves], which outwardly indeed appear beautiful (claim their teachings represent God), but within are full of bones of dead [people] and of all uncleanness (the lies of men) [or, impurity].~

Matthew 23:33-35 ALT "Serpents! Brood of vipers! How shall you escape from the judgment of hell [Gr., gehenna]? (34) "For this reason, look!, I send to you prophets and wise men and scribes; and [some] of them you will kill and crucify, and [some] of them you will scourge in your synagogues and will pursue from city to city; (35) in order that on you shall come all the righteous blood being poured out on the earth from the blood of Abel the righteous up to the blood of Zacharias, son of Barachias, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. [cp. Gen 4:8-10; 2Chron 24:20-22] (See all of Matthew 23.)~

John 5:44-47 GW How can you believe when you accept each other's praise (and teachings) and don't look for the praise that comes from the only God? (45) "Don't think that I will accuse you in the presence of the Father. Moses, the one you trust, is already accusing you. (46) If you really believed Moses, you would believe me. Moses wrote about

One last thing you should understand about the free gift of God.

יהוה doesn't desire to punish anyone.^{xx} Also, He doesn't need to. Even with knowing about God's loving kindness, you should be very cautious about what you assert Christ taught. Teaching what men have said, while saying it came from Christ Jesus, can make you the enemy of **יהוה**.^{yy} He will finally punish those who teach lies in the name of his son.^{zz} Even so, it remains true He doesn't *want* to kill

me. (47) If you don't believe what Moses wrote, **how will you ever believe what I say?"**

^{xx} **2 Peter 3:8-10 GW** Dear friends, don't ignore this fact: One day with the Lord is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. (9) **The Lord isn't slow to do what he promised, as some people think. Rather, he is patient for your sake.** He doesn't want to destroy anyone but wants all people to have an opportunity to turn to him and change the way they think and act. (10) **The day of the Lord will come like a thief.** On that day heaven will pass away with a roaring sound. Everything that makes up the universe will burn and be destroyed. **The earth and everything that people have done on it will be exposed.**

^{yy} **2 Peter 2:4-9 MKJV** For if God did not spare sinning angels, but thrust *them* down into Tartarus, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, being reserved to judgment. (5) And He did not spare *the* old world, but saved Noah *the* eighth one, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly. (6) And turning the cities *of* Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, He condemned *them* with an overthrow, setting an example to *men* intending to live ungodly. (7) And He delivered righteous Lot, oppressed with the lustful behavior of the lawless. (8) For that righteous one living among them, in seeing and hearing, *his* righteous soul *was* tormented from day to day with *their* unlawful deeds. (9) *The* Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to reserve the unjust for a day of judgment, to be punished,

^{zz} **Psalms 119:116-119 CEV** Be true to your word, LORD. Keep me alive and strong; don't let me be ashamed because of my hope. (117) **Keep me safe and secure, so that I will always respect your laws.** (118) **You reject all deceitful liars because they refuse your teachings.** (119) As far as you are concerned, all evil people are garbage, and so I follow your rules.~

anyone. His desire is for you to gain life.^(xx) If you refuse to accept **יהוה**'s gift, you are not necessarily being punished for rejecting it. When Adam and Eve sinned and were punished with death, they killed the rest of us as well. All of us, born after their sin, were born under their punishment to what could be thought of as diseased and dying parents. They had been judged unworthy of life and were headed to the grave. We were all born on their path to death and without hope; but us without choice. **יהוה**'s righteousness and love would never allow for that. So... Immediately after their sin, God promised the solution for all of us who were yet unborn and had not joined in their sin.^{AAA} Our hope would come in the form of a promised seed of the

Acts 5:1-5 GW A man named Ananias and his wife Sapphira sold some property. (2) They agreed to hold back some of the money they had pledged and turned only part of it over to the apostles. (3) Peter asked, "Ananias, why did you let Satan fill you with the idea that you could deceive the Holy Spirit? You've held back some of the money you received for the land. (4) While you had the land, it was your own. After it was sold, you could have done as you pleased with the money. So how could you do a thing like this? You didn't lie to people but to God!" (5) When Ananias heard Peter say this, he dropped dead. Everyone who heard about his death was terrified.~

Hebrews 10:26-31 GW If we go on sinning after we have learned the truth, no sacrifice can take away our sins. (27) All that is left is a terrifying wait for judgment and a raging fire that will consume God's enemies. (28) If two or three witnesses accused someone of rejecting Moses' Teachings, that person was shown no mercy as he was executed. (29) What do you think a person who shows no respect for the Son of God deserves? That person looks at the blood of the promise (the blood that made him holy) as no different from other people's blood, and he insults the Spirit that God gave us out of his kindness. He deserves a much worse punishment. (30) We know the God who said, "I alone have the right to take revenge. I will pay back." God also said, "The Lord will judge his people." (31) Falling into the hands of the living God is a terrifying [*fearful*] thing.

^{AAA} **Romans 5:14 CEV** Yet death still had power over all who lived from the time of Adam to the time of Moses. This happened, [*even*] though not everyone disobeyed a direct command from God, as Adam did. In some ways Adam is like Christ who came later. (Adam was perfect and the father of us all. He chose bad and brought us all death. Christ is

woman.^(H) That seed then appeared 4000 years later as Christ Jesus. In the same way Lot and his family had to follow God's command to leave the degenerate city of Sodom,^{BBB} we must each leave behind this dying world (with its many religions) that has chosen an existence without integrity or morality.^(N) While they exist on their path to the grave, the self-proclaimed teachers and rulers of this world proclaim lifestyles and activities condemned in God's word are somehow acceptable. They pat each other on the back as they proclaim: "It's all good."^(MMM - 2 Pet 3:3) You can only escape their snares^{CCC} by following

perfect and becomes the father of us all. He chose good and grants us life through our personal faith in what he taught.)

