

He also prophesied concerning him, “*To us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*” (Isaiah 9:6)

When Jesus first appeared to the prophet John the Baptist, John said, “*Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.*” Christians believe that Jesus was far more than just a prophet. We believe that he was The Anointed One chosen by Jehovah and described by the Old Testament prophets as the One who would die as our substitute. Christians believe that there is only One GOD! But as mysterious as it may seem, this One God miraculously came to earth to do something we could never do, make a WAY for us to be made right with Him.

In the past Jehovah spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of Jehovah's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. (Hebrews 1:1-3 NT)

The Good News that Christians believe:

God He sent His own Son (Jesus) into the world to take your punishment for you! Two-thousand years ago, Jesus was whipped, beaten and then hung on a cross (or tree if you insist) to die even though He had never sinned. While He willingly hung there, He took your sins upon Himself and bore the wrath of Jehovah as your substitute. This voluntary sacrifice He made for you satisfied the righteous demands of Jehovah. Now, if you place your trust in Jesus as your only way to Jehovah, you will receive forgiveness of sins once and for all. . “*Of Him (Jesus) all the prophets bear witness that through His name, everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins*” (Acts 10:43 NT).”

Jesus was not defeated. Through his death, he gained victory for Jehovah!

Within three days after He died, Jesus rose from the dead (not just His Spirit, but His body too). During the next forty days, He was seen by over five hundred people before Jehovah raised Him up to sit at His right hand as Lord and Judge over all. Before He left, Jesus promised He would come back to raise all the dead (bodily) and judge all people. He will re-create the heavens and the earth where His people will live with Him forever in bliss, and all who do not know Him will be cast into hell forever. If you believe these things, you must (and will) surrender the control of your life to Him and be joined together with Him as your loving King. This is an all or nothing proposition.

You must let go of your life completely and let Him have complete control. This will require you to trust that Jehovah is good and that He knows what is best for you. This is part of what it means to believe in Him. There is no short cut as Jesus said, “*Whoever tries to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it*” (Luke 17:33 NT) If you don't come to Jehovah through Jesus this way, you simply cannot come. I urge you today to begin following Jesus. You will not be disappointed.

Jehovah's loving invitation to you:

If you believe you are a sinner condemned by Jehovah and unable to save yourself, then Jehovah invites you to receive His gift of eternal life through Jesus His Son. “*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*” (Matthew 11:28-30 NT). To receive Jesus, you must stop relying on your own righteousness and begin following Jesus today. ***If you wish to follow Jesus, you can prove your allegiance to him by being baptized.*** Because of Jesus, you can begin enjoying a personal relationship with Jehovah, your creator. Your life will be changed forever! “*To all who received Jesus, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of Jehovah*” (John 1:12 NT).” In response to Jehovah's free offer of forgiveness in Christ, I urge you to surrender yourself to Him today!

If you persist in thinking you are righteous enough to gain Jehovah's acceptance and reject the viewpoint of Jehovah about you, then heed His warning: “*no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of Jehovah. Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?*” (Hebrews 10:26-29 NT).”

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Does your knowledge of Jehovah line up with the Bible?

Most people are unfamiliar with the following passages from the Bible. If you consider yourself an honest student of the Bible, try reading these passages to determine how they fit with your understanding of Jehovah.

²²*Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them, and he stepped down after making the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings.* ²³*Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting. When they came out and blessed the people, the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people.* ²⁴*Then fire came out from before Jehovah and consumed the burnt offering and the portions of fat on the altar; and when all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.*

¹*Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took their respective firepans, and after putting fire in them, placed incense on it and offered strange fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them.* ²*And fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD.* ³*Then Moses said to Aaron, “It is what the LORD spoke, saying,*

‘By those who come near Me I will be treated as holy, and before all the people I will be honored.’” (Leviticus 9:22-10:3)

⁵*So David assembled all Israel together, from the Shihor of Egypt even to the entrance of Hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kiriath-jearim.* ⁶*David and all Israel went up to Baalah, that is, to Kiriath-jearim, which belongs to Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, the LORD who is enthroned above the cherubim, where His name is called.* ⁷*They carried the ark of God on a new cart from the house of Abinadab, and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart.* ⁸*David and all Israel were celebrating before God with all their might, even with songs and with lyres, harps, tambourines, cymbals and with trumpets.*

⁹When they came to the threshing floor of Chidon, Uzza put out his hand to hold the ark, because the oxen nearly upset it. ¹⁰The anger of Jehovah burned against Uzza, so He struck him down because he put out his hand to the ark; and he died there before God. ¹¹Then David became angry because of the LORD'S outburst against Uzza; and he called that place ^oPerez-uzza to this day. ¹²David was afraid of God that day, saying, "How can I bring the ark of God home to me?" ¹³So David did not take the ark with him to the city of David, but took it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. ¹⁴Thus the ark of God remained with the family of Obed-edom in his house three months; and the LORD blessed the family of Obed-edom with all that he had. (I Chronicles 13:5-14)

A jealous and avenging God is JEHOVAH;

JEHOVAH is avenging and wrathful.

