

# YAIY NEWS



IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST, SO THAT HE WILL FORGIVE US OUR SINS AND WILL CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

1 John 1:9, LEB

## Bad Trees Cut Down

It bears repeating (as we do in many of our messages) that the reason for the Messiah having come was to forgive our past sins (Acts 13:38), not to continue in them (Rom. 3:24-25, 6:1-2).

John the immerser had something to say to the “religious” of his day ... disobedient Pharisees and Sadducees, in need of being cleansed from their sins. John’s baptism was one of repentance (Luke 3:3; Acts 19:4). He enjoined their repentance before being baptized.

*But when he (John) saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance; and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father’; for I say to you that from these stones Elohim is able to raise up children to Abraham. The axe is already laid at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire,”* Matthew 3:7-10, **NASB**.

This is John’s point to them, and to those of “religion” today. One should not think he can continue sinning with impunity.

Yahshua also, emphasized this first requirement of repentance, saying,

*Now on the same occasion there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. And Yahshua said to them, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were greater sinners than all other Galileans because they suffered this fate? I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them were worse culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem? I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish,”* Luke 13:1-5, **NASB**.

Following His recounting of these occurrences, Yahshua speaks a parable about an unproductive fig tree. It was given time, three years during which it was cared for, and was destined for the axe except for the plea of the husbandman who appealed for yet one more year at the end of which, if it had not borne fruit it should be cut down rather than continue to encumber the ground (Luke 13:6-9). That was the ruling; it will also be the ruling for those who know better but refuse to produce good fruit.

This parable also relates to another, of the talents in which a steward to whom was given a portion of his master’s substance to invest for the purpose of gain, that upon his return he should have his own together with the usury it had earned, instead buried what had been committed to his trust. And when his master returned, the unprofitable servant was cast out into outer darkness in which there would be weeping and gnashing of teeth – obviously, an indirect reference to the lake of fire and second death (Matt. 25:14-30). (Request your free mini-study entitled, **Just One Resurrection?** and the in-depth booklet called, **Understanding Hellfire**.)

*Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment,* John 5:28-29, **NASB**.

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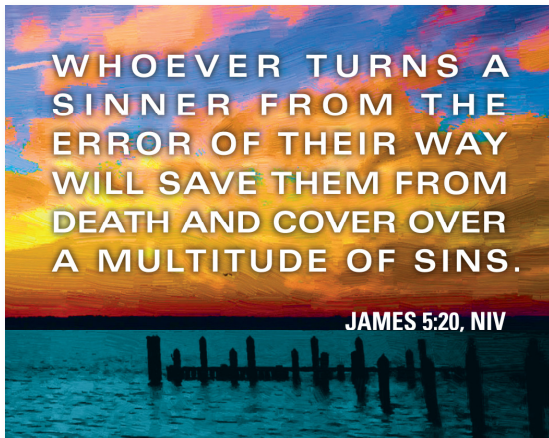
"Those who love Me will keep My Word, and My Father will love them."

John 14:23, NRSV

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## Go and Sin No More (John 8:11)



As we come into a correct understanding of Scripture, we find sin is defined simply as law breaking. The reality is, however, breaking Yahweh’s instructions (law) is sin. As John points out, “sin is lawlessness” (1 John 3:4b, *NASB*).

Moreover, we must also the laws instituted by man. *Let every being be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from Elohim, and the authorities that exist are appointed by Elohim. So he who opposes the authority withstands the institution of Elohim, and those who withstand shall bring judgment on themselves*, Romans 13:1-2, *TS*.

But for us, man’s laws cannot supersede Yahweh’s. Standing before the Sanhedrin, Peter together with his peers asserted, that “We have to obey Elohim rather than men” (Acts 5:29b *TS*.) This, with other matters with which we become aware, are covered by the following statement: “to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin” (James 4:17 *NASB*). Furthermore, “whatsoever is not of faith is sin” (Rom. 14:23b, *KJV*).

In context, if we do anything out of our own will, which would be contrary to the faith in Yahweh’s will for us, then it is sin to us. This is how faith in Yahshua can actually be defined conceptually as obedience to the Father, but it is even clarified further by what Scripture declares:

*Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of Elohim and their faith in Yahshua*, Revelation 14:12, *NASB*. They, like Yahshua, did not follow the pattern of the world, but follow in His footsteps.