^{BBB} **Genesis 19:4-5 CEV** Before Lot and his guests could go to bed, every man in Sodom, young and old, came and stood outside his house (5) and started shouting, "Where are your visitors? Send them out, so we can have sex with them!"~

Genesis 19:12 CEV The two angels said to Lot, "The LORD [יהוה] has heard many terrible things about the people of Sodom, and he has sent us here to destroy the city. Take your family and leave. Take every relative you have in the city, as well as the men your daughters are going to marry."~

Genesis 19:14 CEV Lot went to the men who were engaged to his daughters and said, "Hurry and get out of here! The LORD [יהוה] is going to destroy this city." But they thought he was joking, and they laughed at him.

^{CCC} **Judges 2:1-3 CEV** The LORD's [יהוה's] angel went from Gilgal to Bochim and gave the Israelites this message from the LORD: I promised your ancestors that I would give this land to their families, and I brought your people here from Egypt. We made an agreement (the ancient Jewish nation agreed to accept and strictly obey the Law Code) that I promised never to break, (2) and you promised not to make any peace treaties with the other nations that live in the land. Besides that, you agreed to tear down the altars where they sacrifice to their idols. But you didn't keep your promise. (3) And so, I'll stop helping you defeat your enemies. Instead, they will be there to trap you into worshiping their idols. (God's modern Christian nation must also remain free and isolated from the religions of this world, especially those pretending to be Christian. He said you can identify them by their works. People either show they are Christians by reading the Gospels together, or they don't.)

Jesus.^{DDD} The one and only way you can be saved is by placing faith in the son יהוה sent to teach us how to survive.^(GG) We take advantage of God's gift by accepting his spirit of life. We accept the spirit of life from יהוה by listening to Christ's words of truth, over and over and over... Familiarity with what Jesus said must take over as the focus of our life. Eternal life granted in the words of Christ is God's free gift and He is watching to provide it to each and every individual who is searching for him.^{EEE} As He finds each one of us, He directs us to the words of his son so we can receive life giving waters. Please understand, then, God doesn't need to punish you. Satan and Adam and Eve, along with our own bad inclinations and actions, already did that. This world is destroying itself and you were born right in the midst of its destruction. Far more than punishing you, God is offering you a way out. All you need do is listen to Christ so you can have faith in the gift of יהוה! Your only praise will then come from the person of יהוה.^{FFF} Isn't that *your* desire?^(SS)

^{DDD} **Matthew 7:13-14 CEV** Go in through the narrow gate. The gate to destruction is wide, and the road that leads there is easy to follow. A lot of people go through that gate. (14) But the gate to life is very narrow. The road that leads there is so hard to follow that only a few people find it. (This counsel precedes Jesus's warning to look out for false prophets.)^(QQ)

^{EEE} **2 Chronicles 16:9 ASV** For the eyes of Jehovah run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect [*complete*] toward him...

^{FFF} **1 Corinthians 4:1-5 MWT** Let a man so appraise us as being subordinates of Christ and stewards of sacred secrets of God (the sacred secret is all the knowledge wrapped up and hidden away in Christ). ² Besides, in this case, what is looked for in stewards is for a man to be found faithful. ³ Now to me it is a very trivial matter that I should be examined by YOU or by a human tribunal. Even I do not examine myself. ⁴ For I am not conscious of anything against myself. Yet by this I am not proved righteous, but he that examines me is יהוה. ⁵ Hence do not judge anything before the due time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring the secret things of darkness to light and make the counsels of the hearts manifest, and then each one will have his praise come to him from יהוה.

It is a wondrous time to be alive! As Jesus went about teaching us to have faith in the promises of God, he quoted often from the Old Testament. Included in our faith, then, should be the promises from the book of Job about the restoration of our youthful health and vitality.^(CC) Jesus knew what it was like in his day, as well as what had happened in the past. From יהוה's promises, he also had an overview of our future. So... Jesus spoke sometimes about a future that has now arrived. He mentioned both the resurrection of the dead, which would become necessary for all those alive during his preaching, and also about some persons living future to that day who would never die at all.^{GGG & (CC)} We are now in or nearing the time Jesus mentioned when a resurrection will no longer be necessary. We simply express faith in the promises of יהוה, promises taught us by his Christ, and we live forever based on our faith in those promises. By our faith, we can gradually be brought to perfection and eternal life, all that because we are favored to be alive to see the authority of the kingdom of God's

^{GGG} **John 8:51-52 GNB** (Jesus said to them,) I am telling you the truth: whoever obeys my teaching will never die." (52) They said to him, "Now we know for sure that you have a demon! Abraham died, and the prophets died, yet you say that whoever obeys your teaching will never die.~

John 11:25-26 GNB Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; (26) and those who live *[or are alive in the last day]* and believe in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (Martha was here talking to Jesus about the resurrection of "the last day")

Christ.^{HHH & III & (CC)} Contemplate what that really means: The teachings of Christ have returned to mankind, or maybe Jesus's teachings

^{HHH} **1 Corinthians 15:20-28 GNB** (20) But the truth is that Christ has been raised from death, as the guarantee that those who sleep in death will also be raised. (21) For just as death came by means of a man, in the same way the rising from death comes by means of a man. (22) For just as all people die because of their union with Adam, in the same way all will be raised to life because of their union with Christ. (23) But each one will be raised in proper order: Christ, first of all; then, at the time of his coming, those who belong to him. (24) Then the end will come; Christ will overcome all spiritual rulers, authorities, and powers, and will hand over the Kingdom to God the Father. (25) For Christ must rule until God defeats all enemies and puts them under his feet. (26) The last enemy to be defeated will be death. (27) For the scripture says, "God put *all* things under his feet." It is clear, of course, that the words "all things" do not include God himself, who puts all things under Christ. (28) But when all things have been placed under Christ's rule, then he himself, the Son, will place himself under God, who placed all things under him; and God will rule completely over all.

