

**WHY IS THERE STILL  
DISABILITY, SICKNESS AND  
DISEASE IN BELIEVERS**

**PART 1**

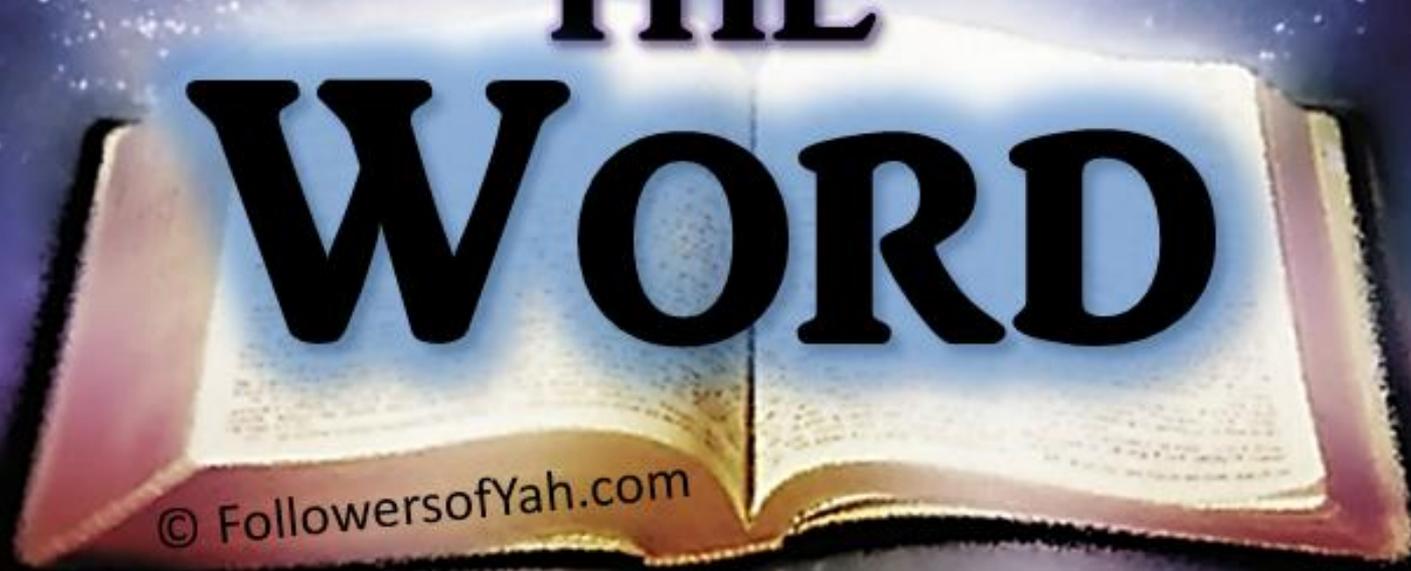
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SOMEONE I LOVE HAS A  
DISABILITY OR DISEASE,  
WHAT CAN I DO TO  
HELP THEM?

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# THE TOPICS WE WILL COVER IN THIS PRESENTATION ARE:

- A BIBLICAL OVERVIEW OF DISABILITY AND DISEASE
- DID MY IDOL WORSHIP BRING ABOUT THIS CURSE
- HAS MY REBELLION BROUGHT THIS CURSE?
- HAS MY SIN BROUGHT THIS CURSE?
- HAS MY UNFORGIVENESS BROUGHT THIS CURSE?
- HAS MY DISHONOUR OF PARENTS BROUGHT THIS CURSE?
- DID MY ABORTION BRING ABOUT THIS CURSE?
- HAVE GENERATIONAL CURSES BROUGHT THIS CURSE?
- HAS MY ANTI-SEMITISM BROUGHT THIS CURSE?
- HAS VACCINATIONS BROUGHT THIS CURSE?
- IS THIS DISABILITY SIMPLY TO SHOW YHWH'S HEALING POWER

WHY IS THERE SO MUCH SICKNESS, DISEASE AND DISABILITY IN THE BODY OF BELIEVER'S AND JEWS?

DON'T WE SERVE A CREATOR THAT HEALS US AND OUR CHILDREN?

DOESN'T THE SCRIPTURE SAY "BY HIS STRIPES I AM HEALED?"

OR HAVE I PERHAPS TAKEN A FEW ISOLATED SCRIPTURES THAT I CLAIM TRUE FOR MY LIFE AND DISCARDED ALL THE NECESSARY COMMANDMENT'S GIVEN BY YHWH AND REQUIREMENTS TO HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO CLAIM THESE HEALING SCRIPTURES.....LETS HAVE A LOOK AT HIS WORD.

**GOD'S WORD IS NOT A BUFFET TABLE.  
YOU SIMPLY CANNOT PICK AND  
CHOOSE CERTAIN COMMANDMENTS  
AND LEAVE OUT ALL THE REST.**



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# THE PATH OF THE TRUE BELIEVER IS ONE OF TRIALS AND AFFLICTIONS

Believers go through trials and sufferings of all kinds in this life. This fact is the cause of confusion and indeed alarm to some. They've been told that they can live a life of health and wealth. Others have been told that life is overflowing with happiness, is filled with good things, and is basically care-free once a person comes to faith in Jesus. So what does it mean when a Christian suffers? Some wonder if their faith is real; others come to the conclusion that YHWH is punishing them for their sin; and still others figure YHWH Himself is the problem -- either He's a liar or He's not real.

## **THE TWELVE APOSTLES:**

1. Andrew - crucified
  2. Bartholomew - beaten then crucified
  3. James, son of Alphaeus - stoned to death
  4. James, son of Zebedee - beheaded
  5. John - exiled for his faith; died of old age
  6. Judas (not Iscariot) - stoned to death
  7. Matthew - speared to death
  8. Peter - crucified upside down
  9. Philip - crucified
  10. Simon - crucified
  11. Thomas - speared to death
  12. Matthias - stoned to death
- (source: Fox's Book of Martyrs)

# *Yahweh Said It that Settles it!*

## *You Say*

I can't figure it out.

I'm too tired.

It's impossible.

Nobody loves me.

I can't forgive myself.

It's not worth it.

I'm not smart enough.

I'm not able.

I can't go on.

I can't do it.

I can't manage.

I'm afraid.

I feel all alone.

## *Yahweh Says*

I will direct your steps.

I will give you rest.

All things are possible.

I love you.

I forgive you.

It will be worth it.

I will give you wisdom.

I am able.

My grace is sufficient.

You can do all things.

I will supply all your needs.

I have not given you fear.

I will never leave you.

## *Bible Verses*

Proverbs 3:5-6

Matthew 11:28-30

Luke 18:27

John 3:16

Romans 8:1

Romans 8:28

I Corinthians 1:30

II Corinthians 9:8

II Corinthians 12:9

Philippians 4:13

Philippians 4:19

II Timothy 1:7

Hebrews 13:5

The truth is that the Bible never promises that Believer's won't suffer. On the contrary, not only do all people suffer in this life, but Believer's may suffer even more simply because they are Believer's .

In 2 Tim. 3:12, Paul says that all who truly are in Messiyah will suffer (persecution). James says that trials are merely a part of life (Jas. 1:2). Beyond that, YHWH says He even brings us into trials (Zech. 13:9).

Sometimes it is to change us into the image of His son and sometimes it is us who brought the trial into our own lives.

**When we long for life  
without difficulties,  
remember that oaks  
grow strong in  
contrary winds  
and diamonds are  
made under pressure.**

~ Peter Marshall

# YHWH IS THE AUTHOR OF ALL BLESSING'S AND CURSES, NOT SATAN

Disability is attributed to YHWH. The general view of the Old Testament writers is that YHWH brings disability and disease as punishment for transgressions for sin or as an expression of YHWH's wrath for people's disobedience.

It is seen as a curse and as a result of unbelief and ignorance (Jewish Encyclopaedia, 1920; The Talmud of Jerusalem, 1956; and Encyclopaedia Judaica, 1972).

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The Bible makes sweeping statements about YHWH's sovereignty over disabilities. For example, Exodus 4:11 states, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, YHWH?"

As it concerns children born with disabilities, Psalm 139:13-14 states, "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."



The Bible says very little about children in the womb. The science of the time was too limited to offer detail. However, when the New Testament speaks of Yahshuas' cousin John, it relates that even in his mother's womb he was filled with the Ruach HaKodesh/Holy Spirit. This suggests that YHWH's knowledge and loving relationship with a person begins before his or her birth.



