A close-up photograph of a young, white polar bear cub standing on a dark, wet, and mossy rock. The cub is looking towards the left of the frame with a calm expression. Its fur is thick and white, with some darker patches on its paws. The background is slightly out of focus, showing more of the rocky terrain.

**Woe unto
you when
all men
speak well
of you.**

Many people have lived their entire lives never realizing that their Father in Heaven has a personal name that is a necessary part of proper worship. This is the greatest cover-up in all human history. However, I in my presentations I will use HIS name YHVH as given 6823 times in the Hebrew Scriptures and as an example in Isaiah 42:8 KJV where He himself says **Yahuah: “I am (YHVH): that is my name: and my honor will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.”**

Also the name of the Messiah, to which every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess, has been marred, changed, confused, and watered down in order to make it common and insignificant.

HIS name is Yahusha. It is the name that the Father has given him. Who or what gives us the right to change His name? Scripture states in John 10:27 **“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”** Therefore, I will use His proper given Hebrew name in my presentation!



**“Woe unto
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of you!”**

Luke 6:26

KJV

Human beings have a propensity that welcomes the praise and the approval of others. While there are exceptions, the rule is that we enjoy being complimented, honored and well spoken of. The danger is, we can easily become **intoxicated and consumed by this need, then crave the praise of men**. Those exposed by Yahusha in Matthew 6 were guilty of this.

They did their “charitable deeds” before men, **to be seen by them.** The same motive prompted their ostentatious praying and fasting. Among some of the leading Pharisees, there was at least intellectual confidence in the claims of Messiah, but **“they loved the praise of men more than the praise of YHVVH”** (*John 12:41*). Men-pleasers seek the approval of men above the approval of Yahuah. I believe, in this respect, we are all guilty in one way or the other!

Ministers and pastors are tempted **to adapt their message to their audiences**, messages that will elicit their approval and to please them. They are catering to their audience, even changing and adapting their message from audience to audience, not out of conviction, but to please and to become known as the crowd pleasers and even for financial gain. Such preachers will **never** be teaching about divorce and remarriage as an example, because they want to please them. They find a way to teach it, twist it and spin it, to make it as pleasant as possible. They carefully avoid negative pronouncements, though Scripture requires them to **“convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.”**



Think about it, when all men, or everyone speaks well of you that could be a sure sign that as His follower, you have compromised the truth of the Bible, the truth of the gospel!

Because if you are truly faithful, you will almost automatically raise up against you the hatred and opposition of the world around you.

In this context, let's consider the words of Yahusha in John 15:19 KJV "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."

Because there are
two different
spirits, two
different powers
at work!



However, let me first state that the followers of Yahusha should not go out looking for trouble, **but be very well spoken of** (1. Timothy 3:7) and should have **a good report, a good name and be well respected** by unbelievers.

About one of his co-workers Paul said in 3. John 3, 12:
“Everyone speaks well of Demetrius, and so does the true message that he teaches. I also speak well of him, and you know what I say is true.” *(Contemporary English Version – CEV)*

**This should be the testimony of every follower of
Yahusha!**

**The followers of Yahusha are called to be kind, gracious,
loving and patient people!**

They are also called
to live lives of
holiness and undying
devotion to their
Master Yahusha. They
are called to be like
Him!



If we fail in this respect, we dishonor our Heavenly Father!

After all, the enormity of Yahuah's forgiveness compels us to live differently than unbelievers!

Since YHVH has treated us in a most loving way and forgiven us, His followers are also to be the most loving and forgiving people.

Is here a
problem
that needs
to be
addressed?



We were reading in Luke 6:26 on one hand **“Woe unto you, when all men speak well of you!”**

Then Paul wrote in Third John, verse 12 on the other hand about Demetrius, **“Everyone speaks well of Demetrius...”**

How do we harmonize these apparent contradictions”

**That means, some will
speak well of you,
And some will NOT!**



The truth is, when one accepts Yahusha as their Savior and follows His word, His instructions, to live a life to His honor, such life will endear you to some people, but it will elicit hatred from the majority.

So Yahusha assures his followers that if they truly imitate and follow him in this sinful world; trouble will find them. At times it will lead them to being ridiculed and even persecuted!



So, His true followers may be harassed, falsely accused, betrayed, hated and even persecuted, but will that discourage them?

*If that happens, Yahusha has something to say about that in Luke 6:22-23 “**Blessed are you** when men hate you, and ostracize you, and insult you, and scorn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man. **Be glad in that day and leap for joy for behold, your reward is great in heaven.** For in the same way their fathers used to treat the prophets.” NASB*





According to that text, His follower shouldn't just be glad, but also leap for joy, because of the reward that is prepared for them!

**We need to ask the question,
why is there such hatred
against people that want to
follow this Hebrew Messiah
called Yahshua and to follow
the instructions, called Torah,
He gave through Moses?**



Because there are **two spiritual forces in this world!**

First, there is the Creator Yahuah Elohim, the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who is good. *1 John 1:5 (The Scriptures)*
“Elohim (*Yahuah Elohim*) is light and in Him is no darkness at all.”

Then there is Satan, the devil, who is evil. The Bible calls him the wicked or the evil one (*Matthew 6:13*) and the enemy (*Luke 10:19*). He came to steal, to kill and to destroy (*John 10:10*). Satan is the spirit behind the evil that people do, but Yahusha came to destroy the works of the devil (*1 John 3:8*)

These two forces are not equal! **Yahuah, the Great I AM**, the only true and living Elohim is the Creator, the life giver, the sustainer, omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent.

Satan on the other hand is a created being. He was created perfect, but he rebelled, he chose to become evil and was cast out of heaven!

That means Satan does not have life in himself. He must have forgotten that he is dependent on YHWH for his very life. He has forgotten that he also is subject to Elohim's judgment and will have no more power than you and I to escape Yahuah's final decision.