^{III} **Isaiah 11:1-12 GNB** The royal line of David [*Christ is a descendant of King David*] is like a tree that has been cut down; but just as new branches sprout from a stump, so a new king will arise from among David's descendants. (2) The spirit of the LORD [יהוה] will give him wisdom and the knowledge and skill to rule his people. He [*David's descendant*] will know the LORD's will and honor him, (3) and find pleasure in obeying him. He will not judge by appearance or hearsay; (4) he will judge the poor fairly and defend the rights of the helpless. At his command the people will be punished, and evil persons will die. (5) He will rule his people with justice and integrity. (6) Wolves and sheep will live together in peace, and leopards will lie down with young goats. Calves and lion cubs will feed together, and little children will take care of them. (7) Cows and bears will eat together, and their calves and cubs will lie down in peace. Lions will eat straw as cattle do. (8) Even a baby will not be harmed if it plays near a poisonous snake. (9) On Zion, God's sacred hill, there will be nothing harmful or evil. The land will be as full of knowledge of the LORD [יהוה] as the seas are full of water. (10) A day is coming when the new king from the royal line of David will be a symbol to the nations. They will gather in his royal city and give him honor. (11) When that day comes, the Lord will once again use his power and bring back home those of his people

[those with faith in Christ] who are left in Assyria and Egypt, in the lands of Pathros, Ethiopia, Elam, Babylonia, and Hamath, and in the coastlands and on the islands of the sea. (12) The Lord will raise a signal flag to show the nations that he is gathering together again the scattered people of Israel and Judah and bringing them back from the four corners of the earth.~

Psalms 37:27-40 GNB Turn away from evil and do good, and your descendants will always live in the land; (28) for the LORD [יהוה] loves what is right and does not abandon his faithful people. He protects them forever, but the descendants of the wicked will be driven out. (29) **The righteous will possess the land and live in it forever.** (30) The words of good people are wise, and they are always fair. (31) They keep the law of their God in their hearts and never depart from it. (32) Wicked people watch good people and try to kill them; (33) but the LORD will not abandon them to their enemy's power or let them be condemned when they are on trial. (34) Put your hope in the LORD and obey his commands; he will honor you by giving you the land, and you will see the wicked driven out. (35) I once knew someone wicked who was a tyrant; he towered over everyone like a cedar of Lebanon; (36) but later I passed by, and he wasn't there; I looked for him, but couldn't find him. (37) Notice good people, observe the righteous; peaceful people have descendants, (38) but sinners are completely destroyed, and their descendants are wiped out. (39) The LORD saves the righteous and protects them in times of trouble. (40) He helps them and rescues them; he saves them from the wicked, because they go to him for protection. (We go to God by listening to Christ.)

actually are, the tree of life^{JJJ} we were separated from by our first parents.^{KKK} Jesus is teaching us to know our heavenly Father in the way our first parents knew him when they were still perfect; when they still had access to the tree of life. Jesus is teaching us how to know and be in a personal relationship with יהוה, like Adam and Eve were when they walked and talked with him in the Garden of Eden.^{LLL}

^{JJJ} **Revelation 2:7 LITV** The *one* who has an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. To the *one* overcoming, I will give to him to eat of the Tree of Life which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.~
Proverbs 11:30 Darby The fruit of the righteous [following Christ] is a tree of life; and the wise winneth souls.~

Revelation 22:1-5 BBE And I saw a river of water of life, clear as glass, coming out of the high seat of God and of the Lamb, ~ [Mat. 5:34-35 CEV ...Heaven is God's throne, the earth is God's footstool.] (2) In the middle of its street. And on this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, having twelve sorts of fruits, giving its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree give life to the nations. (3) And there will be no more curse [upon the earth]: and the high seat of God and of the Lamb will be there; and his servants will be worshipping him; (4) And they will see his face; and his name will be on their brows [יהוה and his goodness will be the center of their thoughts]. (5) And there will be no more night; and they have no need of a light or of the shining of the sun; for the Lord God will give them light: and they [probably God and the Lamb] will be ruling for ever and ever.

^{KKK} **Genesis 3:22-24 GNB** Then the LORD God said, "Now these human beings have become like one of us and have knowledge of [have decided for themselves] what is good and what is bad. They must not be allowed to take fruit from the tree that gives life, eat it, and live forever." (23) So the LORD God sent them out of the Garden of Eden and made them cultivate the soil from which they had been formed. (24) Then at the east side of the garden he put living creatures and a flaming sword which turned in all directions. This was to keep anyone from coming near the tree that gives life.

^{LLL} **Genesis 3:8-10 GW** In the cool [breezy part] of the evening, the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking around in the garden. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees in the garden. (9) The LORD God called to the man and asked him, "Where are you?" (10) He answered, "I heard you in the garden. I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid." (Before they sinned, Adam and Eve visited with

We are now living in the “day of judgment” of ungodly men and women.^{MMM & (YY)} Many will mock and say our simple assurance to

and talked to God in the Garden of Eden. After they sinned by trying to decide for themselves what was good and what was bad, their relationship was destroyed and they felt the need to hide from יהוה.)^{MMM} **2 Peter 3:1-18 CEV** My dear friends... I don't want you to forget (2) what God's prophets said would happen. You must never forget what the holy prophets taught in the past. And you must remember what the apostles told you our Lord and Savior has commanded us to do (as recorded in the Gospels). (3) But first you must realize that in the last days some people won't think about anything except their own selfish desires. They will make fun of you (4) and say, "Didn't your Lord promise to come back? Yet the first leaders [among Christ's followers] have already died, and the world hasn't changed a bit." (5) They will say this because they want to forget that long ago the heavens and the earth were made at God's command. The earth came out of water and was made from water. (6) Later it was destroyed by the waters of a mighty flood. (7) But God has commanded the present heavens and earth to remain until the day of judgment. Then they will be set on fire, and ungodly people will be destroyed. (8) Dear friends, don't forget that for the Lord one day is the same as a thousand years, and a thousand years is the same as one day. (9) The Lord isn't slow about keeping his promises, as some people think he is. In fact, God is patient, because he wants everyone to turn from sin and no one to be lost. (10) The day of the Lord's return will surprise us like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a loud noise, and the heat will melt the whole universe [all that pious men have looked up to and believed in as salvation will be destroyed]. Then the earth and everything on it will be seen for what they are. (11) Everything [falsely worshiped by the people of this world] will be destroyed. So you should serve and honor God by the way you live. (12) You should look forward to the day when God judges everyone, and you should try to make it come soon [helping direct people to Christ can speed us to the paradise]. On that day the heavens will be destroyed by fire, and everything else will melt in the heat. (13) But God has promised us a new heaven and a new earth, where justice will rule. [Just like the new world of Noah's day.] We are really looking forward to that! (14) My friends, while you are waiting, you should make certain that the Lord finds you pure, spotless, and living at peace [keeping separate from religion]. (15) Don't forget that the Lord is patient because he wants people to be saved. This is also what our dear friend Paul said when he wrote you