Psychological and emotional disabilities fall under YHWH's decree (Deuteronomy 28:65-67; 1 Samuel 16:14; Daniel 4:31,16, 33-34; Psalm 6:3-4).

Of course, Satan sometimes causes illness (Job 2:7; Luke 13:16) – but in these references, as everywhere, Satan unwittingly serves His creator's ends and purposes as YHWH's servant.

**SATAN IS YHWH's servant, not His arch enemy.**

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No trial, disease or illness, no accident or injury reaches us apart from YHWH's permission. When catastrophes of nature injure people, we are reminded in Lamentations 3:38, "Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that both calamities and good things come?"

YHWH repeats this in Isaiah 45:7, "I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, YHWH, do all these things."

# WHAT SATAN MEANT FOR EVIL, YHWH MEANT FOR GOOD

YHWH may not initiate all our trials, including diseases, birth deformities and injuries, but by the time they reach us, they are His will for us for whatever time and purpose that He determines.

When Satan, other people, or accidents bring us sorrow, we can answer like Joseph to his brothers who sold him into slavery, “As for you, you meant evil against me, but YHWH meant it for good.”

Comfort and the spiritual strength to overcome grief, affliction and loss is found in knowing that YHWH weeps with us and that He is absolutely present in our darkest hour of need. As our Great Shepherd, He walks us through the valley of the shadow of death every time (Psalm 23). Yet, YHWH permits what he hates to accomplish that which he loves.

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# YAHSHUA – THE GOOD SHEPHERD



BEFORE YOUR LOVED ONE WAS  
DIAGNOSED WITH A DISABILITY OR  
DISEASE, WERE YOU WALKING IN A  
CLOSE, INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH  
YHWH?

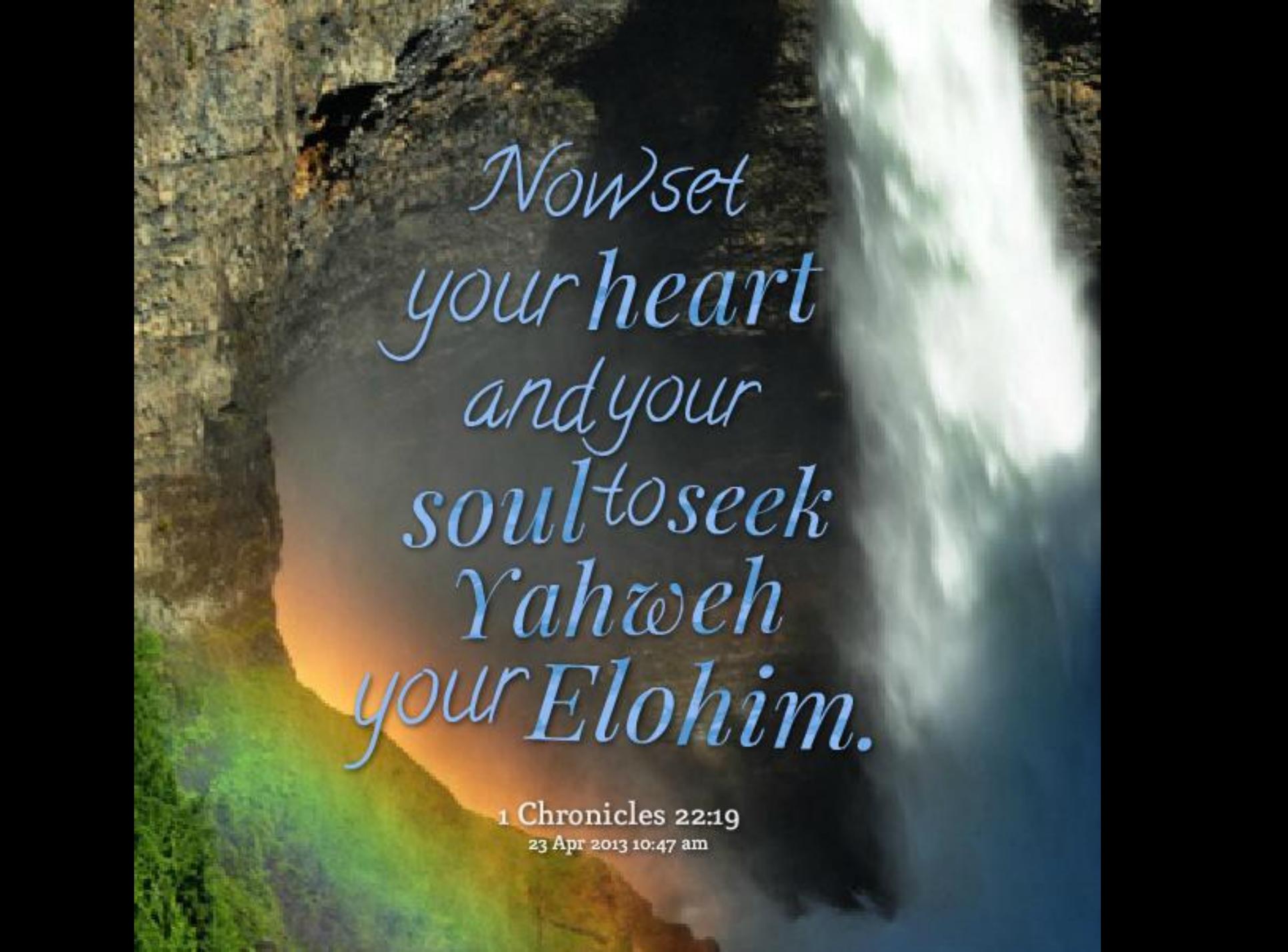
OR HAVE YOU BEEN LIVING AS A  
NOMINAL BELIEVER..WITHOUT MUCH  
EVIDENCE OF THE FRUITS OF A  
SPIRITUAL LIFE.....

## Matthew 16:24-26

24 Then Yahshua said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. 26 What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?”

BECAUSE YHWH IS SO MERCIFUL AND LONG SUFFERING HE HAS PROBABLY LET YOU GO YOUR OWN WAY FOR AWHILE, WHILE OTHERS HAVE PRAYED AND INTERCEEDED FOR YOU AND ON YOUR BEHALF, INCLUDING THE MESSIAH HIMSELF.

YHWH is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy... For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.



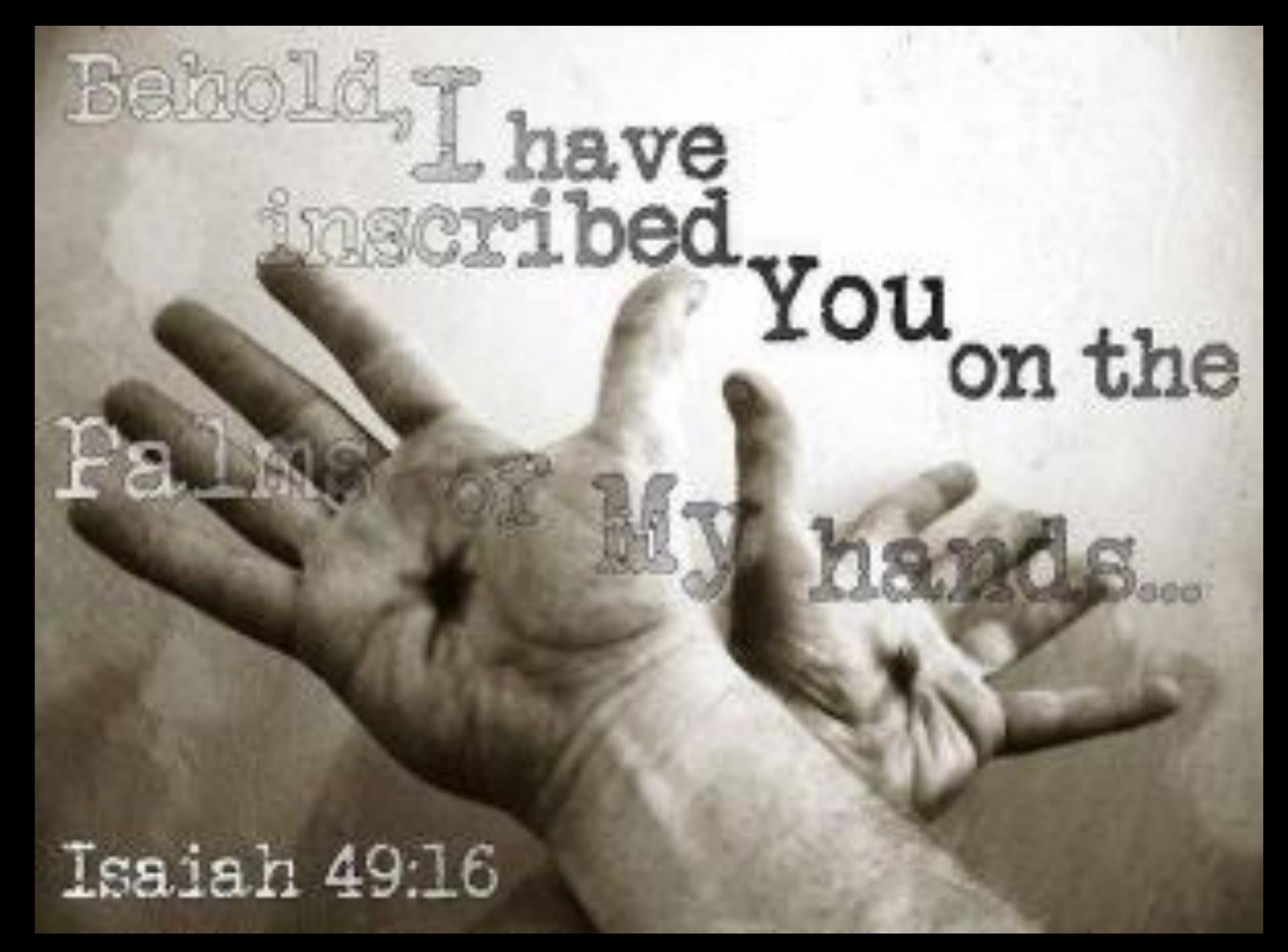
*Now set  
your heart  
and your  
soul to seek  
Yahweh  
your Elohim.*