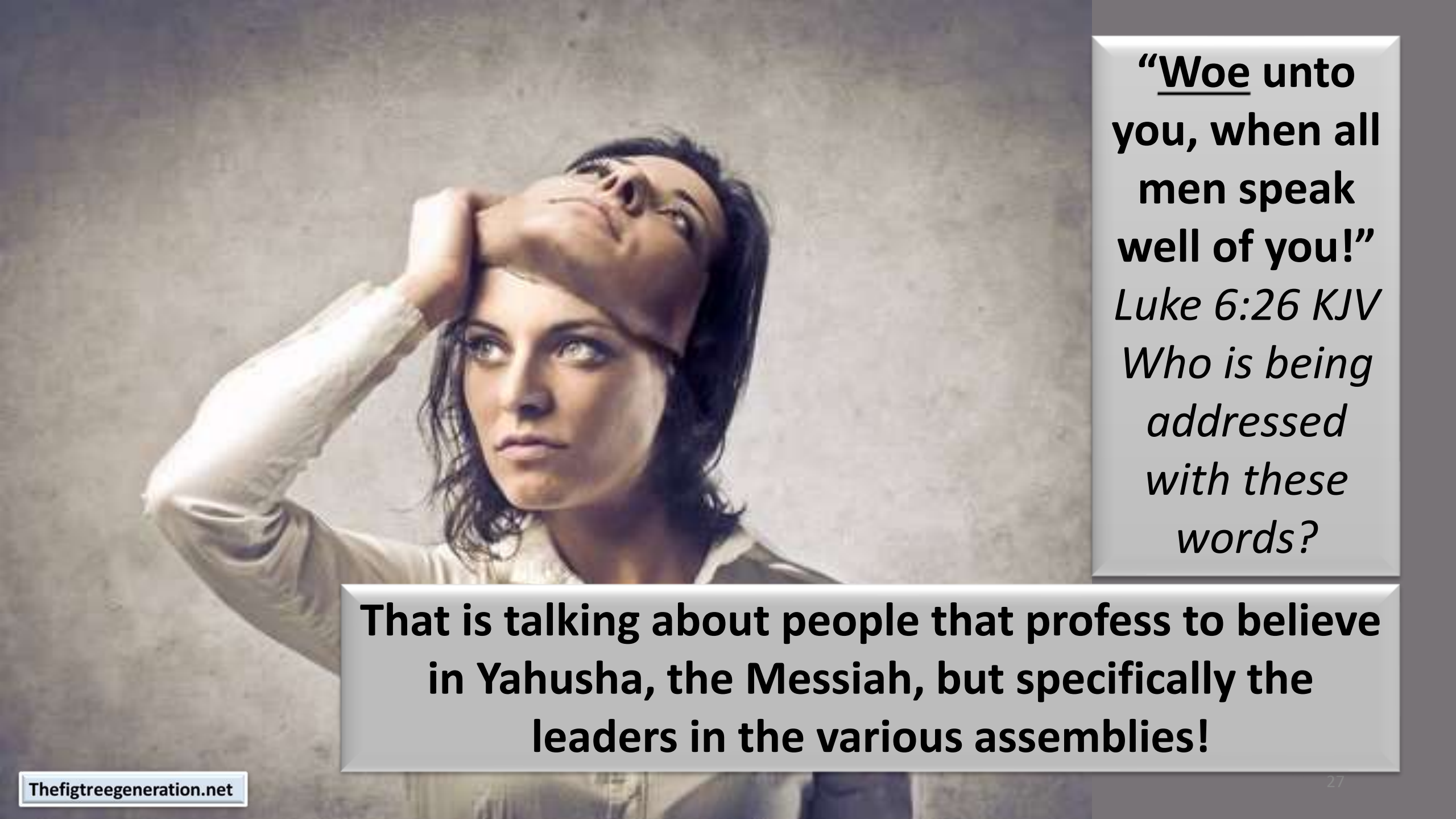


That is the reason that he is so furious as the Bible states in Revelation 12:12 “Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has little time.” (The Scriptures)





Satan is out to deceive the whole world , but especially professed followers of Yahusha. He is using false doctrines, Lust, pride, vanity, arrogance, false dreams, visions, miracles, bitterness, lack of faith, false security, assimilation and very often flattery, to deceive and to destroy!



**“Woe unto
you, when all
men speak
well of you!”**
Luke 6:26 KJV
*Who is being
addressed
with these
words?*

**That is talking about people that profess to believe
in Yahusha, the Messiah, but specifically the
leaders in the various assemblies!**



What does it take for all people to speak well of you, especially as a leader? All you have to do is act like a politician, tell everyone what they like to hear and flatter them in order to get their votes of approval!

Professed followers of the Messiah are asleep in their churches, harboring a false security, complacently living a life of outward ablutions and inward materialism and the cry of many is **“be nice, don’t wake me up, don’t rock the boat, don’t cause any disturbance, don’t mess up the situation, keep things as they are, stay calm, don’t make anyone upset!”**

Compromise: The Silent Killer

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In a time when the people need guidance and strength, when they need a **“thus saith Yahuah”** from their spiritual leaders, they are being given watered down generic messages, the teachings and doctrines of man that won’t offend anyone or endanger the tax-exempt status.

We hear more and more the term “being politically correct”, which has also infiltrated Christian churches and denominations. Political correctness (PC) is defined as “a term that describes language, ideas, policies, and behavior seen as seeking to minimize social and institutional offense in occupational, gender, racial, cultural, sexual orientation, religious belief, disability, and age-related contexts.”

The key word is **offense**. No individual or group is to be offended today! Of course, we shouldn't do that on purpose, but neither can believers' water down or compromise the word of Yahuah Elohim!



There are churches that are embracing the "**Politically Correct Idea**" and abandoning the absolutes taught in the Bible. For example, the government has endorsed homosexuality and other acts of perversion and calls them alternative life styles. This politically correct idea has crept into some churches. Instead of teaching what the Bible says about this they have not only accepted homosexuals into the church but have appointed them as priests and to other leadership rolls. The Bible teaches us that this deplorable practice is an abomination to the Lord Elohim of heaven. It also says it is an unnatural act, it is lust, it is sexually immoral, it is unclean and dishonorable. (1 Cor. 6:9-10).