learn from and follow Christ is foolishness,^(MMM verses 3 & 4) even while every faction of this old world system is failing and crashing down around them.^(ZZZ) Mankind has sunk so low, terrorists imagine killing and maiming those they disapprove of is the work of God. No better, those who defy civil law^{NNN} and are willing to demonstrate and burn

with the wisdom that God had given him. (16) Paul talks about these same things in all his letters, but part of what he says is hard to understand. Some ignorant and unsteady people even destroy themselves by twisting what he said. They do the same thing with other Scriptures too. (17) My dear friends, you have been warned ahead of time! So don't let the errors of evil people lead you down the wrong path and make you lose your balance. (18) Let the wonderful kindness and the understanding that come from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ help you to keep on growing. Praise Jesus now and forever! Amen.

^{NNN} Romans 13:1-4 GNB Everyone must obey state [or governmental] authorities, because no authority exists without God's permission, and the existing authorities have been put there by God. (2) Whoever opposes the existing authority opposes what God has ordered; and anyone who does so will bring judgment on himself. (3) For rulers are not to be feared by those who do good, but by those who do evil. Would you like to be unafraid of those in authority? Then do what is good, and they will praise you, (4) because they are God's servants working for your own good. But if you do evil, then be afraid of them, because their power to punish is real. They are God's servants and carry out God's punishment on those who do evil. ~

Some people will believe or even assert they are righteous to defy civil law, because of what the Apostle Peter said: Acts 5:27-29 LITV And bringing them, they stood in the sanhedrin. And the high priest asked them, (28) saying, Did we not command you by a command *that* you not teach in this name? And, behold, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine and intend to bring on us the blood of this man (Jesus). (29) But answering Peter and the apostles said, It is right to obey God rather than man. ~ Please note Peter was talking with the religious leaders, not the governmental superior authorities. As Peter brought out, you must never obey the commands of religious false prophets. Secular governments will seldom tell people to abandon the true teachings of Christ because real faith in Christ only makes them good citizens. If even a government should tell you to renounce Christ,

down their own cities to get what they want are often supported by the popularity seeking media so as *to be able to imagine* they are not just more terrorists, or even that they are righteous. Society is no longer functioning. Rebellious (often religious) people are destroying our humanity with their own hands. (The tsunami early warning system in Indonesia was disabled by looting. People go into stores and just open and consume food items in the store, or pick items up and walk out with them. Selfishness and lack of integrity is destroying the fabric of human society.) As individuals without character take their places among the one great mob of mankind, while they all move forward to unknowingly destroy their own social order, each person is absolutely and stubbornly righteous from their own point of view. Problem is, none of them is listening to Christ as the one and only light that can set them free.^(TTT) They are only righteous in their own eyes.^{OOO} That actually makes them stupid people! We can understand being a scripturally stupid person has nothing to do with mental deficiency, but has everything to do with morality, because God said he will destroy stupid people.^{PPP} In the presence of a stupid person, you

however, you should not obey. When possible, Christians are to be in submission to their own nation as brought out above in Romans 13.
^{OOO} **Proverbs 3:7 GNB** Never let yourself think that you are wiser than you are (be self-righteous); simply obey the LORD [יהוה] and refuse to do wrong.

^{PPP} **Proverbs 1:22-27 CEV** "How much longer will you enjoy being stupid fools? Won't you ever stop sneering and laughing at knowledge? (23) Listen as I correct you and tell you what I think. (24) You completely ignored me and refused to listen; (25) you rejected my advice and paid no attention when I warned you. (26) "So when you are struck by some terrible disaster, (27) or when trouble and distress surround you like a whirlwind, I will laugh and make fun.~

Proverbs 1:32-33 CEV Sin and self-satisfaction bring destruction and death to stupid fools. (33) But if you listen to me, you will be safe and secure without fear of disaster."~

Proverbs 3:29-35 GNB Don't plan anything that will hurt your neighbors; they live beside you, trusting you. (30) Don't argue with others for no reason when they have never done you any harm. (31)

can quickly see they have no moral fiber. As the Bible puts it: The truth is not in them.^(N) A sad fact is, most stupid people believe they are geniuses, and, if given power, are always ready and even anxious to rule with an iron fist. Adolf Hitler was a stupid person. Like him, stupid rulers always kill or get rid of wise counselors so they can surround themselves with other stupid people; people who will protect them by unquestioningly supporting their stupid ideas. Most are also religious, like Hitler, who imagined he was setting up the thousand year reign of Christ. Being religious is how they try to justify the harm they do. The churches don't help direct people out of such foolishness to Christ, but usually take sides. The German Catholic Church, for example, supported Hitler and thereby fanned the flames of his murderous insanity. The Dark Ages provide another historical example of church wickedness, as it was likely the most pitiful time in mankind's history.^(I) For some thousand years, running from about 300 or 400 AD to about 1300 or 1400, mankind was in spiritual darkness. During that period, the world church kept the Bible hidden from mankind in the dead language of Latin. Their goal: Only the churches trained clerics could