**1 Chronicles 22:19**

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# YHWH YEARNS TO BE IN A FULL TIME RELATIONSHIP WITH US

YHWH created us for fellowship with Him, and it grieves His heart when one of His sheep go astray. When a couple are madly in love, and one of them leaves, it can leave a terrible wound in the other person's heart. The same is true when we leave our first love (that is, YHWH - Revelations 2:4). Do you think that YHWH's heart isn't broken when His bride turns her back on Him? YHWH's Word tells us that we are engraved on the palms of His hands (the nails from the cross), and OUR WALLS (which we put up) are continually before Him:

A black and white photograph of two hands held palm up, with text overlaid on the image. The text is arranged in several lines, with some words in a larger, bolder font than others. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

Behold, I have  
inscribed You  
on the  
Palms of My hands...

Isaiah 49:16

**GOD WANTS FULL  
CUSTODY  
NOT JUST  
WEEKEND VISITS**

SO HE WAS MERCIFUL AND PATIENT AND  
WAITED AND WAITED FOR YOU TO SERVE HIM  
WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART AND TRULY MAKE  
HIM YOUR MASTER, BUT YOU WOULD NOT.

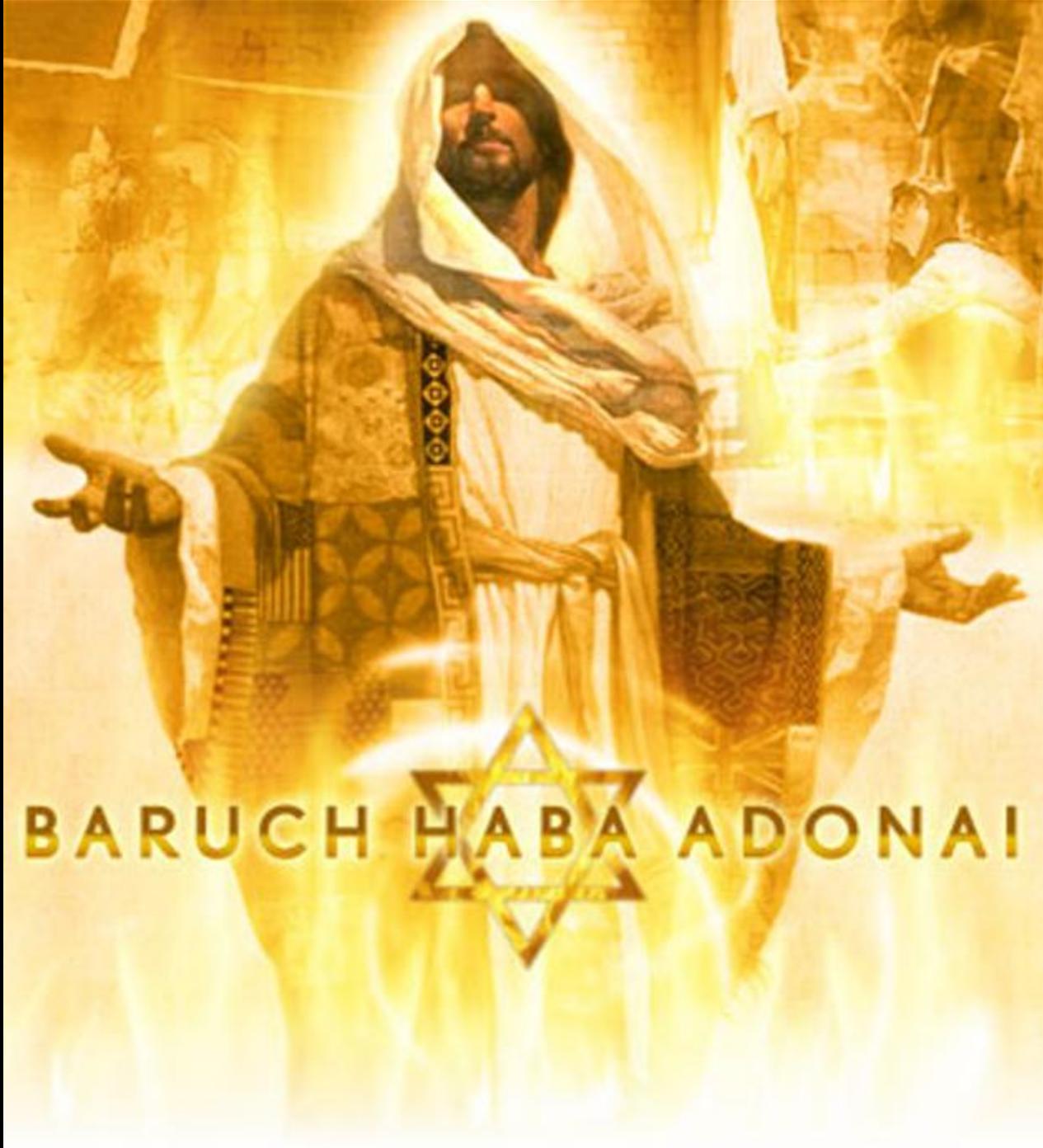
SO UNFORTUNATELY SOMETIMES YHWH  
NEEDS TO EMPLOY EXTREME MEASURES TO  
GET YOUR ATTENTION, AND CAUSE YOU TO  
BOW YOUR KNEE AND SEEK HIM WITH ALL  
YOUR HEART. SO HE EMPLOYED A NECESSARY  
STRATEGY TO GET YOUR ATTENTION....

For men are not cast off by YHWH forever. Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men. (Lam 3:31-33)

PERHAPS YOUR LOVED ONE'S DISABILITY/DISEASE IS YHWH'S INROAD INTO YOUR HEART AND LIFE.

YOU MAY FEEL ANGER TOWARDS YHWH, THAT THIS CURSE HAS COME UPON YOUR FAMILY, BUT KNOW THAT YOU PROBABLY LEFT HIM WITH NO OTHER CHOICE.

THIS LIFE IS SO FLEETING AND HE IS WORKING FOR YOUR ETERNAL GLORY, AND TAKE IT FROM ME, ONE DAY YOU WILL CLEARLY SEE AND HAVE THAT REVELATION THAT YHWH TRULY IS WORKING FOR YOUR ETERNAL FUTURE.



BARUCH HABBA ADONAI

# YHWH CARES DEEPLY ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE DISADVANTAGED

He upholds the cause of the oppressed  
and gives food to the hungry.

YHWH sets prisoners free,

YHWH gives sight to the blind,

YHWH lifts up those who are bowed down,

YHWH loves the righteous.