<http://www.truthmagazine.com/are-churches-becoming-politically-correct>



Yahusha wasn't politically correct to the chief priests, the scribes, or the Pharisees and he certainly wouldn't be in our day. He told the Pharisees that they honored him with their lips but their hearts were far from him. Their worship was in vain because they were teaching the commandments of men instead of the commandments of **YHVH.**

**His disciples came to him and asked him,
if he knew that this had offended the
Pharisees? Yahusha didn't apologize for
teaching the truth, but told them they
were like blind guides leading the blind
and both would fall into a pit (*Matt.15:8-
9, 12-14*)**

**Yahusha, is pronouncing a woe
on such people, as we were just
reading in Luke 6:26!**


**He uses the word “WOE” for those
who have disregarded His Word.
He uses the word WOE to explain
what is acceptable and
unacceptable in His sight.**



Yahusha used the word woe more than anyone else in the Bible. The Gospel of Luke has 13 woes as an example, Matthew has 12, Ezekiel 6. When Yahuah's judgments are being poured out upon sinful mankind, John, the Revelator writes **“Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow”** (Rev 8:13)

**As another example,
Yahusha pronounced eight
woes upon the Scribes and
Pharisees for their
religious hypocrisy like
shutting up the Kingdom,
for devouring widows
houses and for making
converts of Hell!**





In Matthew 6 Yahusha is talking about not giving alms or standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets to be seen and therefore being praised by men, because if this is being done, there is no more reward given.

Here are His words in Matthew 6:2 and 5 “Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. 5. And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites [are]: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.” KJV



What is the reason for people that they desire to be seen by others when they give donations or as the case of the Pharisees was to be standing in the corners of the streets, so that they can be seen by others?

The sin was not the audible nature of these prayers, but its pretentiousness. They were pretending to have a relationship with YHVH while oppressing the poor, the widows and orphans. This is clearly brought as we read Luke 26:46-47!



Luke 20:46-47 (The Scriptures) “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the market-places, and the best seats in the congregations, and the best places at feasts, 47 who devour widows’ houses, and for a show make long prayers. They shall receive greater judgment.”



Let's now look at the biblical definition of the term "woe" and what it means?

The term "woe" is expressing Yahuah's displeasure and grief over sin and eroding moral and spiritual values. It expresses an inspired denunciation and foreshadowing of His wrath upon sinners. It expresses a coming judgment, a doom of following an evil corrupt heart!



Such a woe, a displeasure of Yahuah, the Great I AM, is pronounced upon everyone, pastors, ministers or lay people that are more interested in pleasing other people and to protect their job, their name, their reputation, rather than pleasing YHVVH by preaching only His unadulterated truth, even though they may get offended. By leaving truth unspoken, many people will be lost.



Paul commanded young Timothy according to 2. Timothy 4:1-2 the following “**In the sight of Elohim and the Master יהושע Messiah, who shall judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His reign, earnestly charge you: proclaim the Word! Be urgent in season, out of season. Reprove, warn, appeal, with all patience and teaching.”** (*The Scriptures*)

Let's remember when Paul is charging Timothy to proclaim, **“the word”**, he is referring to what we call the Old Testament, the Torah, Prophets and the Psalms. **There was no New Testament, what we have today.** *When he stated in the previous chapter, 2. Tim 3:16* **“All scripture [is] given by inspiration of Elohim ...”** Paul is referring also to the so-called Old Testament.

A true and faithful messenger who loves Yahuah Elohim will preach the word, meaning **the Torah** with the statutes and judgments. He will refuse to make compromises. He will not add or subtract anything from it, he will not water down anything Scriptures says in order to appease sinful men. The message he preaches is not his own, but the message of the Great I Am, the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob!



Any true man of Yahuah will make no apology for stating his biblical convictions in a strong, firm, bold but also in a loving manner.

**“DO NOT ADD TO WHAT
I COMMAND YOU
AND DO NOT
SUBTRACT FROM IT
BUT KEEP THE COMMANDS OF
YAHWEH YOUR ELOHIM
THAT I GIVE YOU.”
— DEUTERONOMY 4:2**

By the way, Scripture is very clear in reference of adding and taking away from
His very word!

Paul continues in 2. Timothy 4, 3-4 “For there shall be a time when they shall not bear sound teaching, but according to their own desires, they shall heap up for themselves teachers tickling the ear, (See also: 1Isa. 30:10, Jer. 5:31, Rom. 16:18.) 4. and they shall indeed turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to myths.” *The Scriptures*



Here is the NLT Bible of 2. Timothy 4, 3-4 “For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear.”



Many people do not want to hear or read sound, solid, Torah based teachings, so they just plug up their ears.



They only wanted to hear, read or watch what tickles their ears, something they want to hear, something that does not make them uncomfortable!



It should make us shudder to see how many preachers are tickling the ears of the people and send them to damnation!

What are itching Or tickling ears?

Here are some examples:

Itching ears only listen to preachers that they already agreed with beforehand!

Itching ears have already made up their mind on all Bible doctrines and ignore everything else

Itching ears “surround themselves with teachers who tell them what they want to hear” (2 Timothy 4:3)!



Itching ears don't want to hear anything about sin, repentance or obedience!

Itching ears pay more attention to man-made rules and regulations than the word of Yahuah!

Itching ears do not receive the word with all readiness of mind like the noble Bereans (*Acts 17:10-12*)

Itching ears want to hear lots of stories or fables and be entertained!

Itching ears use "the leaven of malice and evil" instead of "the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." (*1 Corinthians 5:8*)

There are many preachers, pastors and leaders in all denominations that are men-pleasers. They want to be liked, praised and well spoken of and in order to keep their jobs, they will tell their congregations whatever they want to hear, basically entertain them, so they are not offended and made uncomfortable.