## Yahweh’s Sacred Name

Many will say you can’t pronounce the Sacred Name. That definitely contradicts what Scripture says: “My people shall know My Name” (Isa. 52:6, *KJV*). “Our help is in the Name of Yahweh” (Psalms 124:8, *NASB*). “whosoever shall call on the Name of Yahweh shall be saved” (Joel 2:32; Rom 10:13, *NKJV*).

Josephus, a 1st century historian Jew, testified that the Sacred Name is pronounceable with consonants that sound as vowels, “A miter also of fine linen encompassed his head, which was tied by a blue ribbon, about which there was another golden crown, in which was engraven the sacred name [of Elohim]; it consists of four vowels.”

“... the high priest in purple and scarlet clothing, with his mitre on his head having the golden plate on which the name of [Yahweh] was engraved, he approached by himself, and adored that name ...”

Speaking of Moses at the burning bush, Josephus says: “Whereupon [Yahweh] declared to him his holy name, which had never been discovered to men before; concerning which it is not lawful for me to say any more.” He declared the tradition of *ineffability* of Yahweh’s Name started some 300-400 years earlier.

The footnote says, “This superstitious fear of discovering the name with four letters, which of late we have used falsely to pronounce Jehovah.”

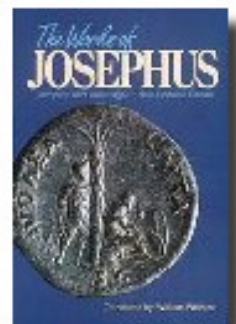
Josephus has been considered by some to be a traitor, and his writings early on, had been questioned by some. But through archeological finds and other confirming evidence, he has been shown to be a very reliable source from the 1<sup>st</sup> century of the Common Era.

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## Promises to Overcomers



### Revelation 2:7, TS (Ephesus)

*To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of Yahweh.*

### Revelation 2:11, TS (Smyrna)

*He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.*

### Revelation 2:17, TS (Pergamos)

*To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.*

### Revelation 2:26-28, TS (Thyatira)

*And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations – He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed*

*to pieces like the potter’s vessels – as I also have received from My Father; and I will give him the morning star.*

### Revelation 3:5, TS (Sardis)

*He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.*

### Revelation 3:12, TS (Philadelphia)

*He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My Elohim, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My Elohim and the name of the city of My Elohim, the “Renewed” Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My Elohim. And I will write on him My new name.*

### Revelation 3:21-22, TS (Laodicea)

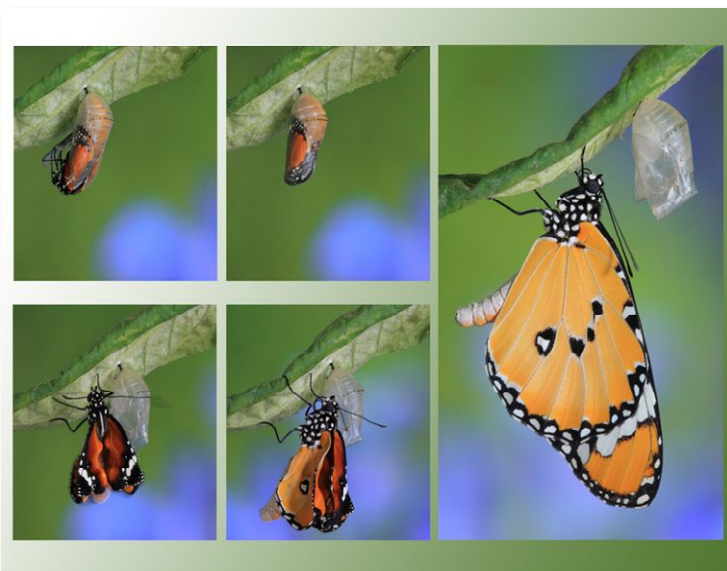
*To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.*

As a testament to the above, Yahshua states, in the book of Revelation 21:6-7, **TS**: *And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Aleph and the Tau, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his Elohim and he shall be My son.”*

## Renewing to be Transformed

Have you received and accepted Yahweh’s word of truth? If you have, you will not be involved with the patterns and processes of this world. You will have started to make a complete change of form and substance, just as the caterpillar morphs into a butterfly. Your mind will have started to be renewed and restored to a new fresh condition, previously never manifested. You will be empowered by Yahweh’s Spirit and your citizenship will not be of this world (Phil. 3:20-21).