YHWH watches over the alien

and sustains the fatherless and the widow,

but he frustrates the ways of the wicked. (Ps  
146:7-9)

In particular, YHWH's love and concern for people who are disadvantaged is frequently mentioned throughout the OT. The law contained several rules for treating orphans, widows and foreigners fairly and providing for their needs (e.g. Deuteronomy 24:14-22).

14 "Do not oppress a hired hand who is poor and needy, whether one of your brothers or one of the foreigners residing within a town in your land. 15 You are to pay him his wages each day before the sun sets, because he is poor and depends on them. Otherwise he will cry out to the Lord against you, and you will be held guilty.

16 "Fathers are not to be put to death for [their] children or children for [their] fathers; each person will be put to death for his own sin.

17 Do not deny justice to a foreign resident [or] fatherless child, and do not take a widow's garment as security.

18 Remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and YHWH your ELOHIM redeemed you from there. Therefore I am commanding you to do this.

19 "When you reap the harvest in your field, and you forget a sheaf in the field, do not go back to get it. It is to be left for the foreign resident, the fatherless, and the widow, so that YHWH your ELOHIM may bless you in all the work of your hands.



20 When you knock down the fruit from your olive tree, you must not go over the branches again. What remains will be for the foreign resident, the fatherless, and the widow.

21 When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you must not glean what is left. What remains will be for the foreign resident, the fatherless, and the widow.

22 Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt. Therefore I am commanding you to do this.

But you, O YHWH, do see trouble and grief;  
you consider it to take it in hand.

The victim commits himself to you;  
you are the helper of the fatherless...

You hear, O YAH , the desire of the afflicted;  
you encourage them, and you listen to their cry,  
defending the fatherless and the oppressed,  
in order that man, who is of the earth, may terrify  
no more.

(Ps 10:14, 17-18)

# THE BIBLICAL VIEW ON DISABILITY

In the Bible disability is viewed as a disease (The Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible: 1962; Encyclopaedia Judaica: 1972). The most common diseases mentioned in the Bible are blindness, deafness, dumbness, leprosy, and paralysis. Visual impairment is the most common form of physical disability in antiquity. Aside from people like Isaac (Gen. 27:1), Jacob (Gen. 48:10), Eli (1 Sam 3:2 and 4:15), and Ahijah the Shilomite (1Kings 14:4), whose eyesight failed in old age, natural causes of disability are not mentioned in the Bible.

The Bible portrays disability and disease as a curse and as a result of disobedience, unbelief, and ignorance.

In Leviticus 26:14-16, as one of the punishments for Israel's disobedience is expressed in the following way: "I will bring upon you sudden terror, wasting diseases and fever that will destroy your sight and drain away your life."

Two types of diseases mentioned in the Bible.

Old Testament Several words in the Old Testament describe typical disabilities and deformities:

Blemish meant a deformity or spot (Leviticus 21:17-21 ). The NIV translates this word “defect.” A person with a blemish was disqualified from the priesthood.

Blindness (Deuteronomy 28:28 ) caused from eye infections was common during Bible times. Heat, dust, sunlight, and unclean habits all contributed to the spread of eye diseases which often resulted in blindness.

Broken hand or broken foot disqualified one from priesthood (Leviticus 21:19 ).

Congenital malformations were extra body parts such as six toes (2 Samuel 21:20 )

Dwarfs were barred from priestly duties (Leviticus 21:20 ).

Hunchback resulted from injuries to the spine (Leviticus 21:20 ). This deformity often afflicted young girls who typically carried large loads on their shoulders or hips.

Lame (2 Samuel 4:4 ) meant a person had limited walking abilities, whether the disability resulted from a birth defect, amputation, or a physical impairment.

New Testament Among the disabilities and deformities mentioned in the New Testament are:

Deafness or dumbness resulting in the inability to speak or hear (Mark 7:32 ). Some cases of deafness were temporary (Luke 1:20 ).

Infirmity is a general term for bodily weakness or disability (John 5:5 ; 1 Timothy 5:23 ).

Leprosy was a general term for skin diseases and often resulted in physical deformities. This disease was greatly feared by peoples of Bible lands. Strict laws isolated persons with leprosy.

Paralysis (Luke 5:18 ) often resulted from injuries to the spine.

Withered hand and skin (Matthew 12:10 ) often resulted from the shrinking of the bones, muscles, or both. The result was loss of nerve power or stiffening of the joints.

# BIBLICAL FIGURES WHO RECEIVED A CURSE IN THEIR BODY

Samson also sinned against YHWH through his eyes; as it is written: "I have seen a Philistine woman in Timnah; now get her for me as my wife" (Judges 14:2).

He was therefore punished through his eyes: "Then the Philistines seized him, gorged out his eyes" (Judges 16:21).

Prov. 30:17 warns that the eyes, which are disrespectful to parents, will be plucked out by birds of prey.

# THE PHILISTINES GORGE OUT SAMSON'S EYES



Two cases of paralysis further confirm that YHWH is the cause of disability. The sudden paralysis that afflicted King Jeroboam (1 Kings 13:4) attests to this. In Zechariah 11:17, a curse is invoked upon the "negligent shepherd."

YHWH's judgment is severe; Jeroboam's arm shrivels up completely. Zechariah says: "Woe to the worthless shepherd, who deserts the flock! May the sword strike his arm and his right eye! May his arm be completely withered, his right eye totally blinded."

Similarly, in 2 Chron. 26:16-23, we read the story of King Uzziah who, because of his unfaithfulness to YHWH, was struck by leprosy "because YHWH had afflicted him"



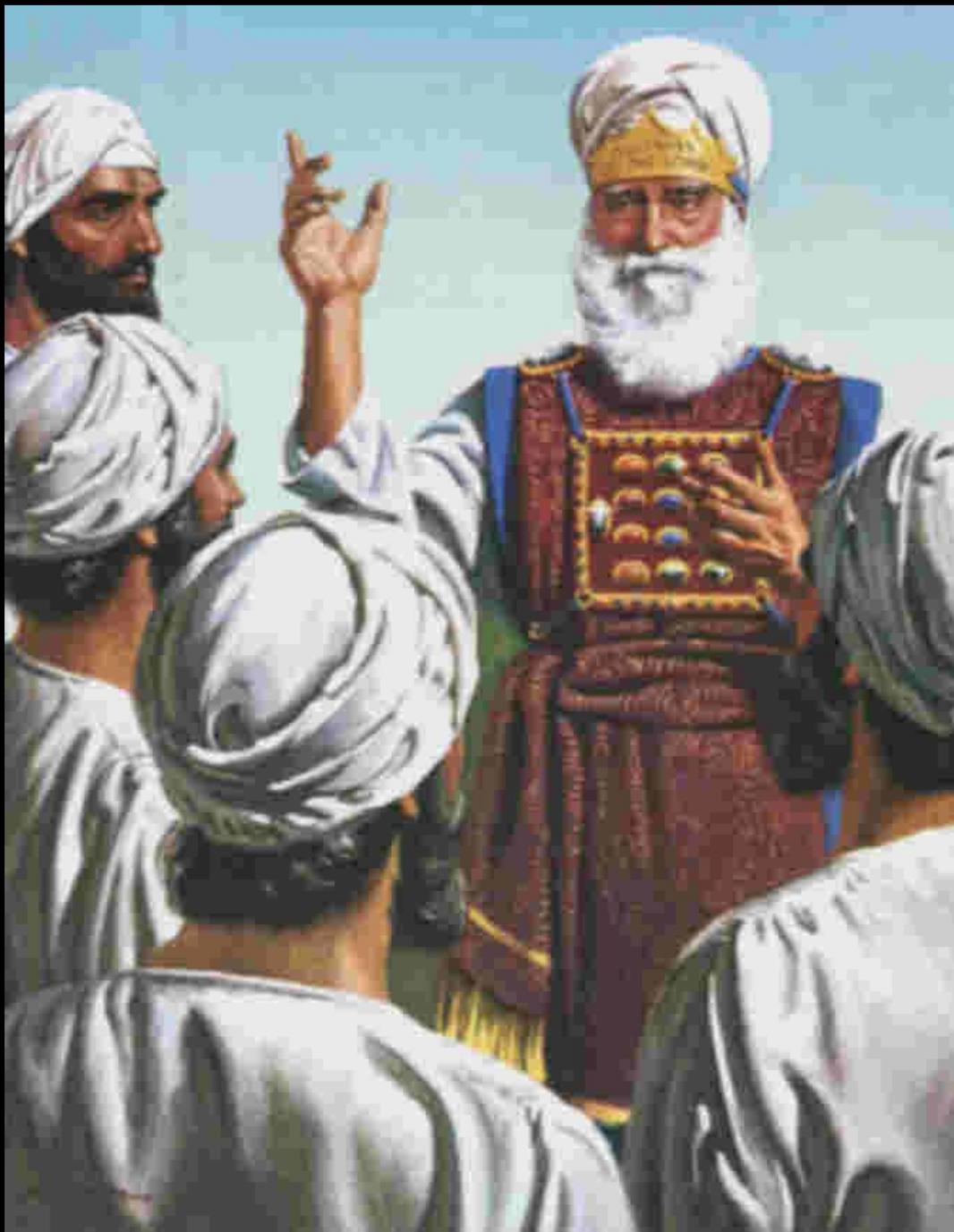
# THE LINK BETWEEN DISOBEDIENCE AND DISABILITY

The metaphoric use of disability in the Bible further reinforces the view linking disability with disobedience to YHWH. Israel's disobedience is compared with disability.