JEHOVAH takes vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves wrath for His enemies.

³ JEHOVAH is slow to anger and great in power, And JEHOVAH will by no means leave the guilty unpunished...

Mountains quake because of Him

And the hills dissolve;

Indeed the earth is upheaved by His presence, The world and all the inhabitants in it.

⁶ Who can stand before His indignation?

Who can endure the burning of His anger?

His wrath is poured out like fire

(Nahum 1:1-3, 5-6)

This phrase, "Jehovah will not let the guilty go unpunished," is repeated several times in the Bible. Since you have broken Jehovah's commandments, you stand guilty before Him.

Most people think that God is a God of mercy. While Jehovah is a God of mercy, most people fail to fully realize that Jehovah is also the God of perfect righteousness. ("JEHOVAH is upright; he is my Rock, and **there is no unrighteousness in him...**Psalm 92:15") This makes it impossible for sinful beings to dwell in His presence. (**Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong...**Habakkuk 1:13") He cannot judge

according to human standards, He cannot accept plea bargains. (For JEHOVAH your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, **the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes...**Deuteronomy 10:17).

What does the Bible teach about all people?

According to the Bible, Jehovah deserves and commands that we love Him with all our heart, with all our soul and with all our mind, ALL OF THE TIME, CONTINUALLY and PERFECTLY. When we fail to obey Him even in the smallest sin, we betray Him. We rob Him of the love/obedience He deserves and commands. If a man looks at a woman (not his wife) with desire in his heart just one time in his life, he has failed to love/obey God with all his heart. He has committed tyranny against the Almighty!

Is it unreasonable for Jehovah to command and deserve perfect obedience from a heart of love every second of our life? The Bible teaches that Jehovah created us and provided everything we need to exist all the days of our lives. He gives us each breath we take. We assume that food, water and shelter are things we provide for ourselves. While this may be true in some respect, Jehovah insists that He is ultimately the one who is providing the opportunity for us to get what we need to live. (Then Jehovah said, "**I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground--everything that has the breath of life in it--I give every green plant for food.** (Genesis 1:29&30)". We take for granted the air we breathe but the Bible says that it is a gift from God. This is what JEHOVAH says--He who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, **who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it** (Isaiah 42:5). Since Jehovah created us and is the one who keeps us alive, and because He is God, He has the right to expect us to love Him with all of our being, perfectly, all of the time! The Bible teaches that if we fail to do so, we are wicked in God's sight no matter how we appear in comparison to other people.

The Bible says that there is not a single person that is righteous in His sight. It says that no matter how religious a person might seem, they really do not seek Him. It teaches that all of us have turned away from Him rather than moving toward Him (see Psalm 14:1-3) and that our heart has a tendency towards violence and cursing (Psalm 10:7). It says that by nature, we do not know peace and that we have not feared Him as the righteous judge who has given us life and preserved it (Psalm 36:1). And no matter how

many works of righteousness we attempt to do, they cannot make up for our uncleanness because the Bible teaches that all our righteous acts are like filthy rags in God's sight (Isaiah 64:6).

In light of these 2 truths, how can there be hope?

You may be wondering, if God expects us to live in perfect obedience with a heart of love for Him every moment of our lives, how can there be any hope for us since none of us have lived that way? Realize that it is foolish to assume that God will excuse sin when the Bible says that He cannot do so because of His perfect righteousness. *It teaches that **the payment for sin is death...**Romans 6:23 NT.* The Bible teaches that you and I have fallen **WAY SHORT** of meeting His expectations. It teaches that you will never be able to live up to His expectations. It teaches that you deserve God's condemnation because you have refused to let God rule over your life even though He is LORD... (*because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, **you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.** God "will give to each person according to what he has done...*Romans 2:5-6 NT"). *Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore **no one will be declared righteous in his sight by trying to keep the law.** (Romans 3:19-20 NT)*

The Bible teaches that because Jehovah considers us sinful and wicked and no sin can dwell in His Holy presence, there is no hope that any person would ever be able to attain right standing with Jehovah by trying to live a righteous life! As sinful creatures, we have no power to attain right standing before the Almighty, Holy God. Even though Jehovah is merciful, His perfect righteousness will not allow Him to simply excuse sin. His perfect righteousness will not allow Him to simply "sweep your sins under the carpet." Jehovah's perfect righteousness demands that punishment must be applied for every single sin you ever committed. Since your chief sin has been the rejection of Jehovah's rule over your life (rebellion), the just and reasonable punishment is to be cast away from His presence forever in a place called hell. True Christians believe that all people deserve this punishment because we have all rebelled against Jehovah.

Our only hope is Jesus

Isaiah said of Jesus, "*The Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14).*" ("Immanuel" means "Jehovah with us!")