Don't be jealous of violent people or decide to act as they do, (32) because the LORD hates people who do evil, but he takes righteous people into his confidence. (33) The LORD puts a curse on the homes of the wicked, but blesses the homes of the righteous. (34) He has no use for conceited people, but shows favor to those who are humble. (35) Wise people will gain an honorable reputation, but stupid people will only add to their own disgrace.~

Proverbs 13:20 GNB Keep company with the wise and you will become wise. If you make friends with stupid people, you will be ruined.~

Ezekiel 33:14-19 GNB I may warn someone evil that he is going to die, but if he stops sinning and does what is right and good--- (15) for example, if he returns the security he took for a loan or gives back what he stole---if he stops sinning and follows the laws that give life [*the teachings of Christ*], he will not die, but live. (16) I will forgive the sins he has committed, and he will live because he has done what is right and good. (17) "And your people say that what I do isn't right! No, it's their way that isn't right. (18) When someone righteous stops doing good and starts doing evil, he will die for it. (19) When someone evil quits sinning and does what is right and good, he has saved his life.

read God's word. The church then told everyone what to do, to the great harm of all of humanity. Still yet today, we witness the throng of child abusing homosexuals they have spawned as priests and apparently as nuns.^(VVV) Stupid government leaders of the Dark Ages made laws and led people using the churches' imagined and self-proclaimed wisdom as their guide. Common people lived vicariously through Kings or Lords they championed, and then had to struggle under the yoke of that person's ignorance. Many of those leaders killed and harmed their own friends, and even family members, for what they considered to be political gain. Integrity was lost to mankind, hence the phrase, "The Dark Ages." The church promoted the problems and confusion by labeling people witches (or other names) as they burned and in other ways killed tens or even hundreds of thousands of people, often for the crime of speaking the truth of Christ against the Church. The ancient church's modern group members still work to cover up and hide their dark past. How do you imagine God feels about them? Righteous people, some of whom gave their lives to do so, broke humanity from the dark ages by exposing mankind to the Bible as they translating it from Latin into the common language of English.^(I) The words of Christ then set people free^(TTT) of ignorantly following stupid people; by means of the Bible's true knowledge and wisdom.^(RR) God's word grants people who read it the good sense to recognize liars and schemers for the morally bankrupt people they are; by recognizing their fruitage.^(QQ) We have entered a sort of new version of Dark Ages, because humanity has largely abandoned the wisdom of the Bible as foolishness. The Bible is being hidden in plain sight, in large part, by the soulless deeds of fake Christianity and the lack of hope their badness causes in people. (God is watching and they will all be punished.)^(XX) Watching the news is a sad and terrible horror story. The danger to each one of us is we are all being drawn to become part of this world. If you believe that is not happening to you, it can mean only one of two things: You are either a follower of Christ by intimately knowing and listening to his voice,^(VV) or, you have fallen in with those religious people who imagine their

own path to God while they are actually being self-righteously lost in this world's religious stupidity. Do you believe, for example, the leader of your nation is a bad person and you need to openly expose them? Or, do you believe those who attack your national leader are bad and you must stop them? Either way, you should examine if your allegiance to what you consider a righteous cause or movement among men is actually making you a part of this world. That's just one single divisive issue, and our lives are full of them. Far better for you to direct people to Christ^(RR) for knowledge on how to get along with people, than to take sides among them. Remember too, the time period in which we live. As in the days of Noah, God has said He would speed up the destruction of this old system^{QQQ & (SSS)} to protect the righteous from being killed by the wicked. Who is there knowing whether allowing the stupid (wicked) to gain rulership isn't God's way of speeding those who choose to follow them to their own destruction. As they fight and fuss with each other, and turn on even their own friends, they are also bringing about their own destruction. As for your own course, look to the one and only salvation יהוה has

^{QQQ} **Isaiah 60:18 & 21-22 ESV** Violence shall no more be heard in your land, devastation or destruction within your borders; you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise... (21) Your people shall all be righteous; they shall possess the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I might be glorified. (22) The least one shall become a clan, and the smallest one a mighty nation; I am the LORD [יהוה]; in its time I will [*speed it up*] hasten it.~
Habakkuk 2:1-4 BBE I will take my position and be on watch, placing myself on my tower, looking out to see what he will say to me, and what answer he will give to my protest. (2) And the Lord gave me an answer, and said, Put the vision in writing and make it clear on stones, so that the reader may go quickly. (3) For the vision is still for the fixed time, and it is moving quickly to the end, and it will not be false: even if it is slow in coming, go on waiting for it; because it will certainly come, it will not be kept back.^(SSS) (4) As for the man of pride, my soul has no pleasure in him; but the upright man will have life through his good faith.

provided you: Recognize Christ as God’s appointed King!^{RRR} Allegiance to Christ through obedience to his teachings is the only thing that can lead you to freedom^(TTT) and salvation of life. Telling other people to listen to Christ, by a reading of the Gospels, is the only truly righteous cause. Religion, existing in opposition to Christianity mind you, isn’t helping people understand why conditions are so bad.^{SSS} Just like the example of the religious man and his congregation,^(see page 26) religion always fosters judgment and hate. Religious hate ranges from feeling justified in killing non-members of their group, to judging those who don’t agree with them to be lost to God and perishing, or that they will be tormented. Even though each group claims they are showing love, and their judgments are only to “warn” and “help” people, they speak

^{RRR} **Psalms 110:1-7 ESV** A Psalm of David. The LORD [יהוה] says to my Lord [Christ]: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." (2) The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies [happening now]! (3) Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours [those gathered by Christ’s teachings]. (4) The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." (5) The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath. (6) He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth [those who reject Christ will finally be executed]. (7) He will drink [where he chooses] from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head [Jesus will remain our king forever, as he and we all drink from the streams of waters of life our Father provided us in creating our earthly home].^(HHH)