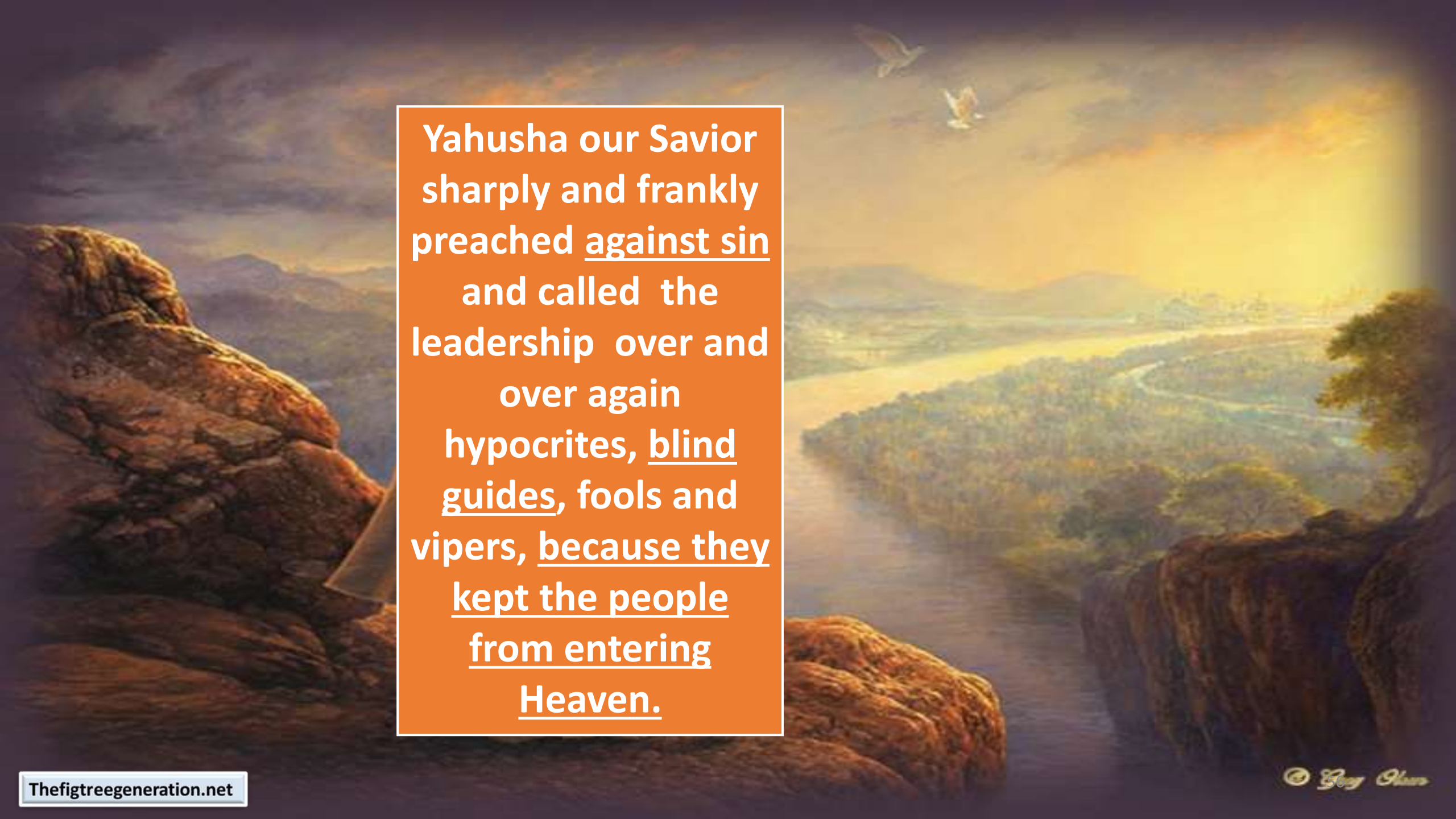


Biblical, unadulterated truth was not popular before and it surely is not popular today. Today it is not fashionable to preach messages **that address sin, the coming judgment or the need to repent.** It is not fashionable to point out that the Covenant Yahuah made with Israel on Mt Sinai including the weekly and yearly Sabbath days, the diet laws etc. is still binding! Such messages are distasteful and unacceptable by the majority of professed believers. It is unpopular to mention any particular sin, or words like sacred, reverence, hell, virtue, obedience and duty. However, you hear a lot about tolerance and Love!

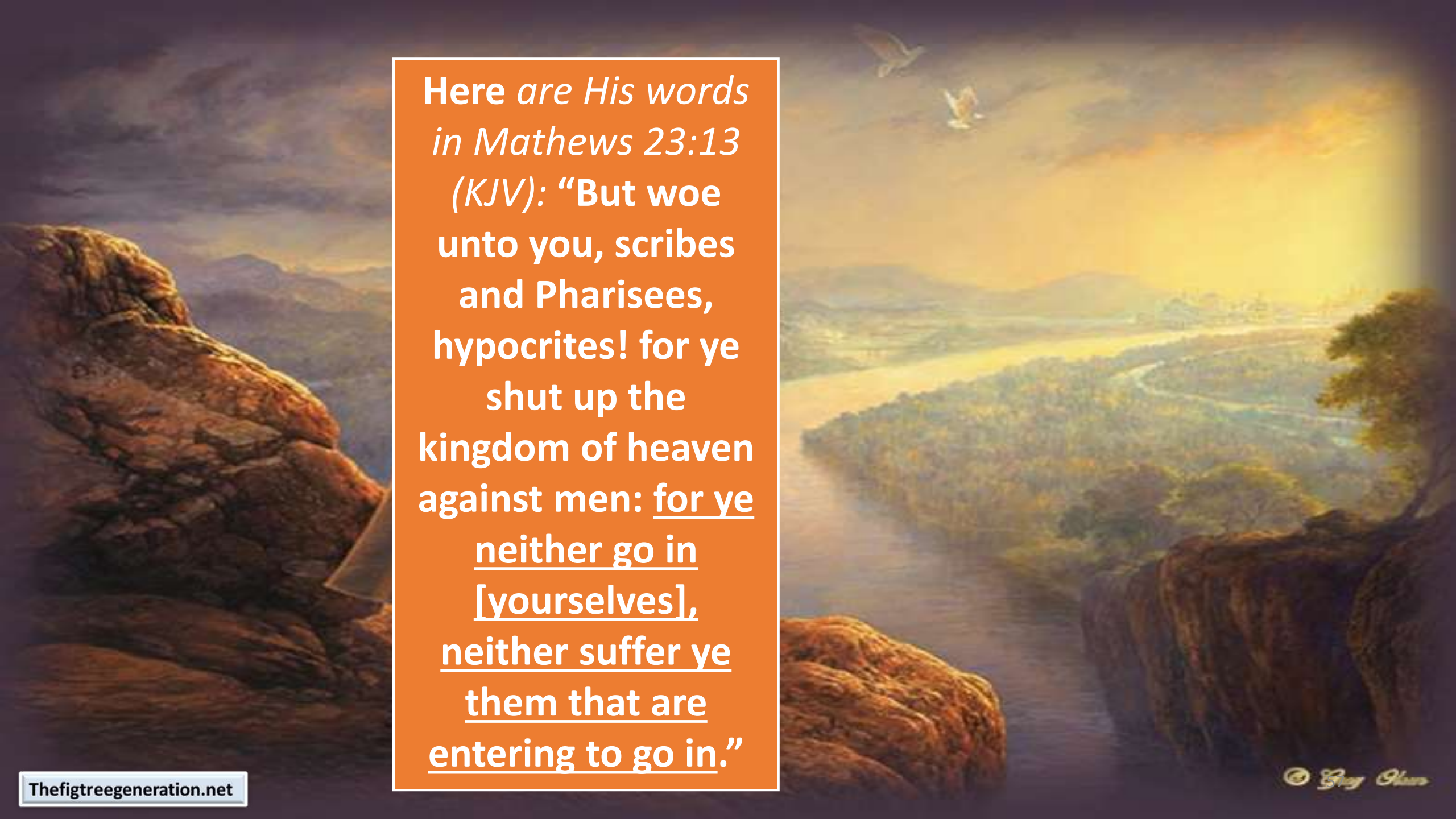
John the Baptist was a godly man being directed by Yahuah and he spared no words in condemning the false leaders of his day. He pointedly addressed the religious and unbelieving Pharisees!



