Reputation! His And Ours!

LESSONS IN LIFE



Reputation!

It is exercising to ponder where we've been in life, good and bad, knowing we have a Creator that is so merciful He will forgive us for our wickedness and forget we ever did it to begin with.

He will make us whole and look beyond our misbehaviors to the righteousness that we have exchanged instead and He watches for those corrections from His heavenly abode.

I didn't say exchanged our religions, I said exchanged

Why the name Yahweh?

It was the name He gave to Moses to use with the Jews to confirm Moses represented His Words For Life. Say this to the people of Israel: <u>Yahweh</u>,

the Heavenly Father of your ancestors the Heavenly Father of Abraham, the Heavenly Father of Isaac, and the Heavenly Father of Jacob — has sent me to you. <u>This is my eternal name</u>, my name to remember for all generations. Exodus 3:15

Why the title <u>Heavenly Father?</u>

The term "god" is used by far too many religions to try and represent who He really is, our Heavenly Father!

If <u>I am your father and master</u>, where are the honor and respect I deserve? Malachi 1:6



Heavenly Father - The Title Of The Creator Of The Universe! Yahweh - The Eternal Name Of The Creator Of The Universe!

our righteousness. Substituting righteousness for wickedness is not an act of religion, it's an act of life and our reputations depend on it as does His.

His Word

Choose a good reputation over great riches; <u>being held in</u> <u>high esteem</u> is better than silver or gold. <u>I will rescue you</u> for my sake — yes, for my own sake! <u>I will not</u> <u>let my reputation be tarnished</u>, and I will not share my glory with idols. **Proverbs 22:1 Isaiah 48:11**

The Creator of the universe jealously guards His own reputation demonstrated

by His actions toward disobedience, Adam and Eve, the flood, Sodom and Gomorrah, and all the acts of disobedience generated by His own chosen nation, Israel.

<u>His Word</u>

So now, this is what the Sovereign Yahweh says: <u>I will</u> <u>end the captivity</u> of my people; <u>I will</u>

have mercy on all Israel, for <u>I jeal-ously guard my holy reputation!</u> Ezekiel 39:25

Yes, His reputation for mercy extends from now to eternity – <u>If!</u> (and <u>if</u> might look like a small word, but, it's huge when one considers what it represents).

The entire city of 120,000 people of Nineveh was destined for destruction because of their wickedness until, they changed. He didn't change them, they changed themselves and His mercy prevailed.

His Word



Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. <u>An-</u> <u>nounce my judg-</u> <u>ment</u> against it because <u>I have seen</u> <u>how wicked its peo-</u> <u>ple are</u>. Nineveh has more than 120,000 people living in spiritual darkness, not to mention all the animals. <u>Shouldn't I feel sorry</u> <u>for such a great city?</u> Jonah 1:2 4:10

They repented and turned, He saw it and it changed His

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mind about destroying them.

Therein depicts His reputation of mercy, and now their reputation of coming in line, something every one of us have to do

Their actions, thus the reputation *for* their actions, changed from wickedness to righteousness which is now what *He* wants us to achieve in our own individual lives.

It's so sad that the Creator of all matter could have accusations against Him that challenge His reputation, but, He does.

I can't tell you the number of times in my own life I have listened to people accuse Him

Raised Up!

Many of those whose bodies lie dead and buried will rise up, some to **everlasting life** and some to **shame and everlasting disgrace**. **Daniel 12:2**

Everlasting Life -His servants who are proven righteous beings (believe, serve and obey). Live in Israel and worship Him at Mt. Zion forever.



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Israel forever.

Mt. Everlasting Shame and Disgrace - Those who are proven to be unrighteous beings (do not believe, do not serve and do not obey). In other

Everlasting Pit -Those who are proven to be evildoers and liars will never see the light of day. of what they think is wrongdoing, especially how He handles and instructs handling of disobedience.

Yes, Adam and Eve died. Yes, a billion or perhaps billions drowned in the flood from babies to the elderly because of their evil.

Yes, Sodom and Gomorrah were wiped out *(children and adults)* because of their evil lifestyles.

Yes, entire nations are in the pit of the earth because of their terrorist activities.

Yes, He instructed Joshua several times to kill everyone in cities that stood in the way of bringing His nation to the promised land.