^{SSS} **Matthew 24:3 & 21-22 GNB** As Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him in private. "Tell us when all this will be," they asked, "and what will happen to show that it is the time for your coming and the end of the age..." (Jesus answered) 21 For the trouble [great tribulation] at that time will be far more terrible than any there has ever been, from the beginning of the world to this very day. Nor will there ever be anything like it again. **Matthew 24:22 ALT** "And if those days were not cut short, no flesh would be saved; but because of the chosen ones [the ones being chosen], those days will be cut short (or, the end will be speeded up).^(QQQ)

lies. You can surely see it is religious hate that causes people to dress and act, and even to name themselves, in ‘special’ ways that isolate and draw attention to their sect. They will persist in their “special identifying” activities and attire and lifestyles, even when they know and understand their activity causes terror in other people. They don’t care about terrifying other people. They are, every one of them, being convinced their activity and even judgment against other people is a part of the worship of God. What it actually is, however, is either ignorant or it is unloving and stupid! If they are ignorant, יהוה knows and is directing them to listen to Christ. Surely everyone can understand, however, every single unloving and stupid person, every person determined to remain unrepentant, must be destroyed before peace can exist. Like Jonah (read that short Bible book) did for Nineveh, Christ is giving each of us the chance to change. Every religious group probably has righteous individuals in their midst (people like the Samaritan woman at the well.^(W & Z) If you are one of those righteous people, this is for you.) Most of mankind, however, seems unable to grasp their need to abandon religion and build faith in the words of our Lord Jesus Christ! The only way any of us can be set free^{TTT} of being influenced by religious and political lies, is by feeding on the remains of Christ!^(HH) Read and reread the Gospels. As was the case when Noah or Lot lived, this message may not be for the majority of humankind. As for you, however, you personally must stop being led about by the religious and political leaders, or the media of this world. All or most of them have traded moral fiber for trying to be liked as they promote only “popular” causes. We might call them “popularists.” They don’t care in the least what is right as defined by God’s word, but only whether *most people* approve of their self-serving efforts.^{UUU} Please don’t be deceived by their false cries that

^{TTT} [John 8:31-32 GNB](#) So Jesus said to those who believed in him, "If you obey my teaching, you are really my disciples; (32) you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

^{UUU} [John 12:42-43 ESV](#) Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so

“love covers all.” Even if every person on the face of this earth tells you activities and lifestyles that are condemned in God’s word^{VVV} are

that they would not be put out of the synagogue; (43) for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.~

John 5:43-44 BBE I have come in my Father's name [יהוה], and your hearts are not open to me. If another comes with no other authority but himself, you will give him your approval. (44) How is it possible for you to have faith while you take honour [and praise] one from another and have no desire for the honour which comes from the only God?~

Romans 10:3-4 GNB They have not known the way in which God puts people right with himself, and instead, they have tried to set up their own way; and so they did not submit themselves to God's way of putting people right. (4) For Christ has brought the Law to an end, so that everyone who believes (in the teachings of Christ) is put right with God.~

Romans 10:4 GW Christ is the fulfillment of Moses' Teachings so that everyone who has faith may receive God's approval.~

Galatians 3:26-29 GW You are all God's children by believing in Christ Jesus. (27) Clearly, all of you who were baptized in Christ's name [by openly expressing faith in him] have clothed yourselves with Christ. (28) There are neither Jews nor Greeks, slaves nor free people, males nor females. You are all the same in Christ Jesus. (29) If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants and heirs, as God promised.

^{VVV} **1 Corinthians 6:9-11 CEV** (9) Don't you know that evil people won't have a share in the blessings of God's kingdom? Don't fool yourselves! No one who is immoral or worships idols or is unfaithful in marriage or is a pervert or behaves like a homosexual (10) will share in God's kingdom. Neither will any thief or greedy person or drunkard or anyone who curses and cheats others. (11) Some of you used to be like that. But now the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and the power of God's Spirit have washed you and made you holy and acceptable to God. (People who teach condemned activities and lifestyles are acceptable to God when done in love are liars. They will all be destroyed:~)

Revelation 21:6-8 GNB And he said, "It is done! I am the first and the last, the beginning and the end. To anyone who is thirsty I will give the right to drink from the spring of the water of life without paying for it. (7) Those who win the victory will receive this from me: I will be their

OK, especially if you do it with love, they are deceiving you. If they can convince you bad is good, their lie will destroy you as well as them. When a black comedian spoke out to express his desire to keep his children safe from homosexuality,^(VVV) special interests and populist media crucified him in the news. Populist media reports such stories while pretending most of humanity are in support, even when it isn't true. The majority of the crowd in attendance liked the comedian's humor. Special interests glamorize and fan the flames under such stories to promote their own goals and desires. We are all being tested by being immersed in this lying and hateful world environment.^{WWW} The simple clear teachings by Jesus are the only light that can set you free of the trap most of mankind is caught in.^{XXX} It is not unloving for you to realize God has judged a lifestyle wicked.

God, and they will be my children. (8) But cowards, traitors, perverts, murderers, the immoral, those who practice magic, those who worship idols, and all liars---the place for them is the lake burning with fire and sulfur, which is the second death." (We are all born dying the first death, which we inherited from Adam and Eve. Jesus bought back our life from that first death. Those who refuse the gift of God, by refusing to listen to Christ, bring the second and eternal death upon themselves.)

^{WWW} **Jeremiah 9:3-9 CEV** The LORD replied: Lies come from the mouths of my people, like arrows from a bow. With each dishonest deed their power increases, and not one of them will admit that I am God. (4) Jeremiah, all your friends and relatives tell lies about you, so don't trust them. (5) They wear themselves out, always looking for a new way to cheat their friends. (6) Everyone takes advantage of everyone else, and no one will admit that I am God. (7) And so I will purify the hearts of my people just as gold is purified in a furnace. I have no other choice. (8) They say they want peace, but this lie is deadly, like an arrow that strikes when you least expect it. (9) Give me one good reason not to punish them as they deserve. I, the LORD All-Powerful, have spoken.