"But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:" (Matthew 3:7-8). KJV



Yahusha our Savior
sharply and frankly
preached against sin
and called the
leadership over and
over again
hypocrites, blind
guides, fools and
vipers, because they
kept the people
from entering
Heaven.



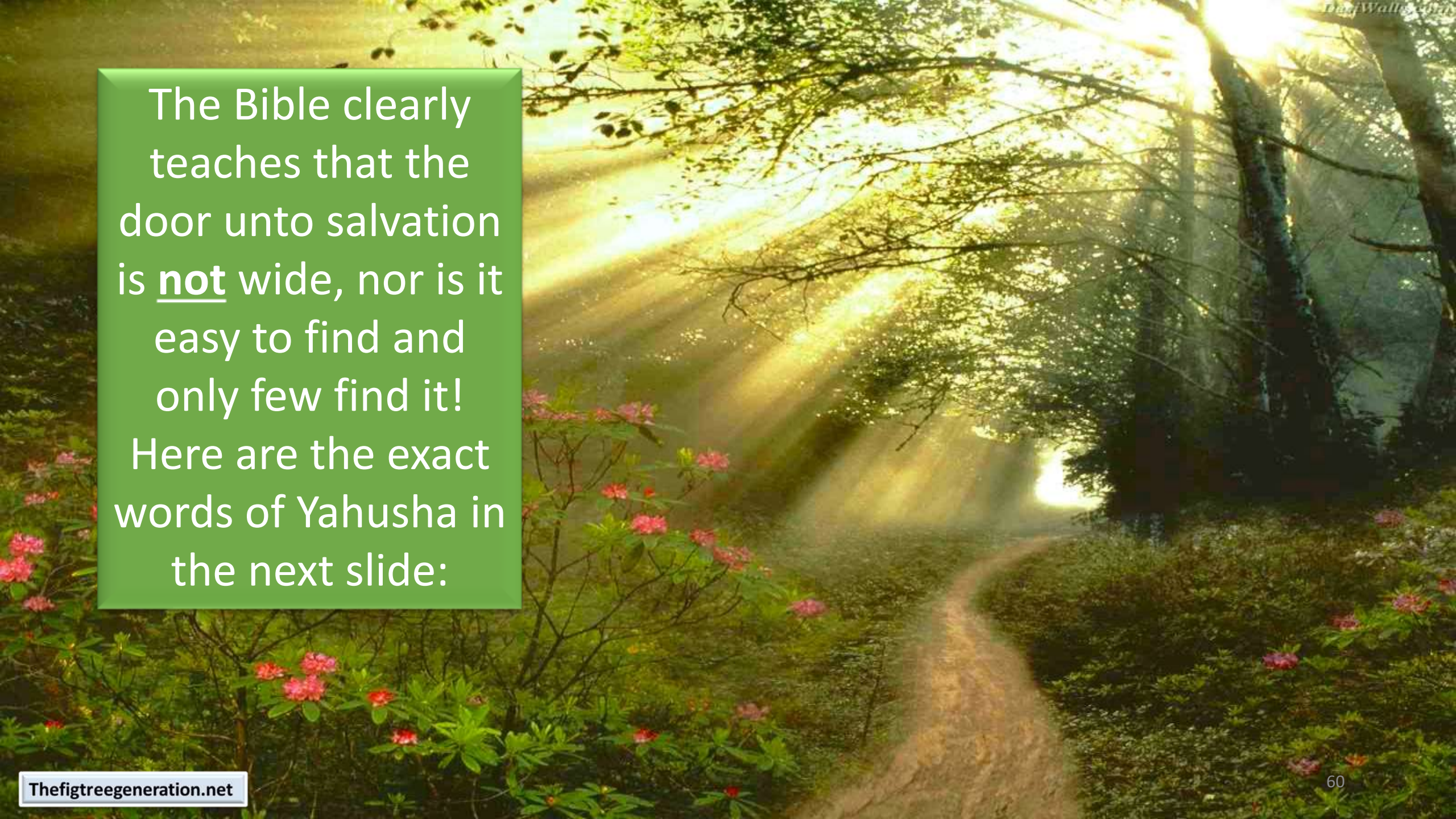
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neither suffer ye
them that are
entering to go in.”*



Are there blind
guides in
Churches and
denominations
today that lead
people to
damnation?

Peter compares such services and messages as
wells without water! *(See 2 Peter 2:17)*

Churches have become entertainment centers, which pleases people for a moment, but its temporal and they are left empty!

A serene forest scene with a dirt path leading into the distance. Sunlight rays (crepuscular rays) stream through the dense canopy of green trees, creating a magical atmosphere. In the foreground, there are lush green bushes with vibrant pink flowers. The overall tone is peaceful and hopeful.

The Bible clearly
teaches that the
door unto salvation
is not wide, nor is it
easy to find and
only few find it!
Here are the exact
words of Yahusha in
the next slide:

Matthew 7:13-14 “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”



Knowing this,
how is it that so
many
denominations,
churches and
groups teach and
do exactly the
opposite?



Because they are trying to please the people to keep their positions. They are **"man-pleaser"**, instead of pleasing Yahuah Elohim, the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The most difficult lesson for man to learn is that YHVH means what He says. We must recognize that there are no alternatives when He speaks. He blesses the obedient, and condemns the disobedient, period.