In Isaiah 43:8 the children of Israel are asked to lead out those who have eyes but are blind, who have ears but are deaf.

In Isaiah 42:18-20, Israel is compared to the blind and the deaf: Hear, you deaf; look you blind, and see! Who is blind but my servant, and deaf like the messenger I send? Who is blind like the one committed to me, blind like the servant of YHWH? You have seen many things, but have paid no attention: your ears are open, but you hear nothing.

Physical imperfection is seen as an impediment to the exercise of the priestly office for the descendant of Aaron.



Leviticus 21:16-23  
YHWH spoke to  
Moses, saying:  
Speak to Aaron,  
saying, none of your  
offspring throughout  
their generation who  
has a blemish may  
approach to offer the  
bread of his YHWH.  
For no one who has  
a blemish shall draw  
near, a man blind or  
lame,

or one who has a mutilated face or a limb too long, or a man who has an injured foot or an injured hand, or a hunchback or a dwarf or a man with a defect in his sight, or an itching disease or scabs or crushed testicles. No man of the offspring of Aaron the priest who has a blemish shall come near to offer YHWH's food offering; since he has a blemish, he shall not come near to offer the bread of his YHWH. He may eat the bread of his YHWH, both of the most holy and of the holy things, but he shall not go through the veil or approach the altar, because he has a blemish, that he may not profane my sanctuaries, for I am YHWH who sanctifies them.

The word "blemish" originally meant a "black spot." It later came to denote anything abnormal or deviating from a given standard, whether physical, moral, or ritualistic. The word "blemish" came to be used to describe the various abnormalities that disqualify one from priesthood (The Jewish Encyclopaedia, 1920).

The interpretation of this Leviticus text can be traced to the conflation between physical disability, perfection of the body, and moral impurity (Encyclopaedia Judaica: 1972).

# YAHSHUA IS NOW OUR HIGH PRIEST

24 But Yahshua, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. 25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to YHWH through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; 27 who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. 28 For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.

# The Heavenly Sanctuary

11 But Yahshua came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Messiyah, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to YHWH, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living Yah? 15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

In addition, in Daniel 1:3-4, Person with a disability are regarded as worthless. The king ordered Aphpenazi, chief of his court officials, to bring in some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility to be trained in the king's service. Vs 4 particularly emphasizes that the men should be handsome and without any physical defect. This view further reinforces the earlier prejudice, in which physical imperfection is seen as an impediment to the exercise of the priestly office for the descendant of Aaron.

According to Eiesland (1994), the theological meaning of perfection has historically included physical flawlessness, and many religious orientations make a direct connection between physical perfection and spiritual beauty. Accordingly, PWD lack perfection and embody "un-wholeness." Wenham (1981:292 reference missing in Works Cited) also notes: "The idea emerges clearly that holiness finds physical expression in wholeness and normality." Physical disability is an obvious evidence of a person's sin and a sign of punishment from God. In other words, the perfection of the body is a symbol of the perfection of the soul (Melcher, 1998).

The theme of the restoration of PWD is seen in the story of Mephibosheth (2 Sam.9). Mephibosheth was the son of Jonathan, King David's great friend. He had become lame on both feet as a result of being dropped by a fleeing nursemaid when he was young. The world looked at Mephibosheth as a useless, good-for-nothing man; being lame, he could not go out and be a warrior. Neither could he go back to the fields to till for his own household. His servant Ziba, who was reluctant to present him to David when he wanted to show his friend's son kindness, displays this attitude.

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THIS WAS YHWH'S PERFECT STANDARD. HOWEVER WE SEE HIS GRACE, MERCY AND INCLUSION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES THROUGHOUT THE OLD COVENANT.

PWD are also viewed as unworthy in society. In 2 Sam 19:24-28, King David's servant, Ziba, bars Mephibosheth, who was physically impaired, from accompanying David on a trip. He was not worthy to be with the King because of his disability. Mephibosheth himself feels unworthy. In vs. 26, Mephibosheth says: "My Lord the King, since I your servant am lame."



David asked, “Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan’s sake?” Now there was a servant of Saul’s household named Ziba.

When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor.

David said, “Mephibosheth!” “At your service,” he replied. “Don’t be afraid,” David said to him, “for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan.

I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table.” Mephibosheth bowed down and said, “What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?”

Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul’s steward, and said to him, “I have given your master’s grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. 10 You and your sons and your servants are to farm the land for him and bring in the crops, so that your master’s grandson may be provided for. And Mephibosheth, grandson of your master, will always eat at my table.”

Looking back through the lens of Yahshua and the New Covenant this story is a wonderful allegory of the human condition and the Gospel of Grace.

Mephibosheth fears for his life because of the rebellion of his forefather Saul. We too, suffer the consequences of Adam's sin and, like Adam, try to hide from the King. Mephibosheth's physical disability depicts our spiritual condition due to our estrangement from YHWH.



David calls Mephibosheth from the “place of no pasture”, through the Jordan River into the King’s courts. Likewise, it is the King of Heaven who calls us to Himself, from a spiritual wasteland through the waters of baptism into His loving presence where we find not wrath, but grace.

For the love of Jonathan, Mephibosheth is restored and welcomed to the King’s table. For love of Messiyah Yahshua, we too are welcomed and restored. We bring nothing of worth, nothing with which to impress the King except the admission of our unworthiness, yet still we are invited to commune with royalty at a table He has prepared for us.

MANY OF US DON'T REALIZE HOW DISABLED  
WE ARE IN THE SIGHT OF YHWH...

Revelations 3:17 'Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked, 18 I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see....

The inclusivity of PWD is seen in YHWH's plan for the restoration of the Israelites. We find YHWH assuring the remnant of His people, Israel in Babylon, that the land of their captivity would be restored them and that they would return back to Jerusalem:

"See, I will bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the ends of the earth. Among them the blind and the lame" (Jeremiah 31:8, 9).

# REGATHERING THE LOST TRIBES OF ISRAEL



Micah 4:6-7 sets out YHWH's plan concerning the people of Israel: "In that day," declares YHWH, "I will gather the lame, I will assemble the exiles and those I have brought grief, I will make the lame a remnant, and those driven away a strong nation."



Isaiah 35:5-6 outlines the joyous return of the liberated Israelites: "Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer and the mute tongues shout for joy...."

In Is 29:18, YHWH includes the handicapped in his plans of salvation: "In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll and out of gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see."

From all the above texts, it is clear that in the restoration of the remnant people of Israel, YHWH ensured that all PWD would also be brought back. YHWH did not want the blind and the lame left behind. YHWH wanted all of them restored, showing his concern for them. This may also suggest that their impairment should not be an excuse for not integrating them into the church. YHWH did not leave them behind as liabilities during the restoration of the remnant of Israel to Jerusalem, and neither should Christians.

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# TOPIC 1

DID MY IDOL WORSHIP BRING A  
CURSE, (I.E DISEASE OR DISABILITY)  
INTO MY LOVED ONES LIFE?

- THE QUICKEST WAY TO BRING A CURSE INTO OUR LIVES IS IDOL WORSHIP. THAT DOESN'T JUST MEAN DELVING INTO THE NEW AGE, IT MEANS MAKING THINGS OF THE WORLD AN IDOL TO US AND IGNORING YHWH.
- The first 2 of the 10 commandments deal with idol worship and how much YHWH finds it offensive. This should be a warning to us, that if we break these commandments, that there is a significant punishment rendered.
- HE DIDN'T HAVE A PERSONALITY CHANGE IN THE NEW COVENANT.