^{XXX} **Proverbs 22:3-5 GNB** Sensible people will see trouble coming and avoid it, but an unthinking person will walk right into it and regret it later. (4) Obey the LORD, be humble, and you will get riches, honor, and a long life. (5) If you love your life, stay away from the traps [*religious teachings*] that catch the wicked [*who reject Christ*] along the way.

Recognizing badness does not mean you feel hate for people who practice it. All any of us can have, after all, is our faith in God's word as truth. Just as sincere Christians are each one trying to leave behind what God condemns, we can hope others are doing likewise. Speak the truth you learn from יהוה from his son.^{YYY} None of us are judges, but the wise among us are followers of Christ. While only a few people followed Noah and Lot to life and salvation, it does seem reasonable to hope it will be more like the example of the ancient city of Nineveh. They worshiped Ishtar, the Goddess of war, and so were a city of violence and bloodshed. Please consider the Book of Jonah to see how every single member (more than 120,000 men) of that city repented and was spared by יהוה. The Bible example of Jonah gives hope there may be a great many saved during these final days. Remember, however, it is each individual's choice to make! Whatever choice the majority of this world makes, Jesus's teachings should become very familiar to you. The words of Christ must fill you up to become who you are for one simple reason: יהוה sent Jesus to teach you what you need to know to be saved.^{ZZZ & (GGG)} That is very good!

^{YYY} Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 BBE (13) This is the last word. All has been said. Have fear of God and keep his laws; because this is right for every man [*or, this is the whole obligation of man*]. (14) God will be judge of every work, with every secret thing, good or evil.

^{ZZZ} Psalms 91:1-16 GW Whoever lives under the shelter of the Most High will remain in the shadow of the Almighty. (2) I will say to the LORD [יהוה], "You are my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust." (3) He is the one who will rescue you from hunters' traps and from deadly plagues. (4) He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge. His truth [*the words of his Christ*] is your shield and armor. (5) You do not need to fear terrors of the night, arrows that fly during the day, (6) plagues that roam the dark, epidemics that strike at noon. (7) They will not come near you, even though a thousand may fall dead beside you or ten thousand at your right side. (8) You only have to look with your eyes to see the punishment of wicked people. (9) You, O LORD (probably speaking of Christ now, and by extension, those who follow Christ), are my refuge!

The examples of Lot and Noah illustrate why I tend to believe few people will be saved through these last days. There is, however, the example of Jonah which illustrates how many of even most people may be saved. So... I simply don't know which. Since יהוה left the choice of life to each one of us as individuals, whether there will be many saved or few may be undetermined until we have made the choice. My lack of clarity about the number being saved illustrates the danger of listening to imperfect humans. I believe in what I am convinced Christ taught. All I can teach, however, is what I have learned to date. I'm still reading the Gospels and the Bible, so what I believe tomorrow will be based on more knowledge. Hard as I try, I simply don't know what you need beyond directing you to Christ. Don't listen to foolish religious people who quote a scripture, often out of context, and then tell you how things will be. יהוה taught his son so Jesus knows exactly what you need to know.^(UUU) The Bible is one wonderful story from beginning to end. It is complex nearly beyond human comprehension, and has played out over 6000 years of time. That all provides sound basis for believing it has to be the work of God. Humans do not have the ability even to think it all up, or most certainly, the power to cause it to become. Jesus was sent to explain the truth and even to make it simple.^(S) Listen to him. Read the Gospels!

Why, then, this booklet, and why should you want to listen and take it to heart? The answer is simple: Happiness!^{AAAA} Many will

You have made the Most High [יהוה] your home. (10) No harm will come to you. No sickness will come near your house. (11) He will put his angels in charge of you to protect you in all your ways. (12) They will carry you in their hands so that you never hit your foot against a rock. (13) You will step on lions and cobras. You will trample young lions and snakes. (14) Because you love me, I will rescue you. I will protect you because you know my name. (15) When you call to me, I will answer you. I will be with you when you are in trouble. I will save you and honor you. (16) I will satisfy you with a long life. I will show you how I will save you [*if you are listening to Christ so as to hear*].

^{AAAA} James 1:25 ALT But the one having looked into [*the*] perfect law, the [*law*] of liberty, and having continued [*in it*], this one—not having

recoil at Christ's message, at least initially: Those who are still trying to justify a lifestyle condemned by God's word,^(VVV) and those who have been misled to follow the doctrine of some religious sect of men,^(QQ) will all chaff at the idea of listening to Christ. Religious leaders don't want you to listen to Christ and be free.^(SS) They want to control you. All true lovers of יהוה, however, will take the words of Christ to heart. Those are the people I am looking for and want to know. After 72 years of life, suffering the ravages common to old age, it is only my listening to the words of Christ, as I imagine myself among the group at his feet 2000 years ago, that gives me a hope that is real. That, in turn, makes me happy. Not to be overlooked as a personal reason for listening to Christ: I want to live!^(CC) I want to live forever!^(HHH) We are the first generation in mankind's long history that can have the happy hope of living forever without first having to die and be resurrected.^(GGG) Accept יהוה's free gift: Become intimately familiar with the teachings of his son. Welcome back the tree of life in the knowledge brought by Christ!

Jesus chided the Jewish religious leaders for searching the scriptures seeking everlasting life.^{BBBB} Why is our repeating encouragement for you to read the Gospels different? Because Jesus didn't chastise them

become a forgetful hearer but a doer of work—this one will be happy in his doing. (Happiness equates with being blessed by God.)~

James 1:25 CEV But you must never stop looking at the perfect law that sets you free. God will bless you in everything you do, if you listen and obey, and don't just hear and forget.