***Matthew 6:24 KJV* "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and despise the other."**

Through my experience the past few years I have come to the conviction that one can not serve the Hebrew Messiah and at the same time be a member of any denomination or church, **because you cannot serve two masters!** In order to be a member in regular and good standing in any group one must abide by the creeds or teachings of that particular church, even though these may be in opposition to what Scripture teaches.

Many denominations claim to be the "**only way to salvation**", which is the same sort of pressure sales tactics you might expect to encounter in a used-car lot.



*Coming back to pleasing people or being well spoken of by others, Paul as an example was not trying to please people. He said in Galatians 1:10 **CEV**: “I am not trying to please people. I want to please Elohim. Do you think I am trying to please people? If I were doing that, I would not be a servant of Christ (Messiah) .”*

ERV translation “Now do you think I am trying to make people accept me? No, Elohim is the one I am trying to please. Am I trying to please people? If I wanted to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ (Messiah) .”

NLT translation “Obviously, I’m not trying to win the approval of people, but of Elohim. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ’s (Messiah’s) servant.”

Get the point? The men-pleasers are not servants of Yahusha Ha Mashiach!



One must ask the question, what has happened to the old pleas of "**give me the Bible**", give me the oracles of Elohim? The time has come that most people are more interested what their church or denomination says than in a "**Thus saith YHVH!**" The first century preachers relied upon Scripture, both the so-called Old and New Testament! They did not have to rely on people with a Dr. of divinity degree, **they stuck with the word, Yahuah's power to save.**

Their lessons were not filled with soft soothing words. **Sinners were called sinners. Repentance was boldly required. Error was treated like poison.**





Let's be
reminded of
title of our
presentation:

**“Woe unto
you, when all
men speak well
of you!”** *Luke
6:26 KJV*

Our only safety is **to seek the approval of the GREAT I AM, Yahuah Elohim**, the one who is the Creator, then we are true servants of HIS! Most of the time, His will and man's ideas are opposed to each other. Yahusha said in Luke 16:15 **"....what is highly thought of among men is an abomination in the sight of Elohim."** (The Scriptures)



We are dealing here with eternal consequences, life or damnation!

By man or by Yahuah, the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob?

How can we receive the approval of YHVVH?
How can we please Him that is the way, the
truth and the life?

First we must have faith in him, it states in
Hebrews 11:6 (KJV) **“without faith it is
impossible to please him: for he that cometh to
Elohim must believe that he is, and that he is a
rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”**

Secondly, we must seek and obey His will. It doesn't matter what people think or say about it. We are talking about a wholehearted obedience done with joy and enthusiasm to His commands. The Scripture translation says in Psalm 100:2 “Serve יהוה with gladness.” The Living Bible says, “Obey him gladly.” Obedience is an act of worship. Why is obedience so pleasing to HIM? Because Yahusha stated in John 14:15 “If you love me, you will obey my commandments.” TEV



It is an expression of
Love and obedience is
the only proof of loving
Him!



I like the statement king David made in Psalm 119:33 in the Restoration Study Bible “Teach me, O Yahuah, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.”

Or here is how the Living Bible puts it: “Just tell me what to do and I will do it, Lord (YHVH). As long as I live I’ll wholeheartedly obey.”



The question is what should one obey, because there is so much confusion and false claims being made by over 41,000 various Christian Churches and denominations! Most of them claim just to accept and to follow in the footsteps of Jesus (*meaning of course the Hebrew Messiah*), but each group seems to have a different idea, what that actually means!

Most people don't realize that this Yahusha was not a Christian, but first and foremost a Torah observant, tallit wearing, synagogue attending, Sabbath and feast-keeping, kosher Jew who observed the 7 commanded holy days until His death.

A side-question, why was Yahusha crucified since he didn't break the Torah and who was really responsible for His death? Many believe it was the Jews, some believe it was the Romans and others it was Satan! In short, the Jewish leadership wanted him dead, Pilate could have, but refused to prevent the crucifixion, Satan incited it but it was our sins that demanded it, it was our Heavenly Father who willed it and it was Yahusha who willingly offered himself to be sacrificed!

"For (YHVH) Elohim so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (*John 3:16 ESV*).

Whoever follows in the footsteps of this Torah observant Jewish Messiah called Yahusha Ha Mashiach will not be well spoken of by many well-meaning Christians and also Non-Christians, because Torah is considered Jewish, but it is not Jewish. The Torah is the Creator's instruction manual for all men pointing to the Savior and to salvation!

By walking in the footsteps of this Jewish Messiah Yahusha, accepting His Torah, the hatred and opposition of the world in general and of the professed Christian Community will be aroused, just as it took place, while He walked this earth. John 1, 10-11 states “He was in the world, and the world knew him not. 11. He came unto his own, and his own received him not.”

Let's look at John 15:18-25 (*The Scriptures*) "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19 "If you were of the world, the world would love its own. But because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, for that reason the world hates you. 20 "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they shall persecute you too. If they have guarded My Word, they would guard yours too. 21 "But all this they shall do to you because of My Name, because they do not know Him who sent Me.



22 “If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.
23 “He who hates Me hates My Father as well. 24 “If I did not do among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin. But now they have both seen and have hated both Me and My Father, 25 but...that the word might be filled which was written in their Torah, **‘They hated Me without a cause.’”**

