

Sisters for Yah

Yahweh Will Not Forget

In my opinion, one of the most beautiful Scriptures is Isaiah 49:15: *Can a woman forget her nursing child? And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you.*

Yahweh never becomes preoccupied with cares and affairs that He should neglect one of His children. Imagine, the Creator of the Universe said it would be more likely for a nursing mother to forget the infant to whom she gave birth, than for Him to forget one of His children!

A nursing mother has a keen sensitivity to her baby. Even if the infant is in another room, a mom's senses are in tune with her child. Mothers know when it is time to feed and care for their children. Mothers never become so preoccupied with other things that she neglects the needs of her child.

So it is very fitting that Yahweh chose this imagery to describe how He looks after His children, for He is MORE sensitive to the needs of His children than even the most loving mother. Mothers work very hard, and often they can become tired and run-down, especially deprived of sleep when babies are very young. But Yahweh NEVER gets tired

Yahweh anticipates every cry for help. In fact, even before we cry for help, Yahweh is already responding with His answer. (See Isaiah 65:24.) One of the most comforting promises Yahweh has given us, is that He will never forget us.

Let's not let difficult circumstances we face convince us Yahweh has abandoned us.

Don't ever assume that Yahweh is more concerned with the needs of others, thought more 'significant', or more spiritual than He is with yours. Scripture teaches that Yahweh looks upon you with the same love, interest, and concern as a nursing mother would look upon her infant. It should reassure us to know that our Father loves us like that!

I recently had the pleasure of attending an event where there were many young children and their mothers. I could see the love these mothers had for them, but Yahweh loves us so much more.

Isaiah 49:15-16, NASB

Even these may forget, but
I WILL NOT FORGET YOU.

Behold, I have inscribed you
on the palms of my hands.



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Friends of Yahweh and Yahshua

John 15:15 tells us: *No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.*

We do not choose to be a friend of Yahweh. That is by invitation only. It's interesting that only two people are specifically mentioned by name as "friends of Yahweh." One was Abraham. He walked with Yahweh so closely that Yahweh referred to him as His friend (Isa. 41:8). The second was Moses. We are told that Moses spoke to Elohim face to face as a man speaks with his friend (Exod. 33:11).

By His very nature, Yahweh is a friend to us. He loves us with a perfect love and reaches out to us with salvation when we offer Him nothing in return. It is quite another thing when someone has a heart so devoted to Him that Yahweh initiates a special friendship. David's heart was totally devoted to Yahweh (1 Kings 11:4). David hated sin (Psa. 103:3), though he was not sinless and was keenly aware of his transgressions (Psa. 51:3-4). Nevertheless, he delighted himself in Yahweh's presence (2 Sam. 6:14) and loved to worship Yahweh (Psa. 122:1).

David loved to speak about Yahweh (Psa. 34:1). David also delighted in offering gifts of song, thanksgiving, and praise, asking for nothing in return (Psa. 100). So closely did David walk with Yahweh that his words were on Yahshua's mind as He hung upon the stake (Matt. 27:46; Psa. 22:1).

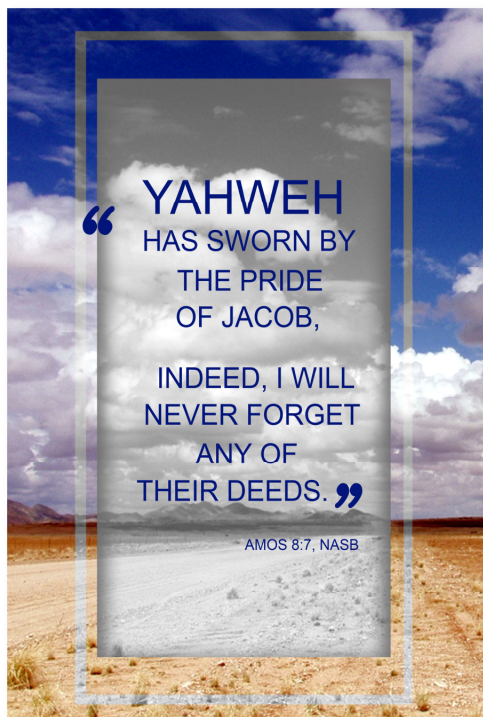
Yahshua called His disciples, friends. He said that He would disclose to them things that the Father had shared with Him, because they were His friends. There developed such an intimate friendship between them that He would share what was on His heart with His friends. If we cannot describe ourselves as friends of Yahweh, we must commit to seek Him with all our hearts.