I am YHWH  
I change not

Malachi 3:6



*Yeshua, the Messiah, is the same  
yesterday, today, and forever!*

*Hebrews 13:8*

*Richard Aaron Honorof  
Feed My Sheep Jerusalem*

Look around the globe at the nations steeped in idol worship and the clear and obvious punishment on the land and the people.



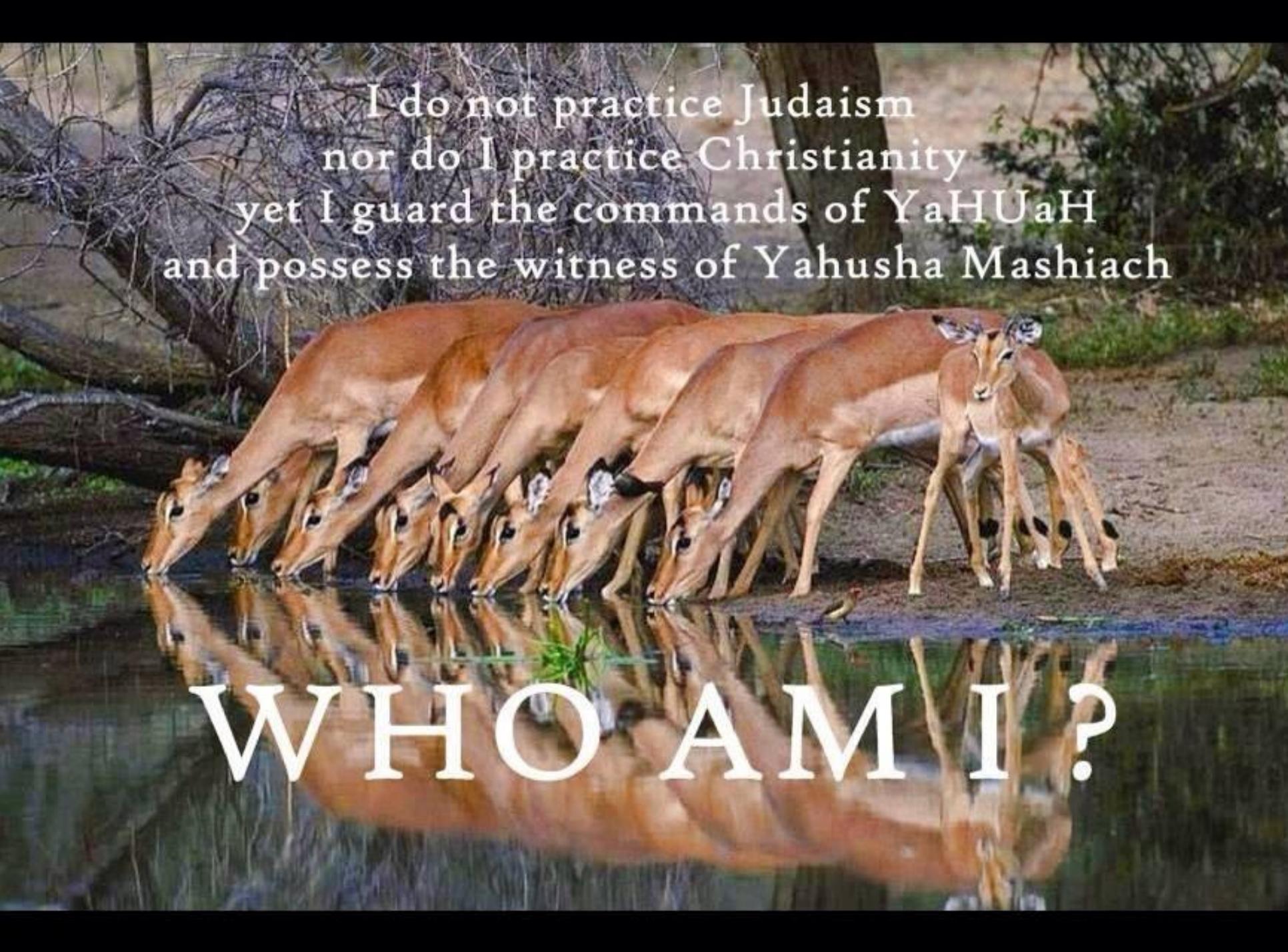


It's not just the people in foreign countries who have idol worship, we here in the west have broken the 2<sup>nd</sup> commandment of YHWH by worshipping false gods continually. By not keeping his ordained and biblical feast days that he commanded us to in his word and instead keeping Christmas and Easter, we are worshipping Baal and asherah. By not keeping his ordained and commanded Sabbath day and worshipping the sun god and Sunday we are in idol worship.

# Jeremiah 10:2-4

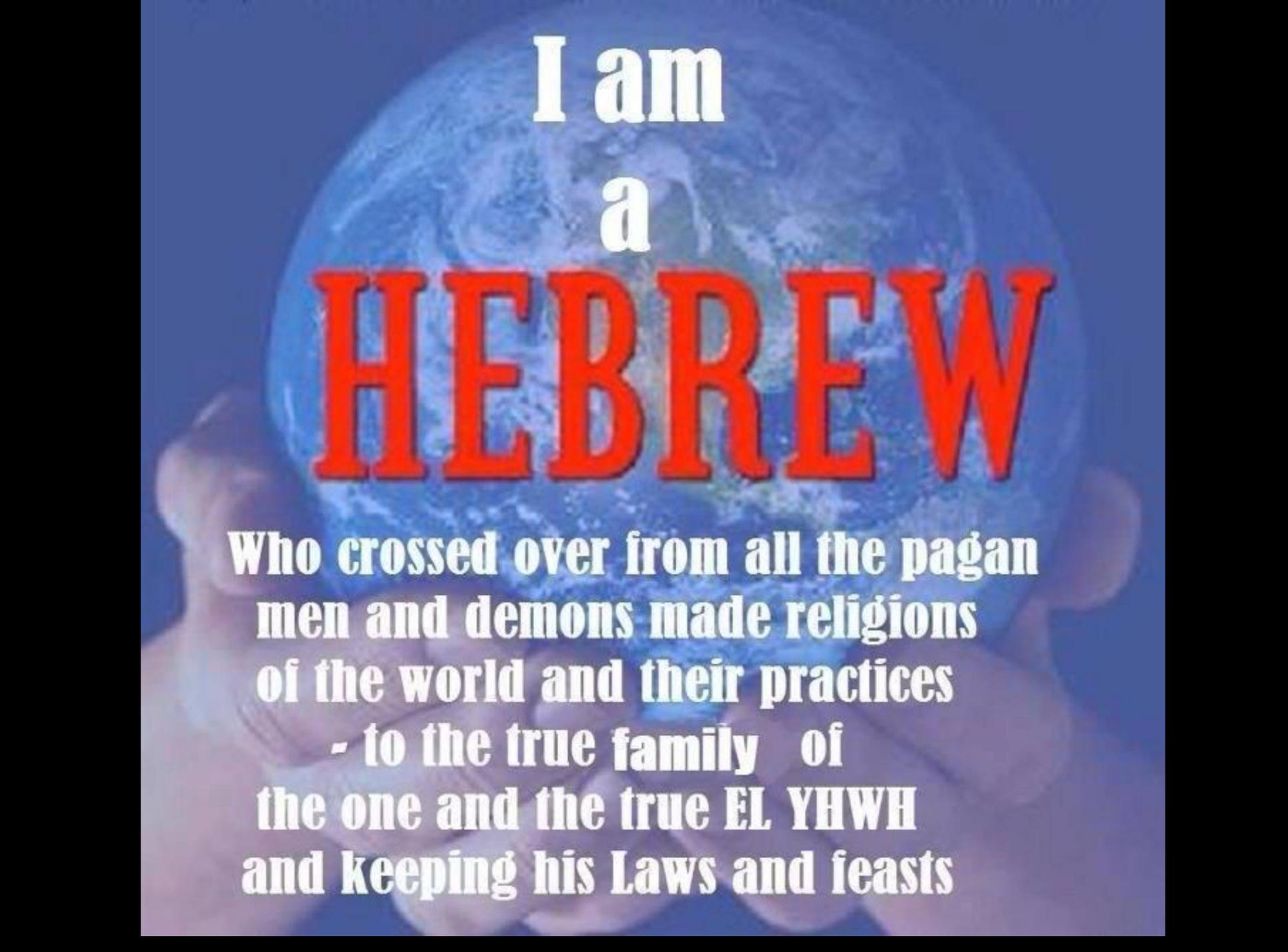


Thus saith יְהוָה, DO NOT LEARN the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven (stars); for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are WORTHLESS: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, so that it does not fall.