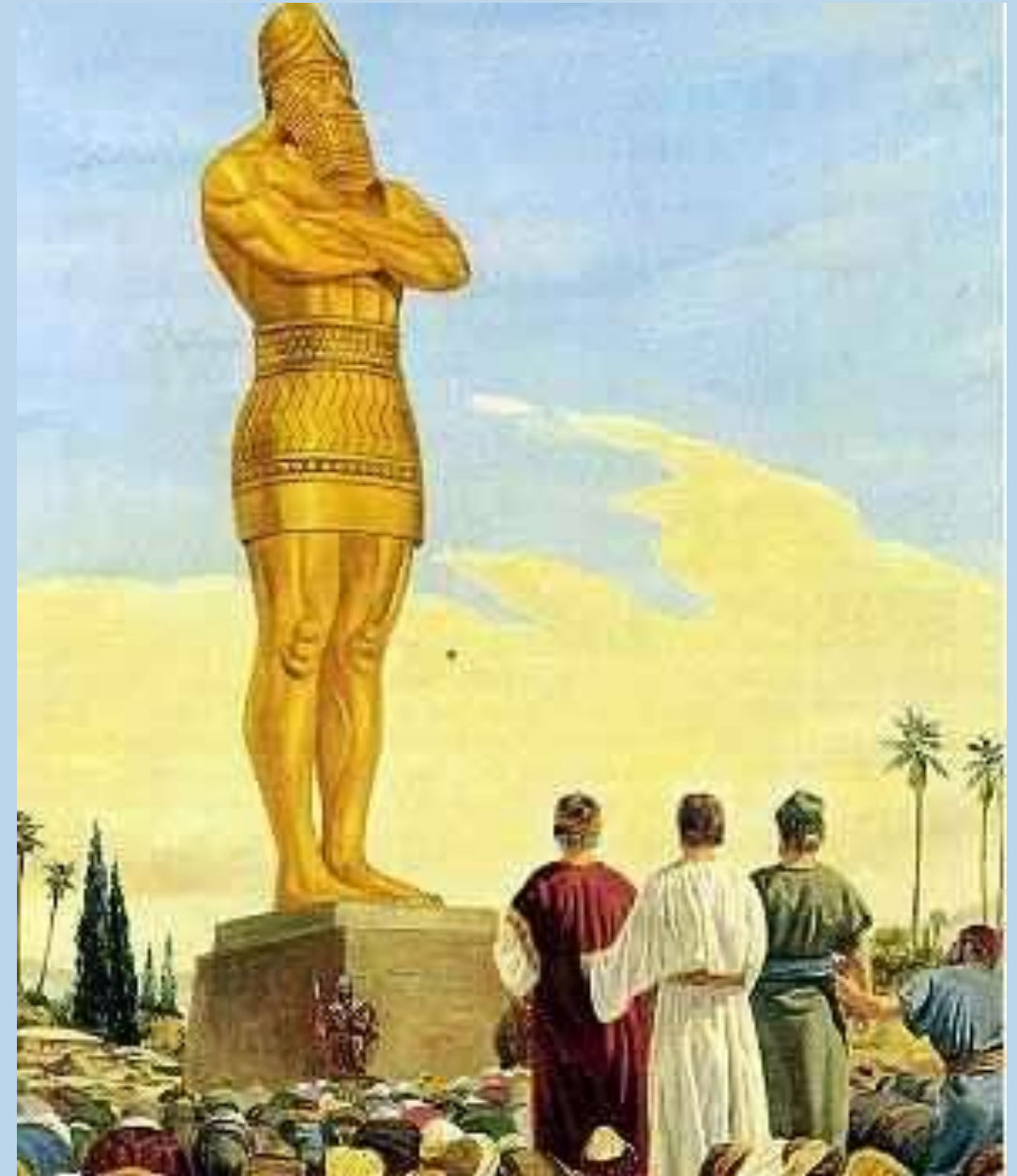


They hated Yahusha without a cause, so they will hate His followers without a cause!

Daniel was thrown in a den of ravenous lions, because of his unswerving dedication to YHVH and his refusal to worship a no-Elohim, his refusal to compromise in any way or form! *(See Daniel 6)*



Daniel's three friends Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego **refused to compromise**, they refused to violate the Second Commandment by worshipping the golden image Nebuchadnezzar had set up. For this reason he cast them into the fiery furnace, but Yahuah miraculously delivered them.



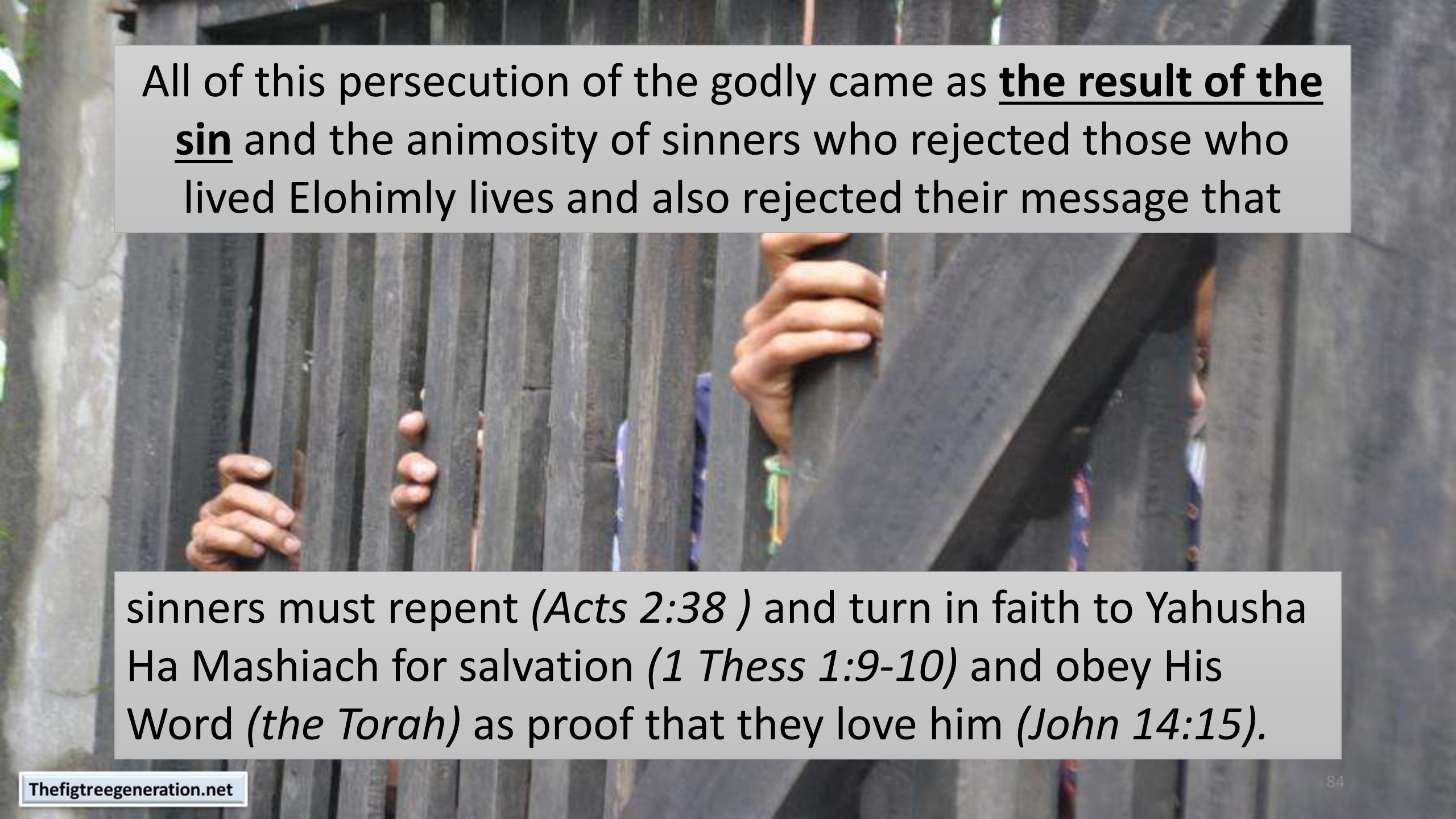
Both the Old Testament and the New Testament give examples of physical, social, mental and spiritual persecution, because people refused to compromise with evil or to follow strange Elohims. Because Elijah spoke against the prophet's Baal (*1.kings 18:25-40*) and against the idolatry of Israel (*1. Kings 18:16-21*), was he persecuted by Jezebel for his Elohimly stand (*1. Kings 19:1-3*).