The Terror of Yahweh?

The fear of Yahweh is the greatest deterrent for sin (Exod. 20:20; Prov. 16:16). 2 Corinthians 5:11 tells us: *Knowing, therefore, the terror of Yahweh, we persuade men; but we are well known to Yahweh, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.* A reverent fear of a Holy Elohim will dramatically affect the way a person lives. Even though Paul was an apostle of Yahshua Messiah, he feared Yahweh, and knew that one day he would stand in judgment and give an account for everything he had done (2 Cor. 5:10).

Our world does not applaud fearfulness. We often teach our children to love Yahweh, but not to fear Him. And sometimes we present a loving and nonthreatening image of Yahweh to nonbelievers in the hope that our faith will be more appealing to them. We must never be complacent with Yahweh's commands. And we must not be comfortable in in sin. To regularly practice sin, is to become completely isolated from Yahweh. A deep sense of awe is essential to knowing Yahweh.





The Beauty of Friendship

Proverbs 17:17: *A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need.*

1 Samuel 18:3: *Jonathan Made a special vow to be David's friend.* Some friendships are fleeting, and some are lasting. True friendships are glued together with bonds of loyalty and commitment. They remain intact, despite changing external circumstances.

John 15:15: *I no longer call you servants ... Now you are my friends.*

Hebrews 13:5: *I will never fail you. I will never forsake you.* The first thing we must do is remember that Yahweh is our constant friend and will never leave us.

Ephesians 4:32: *Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as Elohim through Messiah has forgiven you.* Acts of kindness and generosity attract others to you.

Matthew 18:20, A Promise from Yahweh: *Where two or three are gathered together because they are mine, I am among them.*

Spiritual Warfare, Discipline, or a Test?

Hebrews 12:6 tells us: *For whom Yahweh loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.* There is a tendency among believers to view anything unpleasant that happens to them as the result of "spiritual warfare." When difficulty arises, my first instinct is as is most peoples' first response: to immediately ask Yahweh to remove what's disagreeable. This is, of course, a very normal response. We automatically gravitate toward peace, certainty, good health, and security. No one wants to suffer. My first thought when something bad happens is that Satan must be attacking me. But, lately, I've been trying to think deeper about this subject. Job's experience helped me realize that Yahweh might be allowing bad things to happen to me to see if I would pass a test, much like Job was proven whether he would endure ... to the end.

Trials may also be discipline come from Yahweh. I knew a 'believer' (so called) who was living a life of sin, and not even trying to hide it. We all noticed that she began suffering trouble. I couldn't help but think that perhaps Yahweh was disciplining her to bring her back to repentance and a right relationship with Him. If we misunderstand chastening, we might actually blame Yahweh for not answering our prayers. It's a good idea to examine ourselves regularly, to see if we are doing anything to move Yahweh disciplining us. He loves His children! Parents discipline their children. Finally, it is certainly true that Satan does try to hinder Yahweh's people. But Yahweh will not allow Satan to go any farther than what He allows. Pray in all things!



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- 1 box vanilla pudding
- 2 cups of milk
- 1 quart of blackberries
or blueberries
- 2 bananas, sliced

In a big bowl, mix the pudding and the milk. Place in fridge until firm, about an hour. Stir in the blueberries or blackberries and bananas. Keep refrigerated and it will last several days.

Delightful fruit salad



End of summer Tater Tot Casserole



- 2 T. cooking oil
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 zucchini, sliced
- 1 1/2 cups fresh tomatoes, chopped
- 1 cup corn kernels, cooked
- 1 T. chili powder
- 1 T. worchestershire sauce
- 1/4 t. salt
- 1 T. all purpose flour
- 1 cup sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 2 cups tater tots
- Cooking spray
- Chopped chives, for garnish

Cook, crumble, and drain the ground beef. Set aside. Heat the oil, and sauté the onion, zucchini, tomatoes, and corn until still crisp-tender. Mix in the chili powder, worchestershire, salt and flour. Add the cooked beef. Spray a casserole pan with cooking spray. Pour in the meat and veggie mixture. Top with cheese. Finish with a layer of tater tots and garnish with the chives. Bake at 350 degrees until heated through.