A herd of gazelles is gathered around a watering hole in a savanna. The gazelles are brown and tan, with some looking towards the camera. The water in the watering hole is still, creating a clear reflection of the animals. The background shows dry trees and a clear sky.

I do not practice Judaism  
nor do I practice Christianity  
yet I guard the commands of YaHUaH  
and possess the witness of Yahusha Mashiach

WHO AM I?



**I am  
a  
HEBREW**

**Who crossed over from all the pagan  
men and demons made religions  
of the world and their practices  
- to the true family of  
the one and the true EL YHWH  
and keeping his Laws and feasts**

# THE FIRST 2 COMMANDMENTS OF YHWH

1: You shall have no other gods before me.

2: You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, YHWH your ELOHIM, am a jealous YAH, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

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# No Other Gods



# WHAT IS IDOLATORY?

When someone thinks of idols, they may think only of statues that people worship in certain parts of the world. They may not consider that a television can be an idol. They may not consider that an automobile, house, certain possessions, a hobby, a person, a political party, a cause, a job, a sport, an addiction, lusts, pleasures, food and or alcohol or some other thing, can become an idol.

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FAME  
MONEY  
POWER



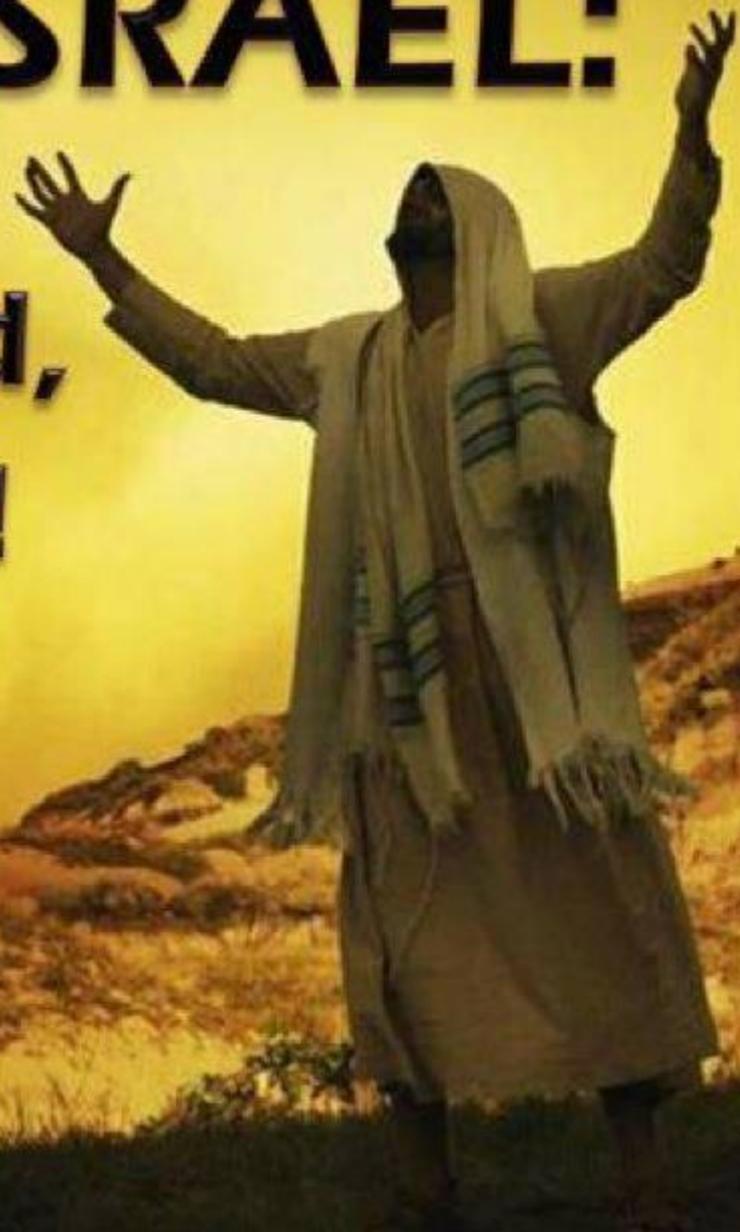
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other gods before me.

## Note the sin sequence outlined by Paul in Romans 1:21-25:

For although they knew YHWH, they neither glorified him as YHWH nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal YHWH for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. Therefore YHWH gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of YHWH for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator.

**HEAR, O ISRAEL:**

**YHWH our God,  
YHWH is One!**



# WE ARE TO BE HIS WITNESSES OF HIS MERCY AND SOVERIENITY

In a world filled with false worship, YHWH wanted His people to be His witnesses, to tell of His goodness and love. YHWH's people document that HIS ways are good and in contrast, all else obviously false, impotent, and unable to fulfil human longings. All else destroys humanity spiritually, emotionally, socially as well as physically.

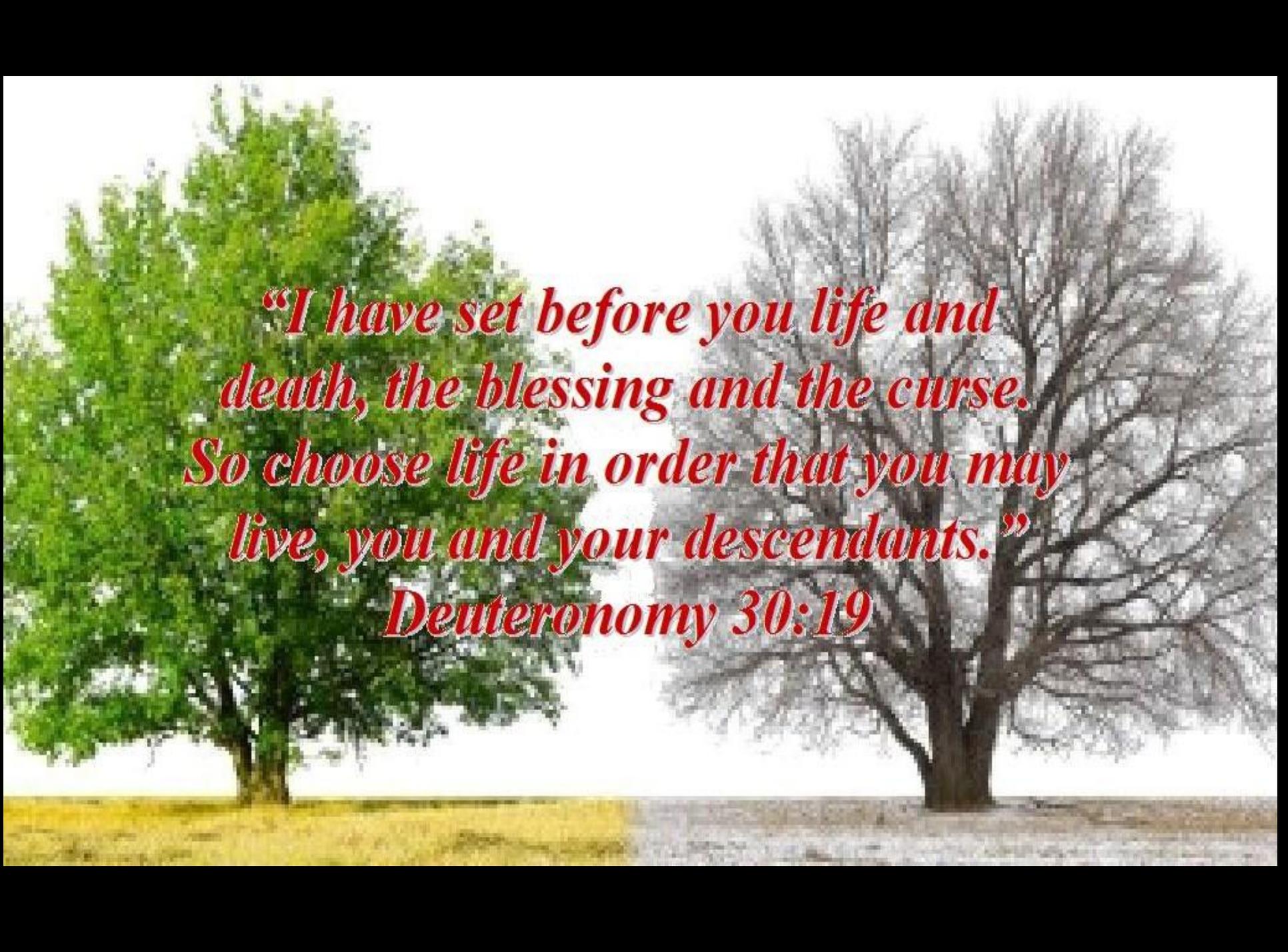
"You are my witnesses," declares YHWH, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. I, even I, am YHWH, and apart from me there is no saviour. I have revealed and saved and proclaimed--I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses," declares YHWH, "that I am YAHUWAH . . . the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise." Isaiah 43:10-12, 21.