David, who conducted himself in a Elohimly manner despite being pursuit by Saul (*1 Sam 9-27:1*); Jeremiah, who spoke Elohim's message of condemnation against Judah for her sins and the coming judgment against her to be brought by the Babylonians (*Jeremiah 9:11 Jeremiah 9:13-16 ; 21:3-7 ; 25:1-14*), had his message rejected (*Jer. 36-37*), was beaten (*Jer 37:15*), and finally dropped into a muddy cistern (*Jer 38:6-13*).

Examples in the New Testament include John the Baptist, who spoke out against the adultery of Herod Antipas and was beheaded (*Mark 6:21-29*); Stephen, the deacon, who, preaching the gospel before the Sanhedrin and proclaiming Elohim's judgment because of the sins of the people, was rejected and stoned (*Acts 6:5 ; 7:1-60*); Paul, who was persecuted, beaten, and imprisoned as he preached from place to place, and was finally killed in Rome (*2 Tim 4:6-8*)

And finally, Yahusha himself who preached His father's grace and judgment (*Matt 4:17 ; 11:28-29*), was persecuted by his hearers (*Luke 4:28-30*), plotted against by his adversaries (*Mark 3:6*), rejected (*Luke 13:34 ; John 6:66*), tried (*John 18:12-40*), and finally crucified (*John 19:16-37 ; Php 2:9*).





All of this persecution of the godly came as the result of the sin and the animosity of sinners who rejected those who lived Elohimly lives and also rejected their message that

sinner must repent (*Acts 2:38*) and turn in faith to Yahusha Ha Mashiach for salvation (*1 Thess 1:9-10*) and obey His Word (*the Torah*) as proof that they love him (*John 14:15*).

We have another example in the Old Testament, speaking of the brutal persecutions of the Jewish people under the Hellenistic King Antiochus Epiphanes. The king tried to impose pagan customs on all Israelites at the time of the Maccabees, and **many gave in, so as not to be killed**. The Bible recounts the heroic witness of the scribe Eleazar, a 90-year-old man who was killed for his refusal to eat pork. Some of his elderly friends suggested he only pretend to eat the forbidden meat to save his life, but he rejected their logic. He said: At our age it would be unbecoming to make such a pretense; many young people would think the ninety-year-old Eleazar had gone over **to an alien religion**.

....Should I thus pretend for the sake of a brief moment of life, they would be led astray by me, while I would bring shame and dishonor on my old age. “Even if, for the time being, I avoid the punishment of men, I shall never, whether alive or dead, escape the hands of the Almighty,” he said.



This elderly priest refused to compromise, no matter what others thought and said about Him.

His uppermost desire was to please Yahuah and looking for a better world to come.



I want to repeat, every true follower of Yahusha will have enemies and if you and I don't have enemies, our Elohimliness may not be showing very well. His followers will be accused and maligned. Paul said: **"All who desire to live a Elohimly life in Yahusha Ha Mashiach will be persecuted."** (2. Timothy 3:12). It is our job as believers to take a stand against worldly standards and customs and whatever displeases our Father.

Romans 12:18 does state “If it is possible, as far as depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” That would mean, people should be speaking well of Yahushas followers, but not by them compromising biblical principles or standards and by joining the world and following their standards and customs. Look at James 4:4 “**Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with Elohim? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of Elohim.**” KJV

We are looking at two completely different spirits that do not harmonize. We are not here on this earth to impress ourselves, nor please other people but only to please Yahuah, just like Yahusha did according to John 5:30 (BBE). He said: “**I have no desire to do what is pleasing to myself, but only what is pleasing to him who sent me.**”

It is a serious matter trying to please people, churches and denominations, trying to be well received by them and well spoken of, instead of pleasing the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the only true and living Elohim, Yahuah Elohim, the **“Great I AM”**.


There is a “woe” pronounced on every one that is seeking to please people above seeking the approval of Yahuah Elohim, seeking to please Him, as was pointed out in this presentation!



Let's be determined at whatever cost to follow Yahusha, the Hebrew Messiah and His word, because He is the way the truth and the life. Everyone follows something or someone like friends, popular culture, family, selfish desires, or the true Elohim. We can only follow and please one thing at a time (*Matthew 6:24*), Yahuah states we are to have no other Elohims before him (*Exodus 20:3*).

There is no such thing as a "**halfway disciple**." Following Yahusha means striving to be like Him. Every decision and dream is filtered through His Word with the goal to please and to glorify Him in everything we do and say, even in what we drink and eat! (*1 Cor. 10:31*).





**Matthew 25:23
(RSV) “His master
said to him, ‘Well
done, good and
faithful servant;
you have been
faithful over a
little, I will set you
over much; enter
into the joy of
your master.’”**

A close-up photograph of a red panda's face. The panda has reddish-brown fur on its head and ears, with white fur on its face and chest. Its mouth is open, showing its pink tongue and small teeth. It is perched on a rough, brown tree stump. The background is a blurred green forest.

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THE END



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