^{BBBB} **John 5:39-46 GW** You study the Scriptures in detail because you think you have the source of eternal life in them. These Scriptures testify on my behalf. (40) Yet, you don't want to come to me to get eternal life. (41) "I don't accept praise from humans. (42) But I know what kind of people you are. You don't have any love for God. (43) I have come with the authority my Father has given me, but you don't accept me. If someone else comes with his own authority, you will accept him. (44) How can you believe when you accept each other's praise and don't look for the praise that comes from the only God? (45) "Don't think that I will accuse you in the presence of the Father. Moses, the one you trust, is already accusing you. (46) If you really believed Moses, you would believe me. Moses wrote about me.

for their claimed attention to, or asserted faith in, the scriptures. He chastised them for being hypocrites. The Old Testament record they claimed faith in served as a tutor leading to Christ.^{CCCC} They should have recognized Christ from their knowledge of the Bible. Now that we have the teachings of Christ (the words he was speaking to them) recorded in the Gospels for us, we no longer need to rely on the tutor leading *to* Christ. *We have Christ!* The Jews had every reason to actually listen to and built faith in what Christ said. Today, the only way we can do that is by reading his words from the Gospels. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John record his teachings as organized for us by four different writers. Recognize that to be יהוה's perfect arrangement for you to gain everlasting life!^(L)

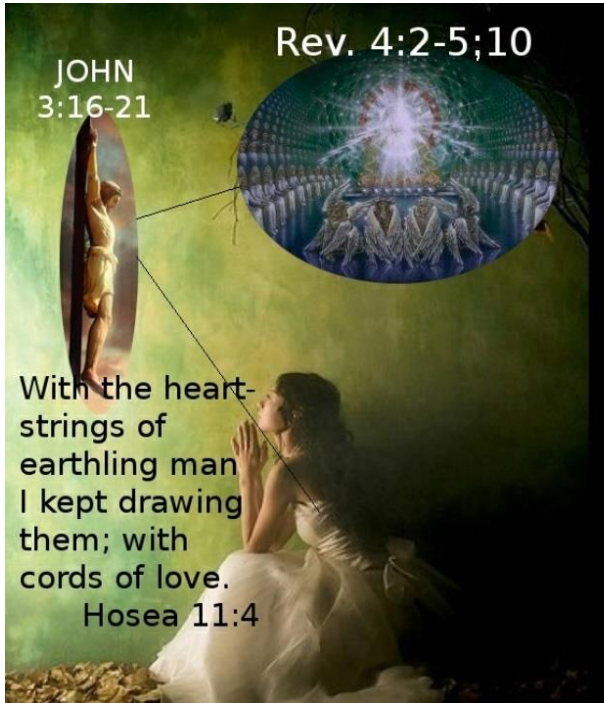
P.S. Lest we be caught starting yet another religious faction, please know and understand: We are not saying everyone must use the Hebrew pronunciation of God's name. I personally will use it, and I have faith I will answer for my choice. You must come to know Christ Jesus personally, as you make such personal decisions for yourself based in that knowledge of what God's son taught! Read the Gospels.

^{CCCC} Galatians 3:24-25 ALT Therefore, the Law has become our tutor [to lead us] to Christ, so that by faith we should be justified [or, declared righteous]. (25) But since faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. (See also UUU)

The following translations may have been quoted in this document:

ALT – 1999 Analytical Literal Translation (Gary F. Zeolla)
ASV - 1897 American Standard Version (American Revision Committee)
BBE - 1949, 1964 Bible in Basic English (Cambridge Press)
Bishops - 1568
Calvin – 1856 (Calvin Translation Society)
Coverdale – 1535 James Coverdale
CEV – 1995 Contemporary English Version (American Bible Society)
Darby - 1884, 1889 Darby Bible (John Nelson Darby)
DRB - 1899 Douay-Rheims Bible
ESV – 2001 English Standard Version (Crossway Bibles)
Geneva – 1587 (Christopher Barker, printer to the “Qveenes Maiestie”)
GNB – 1992 Good News Bible (American Bible Society)
GW – 1995 God’s Word Bible (GOD’S WORD to the Nations Bible Society)
IHOT+ - Interlinear Hebrew Old Testament with Strong’s numbers
ISV – 1996 International Standard Version (The ISV Foundation)
KJV - King James Version (1611)
LITV - Literal Translation of the Holy Bible (1976-2000 by J. P. Green)
MKJV - Modern King James Version (1962-1998 by J. P. Green Sr.)
Murdock – James Murdock (1851)
MWT - Modern World Translation (JustBibleTruth.com)
NWT – New World Translation (Watchtower Bible and Tract Society)
RV – 1769 Revised Version (King James Revised Version)
Webster - 1833 Webster Bible (Noah Webster)
WTNT – 1525 William Tyndale New Testament (William Tyndale)
Wycliffe – 1394 Wycliffe (Purvey Revision)
YLT – 1862 Young's Literal Translation (J.N. Young)

Something I just noticed: In the back page artwork, it depicts Jesus hanging from a stake. Some religious people will take offense that the picture doesn’t show Jesus hanging on a cross rather than a stake. In the different English translations of the Bible, some say stake, others say cross, while some just say Jesus was hanged on a tree. Apparently, the original language text did not make a clear distinction. Arguing about such things is one of the effects religion has on people. It is just one way religion misdirects sincere individuals. It would be like friends of the parent of a dead child arguing about whether the child was shot with a pistol or a rifle. The point being made by this document, and by the Bible we believe, is that Christ died for the sins of us all, and, we need to take advantage of his sacrifice. Don’t get trapped being misled by those who want to fuss and fight about things that have no real meaning or impact on your faith in Christ as the sacrificial son of God!



If you are a person who is sincerely looking for God, that means **יהוה** is drawing you to the teachings of his son.^(P) Christ is God's one and only latter day arrangement for speaking with mankind.^(L) You should give consideration to how very important learning what Jesus taught is. It means your very life!

Read the Gospels.

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