# SEVEN BLESSING – DEUTERONOMY 28

- Exaltation
- Re-productiveness
- Health
- Prosperity, success
- Victory
- That we are the head and not the tail
- That we will be above and not beneath

# 7 CURSES –DEUTERONOMY 28

- Humiliation
- Barrenness
- Sickness of every kind
- Poverty, failure
- Defeat
- We will be the tail and not the head
- We will be below and not above



*“I have set before you life and  
death, the blessing and the curse.  
So choose life in order that you may  
live, you and your descendants.”*

*Deuteronomy 30:19*

# INDICATION OF CURSES IN YOUR LIFE

- Mental, emotional breakdown
- Repeated sickness, especially hereditary sickness - doctors can't find the cause
- Feminine problems - barrenness, miscarriage, menstruation problems
- Financial insufficiency, poverty. Sometimes poverty for a short period is just a test but if we are always in poverty it could be a curse.
- Accident prone and/or History of unnatural deaths

# REASONS FOR CURSES

- Having false gods (Exodus 20:3&4, Deuteronomy 27:15)
- Disrespect for parents (Deuteronomy 27:16)
- Treachery against a neighbour (Deuteronomy 27:17)
- Injustice to the weak (Deuteronomy 27:18&19)
- Illicit sex (Deuteronomy 27:20-23)

- Perjury (Deuteronomy 27:25)
- Stealing (Zechariah 5:1-4)
- Stinginess towards YHWH (Malachi 3:9)
- Perverting gospel (Galatians 1:8&9)
- Depending on the flesh (Jeremiah 17:5)
- Anti-Semitism (Genesis 12:3, Genesis 28:3&14)

## Proverbs 26:2

"Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, So a curse without cause shall not alight."

**Note: a curse requires a cause to alight.**

# SPIRITUAL BLOCKS TO HEALING

80% of all diseases are spiritually rooted which means that there is a sin behind the disease:

1. Un-forgiveness
2. Rebellion
3. Ignoring YHWH's laws and commands
4. Personal and family sins
5. Not having genuine faith in YHWH
6. The need to see a miracle
7. Looking for signs and wonders
8. Expect YHWH to heal on one's own terms
9. Looking to man rather than YHWH for healing

10. flagrant sin or habitual sin
11. Not tithing and blessing others
12. Not honouring our parents
13. Not observing regular prayer and fasting
14. not discerning Yahshua's body in communion
15. Dishonouring YHWH's anointed leaders
16. Eating Unclean food as dictated by YHWH in Leviticus 23, **see teaching on law and grace**
17. Not observing the Sabbath day to keep it holy

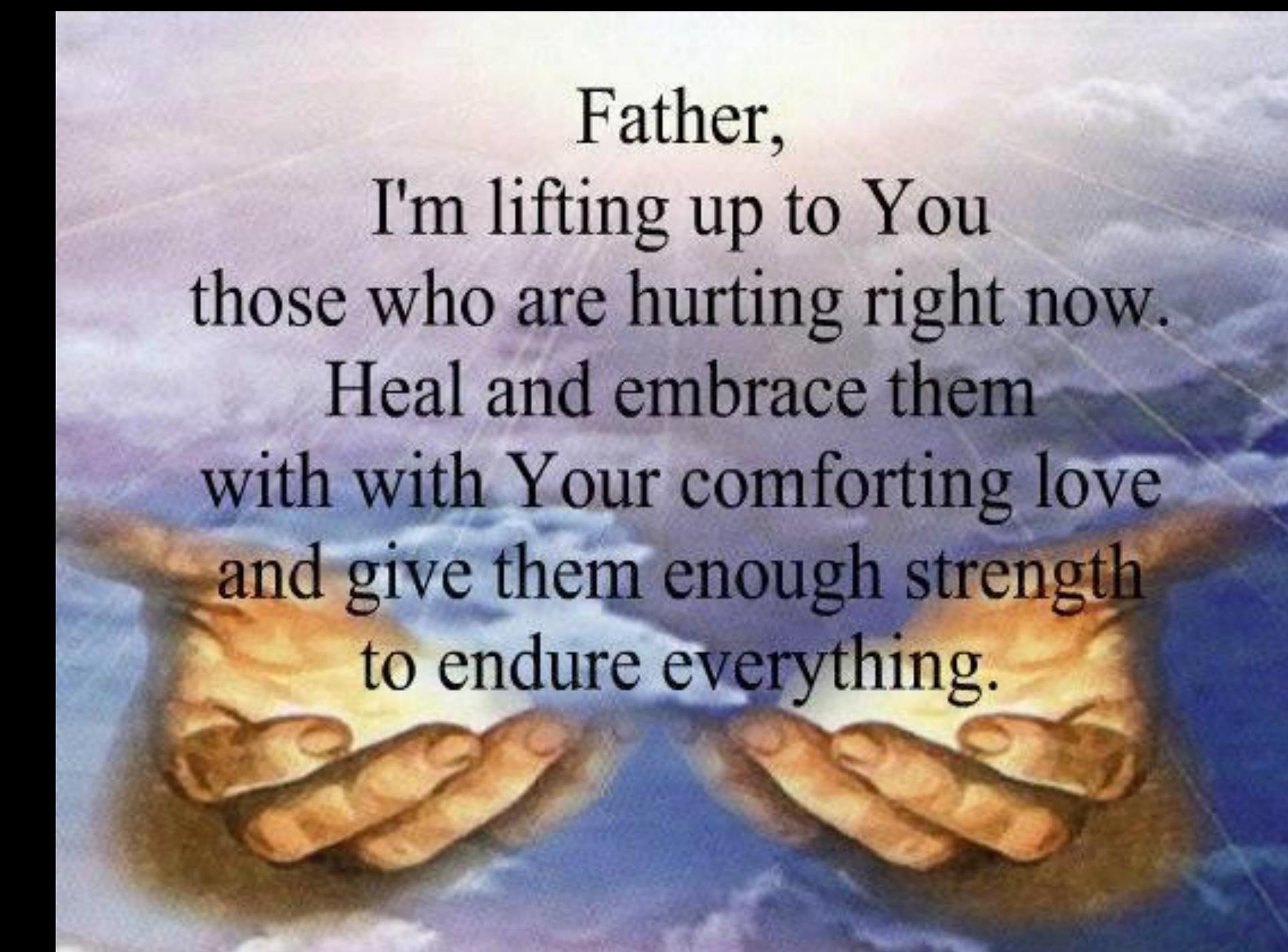
# RECOMMENDATION'S TO BEGIN THE HEALING PROCESS

1. Recognize your utter dependence on YHWH and repent for doing things in your own strength
2. Repent of the current sin in your life
3. Repent for any un-forgiveness and rebellion in your life
4. Repent for any and all idol worship.
5. Repent if you have dishonoured your parents and make peace with them
6. Repent for pain and sorrow that you have caused to other people and go and ask for their forgiveness and make amends.

**THE TASK AHEAD OF YOU,  
IS NEVER AS GREAT  
AS THE POWER BEHIND  
YOU.**



**BE STRONG IN THE LORD, AND IN HIS MIGHTY POWER.  
EPHESIANS 6:10**

A pair of hands, rendered in a golden-brown, textured style, are shown from the palms up, holding a glowing, translucent orb. The background is a soft-focus sky with white and blue clouds. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

Father,

I'm lifting up to You  
those who are hurting right now.

Heal and embrace them  
with with Your comforting love  
and give them enough strength  
to endure everything.