*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of Yahweh, Romans 12:2, NKJV.*



## Christian Sabbath?

Some will say that they obey the “Christian Sabbath,” but when asked if they observe the 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath, the day called “Saturday,” they admit that they actually keep the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week called “Sunday.”

Keeping another day holy, other than what Yahweh made holy, is lawlessness and a lie in general. Sunday came into being as an adjustment to fit in with the pagan “Sun” worship. Hence, the day “Sun-day” was instituted as law by a man named Constantine, who was a pagan sun worshipper himself. The Emperor Constantine’s law said:

“All judges, city-people and craftsman shall rest on the venerable day of the Sun. But countrymen may without hindrance attend to agriculture, since it so often happens that this day for sowing grain or planting vines, so that the opportunity afforded by divine providence may not be lost, for the right season is short. 7 March 321 [C.E.]” (*Cod. Justinianus III xii 3, Introduction to the History of Christianity*, by Dr. Tim Dowley, Fortress Press, 1995, page 152.)

It is interesting to note that Constantine made sure that the food harvests were uninterrupted. He may have been aware of the Sabbatical land rest that believers in Yahweh were to keep, but with respect to agriculture, he did not issue a decree requiring its observance.

## Great Commission: Verses and Synopsis

Matthew 9:36-38	Pray for the commission
Matthew 24:14	As a witness (Ezekiel 2:7)
Matthew 28:19-20	Make disciples
Mark 16:15-16	Proclaim the Good News
John 17:18	Yahshua was sent and He sends us
Acts 1:8	Power to do so

## Prayer List

David & Barbara Creel, Robert Dorchester, Stella Rogers, Sean Rogers and Family, Loretta Reyes and Family, Michael Hutchinson, Chauncey Hargrove, David & Nancy Wilson Family/Friends, Jerry Castle, Mary Giles Family, Quinnten Allen, Kat Durban, Isaiah Davis, Dulcena Tessner, Marylyn Patterson Family, David Andrews, Kenya Washington, Elder Lionel Gets Family, Joseph Miller, Adam Galvan Family, Neville & Maryke Stanton, Antionette Swart, Bertha Tidwell, Annette Heyward, Tammy Boucher, Magdalena M. Torres, Angela Bradley, Randell Serfess, Sonja Morgan, Dianne E. Wright Family, Maria Nelson Family, Hilda Driedger, David Nathaniel Malm, Susana Malm, Mike and Sheila Kemper, Ruth Bamba, Charlie Pelton, Marcy Mallinson, Monica Kleb, James Penn Family, Sheila Sendeyo, NyHuff/Thompson family, Robert Creech, Diane Crocker, Melissa Taylor, Henry Sunderman, Eileen Pelton, Annie Pelton, Sheree Irving, David Townsend, Thomas Hunt, Valerie Freeman, Robbie Lenard, Cecil Wideman, Steven Wonderly Family, Elijah Uchenna Family, Pat Beasley, IsaYah Perkins, Ugur Yuksel, Linda Root Family, Karl Russell, Maria Nelson, David Salley, Richard Nesselrodt, Danny O’Connor Family, Liz Napper, William Kemsley, Henry Kipngeno Family, Richard Daniel Rodriguez, Zion Gotay (age 12), Robert Pugh Family, Ron Ayala, Tyree Jones, Ryan Irving, Jai Burgo, Roberta Wishon, Marilyn Montague, John Laczko, Johnny Pearson, Ricardo Angolano, Vivian Wanjiru Family, and all of the Assemblies of Yahweh in Yahshua. Also include in your prayers individuals seeking Yahweh from within prison facilities and for their families, plus overseas brethren and especially for the peace of Jerusalem (Psa. 122:6). The world’s leaders could also use our prayers (Jer. 29:7; 1 Tim. 2:2).

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