Yes, He destroyed people, many by plague, from His own selected nation, Israel, because of their rebellion, stubbornness, disobedience and rejection of Him as our Savior.

Yes, a day of judgement is on the way that will send billions of non-believers into an existence of shame and disgrace eternally, and worse, liars and evil people in to the pit of the earth, also eternally.

<u>The Eternal Message</u>

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<u>His Word</u>

Yahweh does whatever pleases him throughout all heaven and earth, and on the seas and in their depths. PsaIm 135:6

And, no one should *ever* challenge His reputation for doing so.

<u>His Word</u>

How long will you people ruin my reputation? How long will you make groundless accusations? How long will you continue your lies? Psalm 4:2

Ruin His reputation?

How irreverent, how disrespectful, how self-centered and how ashamed anyone who challenges the reputation of the Creator of the universe should be. It's beyond belief that such nonsense could even exist, but, it started in the garden when Adam blamed the Father for Eve's sin.

<u>His Word</u>

The man replied, "<u>It was the</u> woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it. Genesis 3:12

Adam got the instruction, and Adam disobeyed the instruction, so he can't point his finger at Yahweh as responsible.

The more of this crap I read about, the responses of the human race toward our



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maker, the angrier I get about it, and completely agree with Him as being sorry He ever made us to begin with. And, yes, it did break His heart then and I'm sure still does today.

His Word

Yahweh was <u>sorry he had ever</u> <u>made them</u> and put them on the earth. <u>It broke his heart.</u> Genesis 6:6

His own people have been the worst people against Him setting an example of reputation challenges that break tons of His commandments

and "Book Of Instruction" given us to live by. Anyone who talks down Heavenly Father needs the worst of punishment, eternal death.

His Word

They will see the dead bodies of <u>those</u> who have rebelled against me. For the worms that devour them will never die, and the <u>fire that</u> **burns them will never go out**. All who pass by will view them with utter horror. **Isaiah 66:24**

The more I watch and read about the actions of the modern day human race, the more I conclude that people don't give a hoot about their reputations which will stand in judgement some day.

His Word

Heavenly Father <u>will judge</u> <u>us for everything we do,</u> including every secret thing, whether good or bad. <u>Our wickedness has</u> <u>caught up with us,</u> Yahweh, but help us <u>for the sake of your own</u>

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have turned away from you and sinned against you again and again. The wicked think, "Heavenly Father isn't watching us! He has closed his eyes and won't even see what we do!" Ecclesiastes 12:14 Jeremiah 14:7 Psalm 10:11

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He's watching *everything* so don't think for a minute you can hide your wickedness (*disobedience*). He sees it all and your reputation is carried forward by your soul (*personality*).

<u>His Word</u>

Heavenly Father watches how people live; he sees everything they do. Job 34:21

How you live is the reputation you develop in the 70odd-years or so of your mortal body (a body subject to death).

His Word

What does Yahweh your Heavenly Father require of you? He requires only that you <u>fear</u> Yahweh your Heavenly Father, and <u>live in a</u> way that <u>pleases him</u>, and <u>love</u> <u>him</u> and <u>serve him</u> with all your heart and soul (the part of you that consists of your mind, character, thoughts, and feelings – personality – characteristics or qualities).

I don't understand how religion can be substituted for an individual soul, yet there are those who profess *that* way as living to please Him.

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Acknowledgment Of Yahweh

(Honoring and recognizing our Creator – Psalm 23)

Yahweh is my shepherd; I have all that I need.

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He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name. Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me.

Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.

Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of Yahweh forever.

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There's 4300 of them (and thousands of NRMs - new religious movements) on the planet right now, so, just which one is pleasing, loving or serving Him?

Empty their pews and cut off their contributions and they wouldn't even exist. Yet, the Father of Heaven does and it's He who carries the reputation of mercy for those who will live in a way that pleases Him, loves Him and serves Him with all one's heart and soul.

<u>His Word</u>

People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they <u>confess</u> and turn from them, they will receive mercy. I will have mercy on all Israel, for <u>I jealously guard my</u> holy reputation! Proverbs 28:13 Ezekiel 39:25

Please note that He doesn't force Himself on you.

If He did, we'd just be puppets having our strings pulled in the fashion He wants us to live.

What enjoyment would *that* create for Him.

No, He wants us to fully believe in Him, trust Him, and

To doubt is disbelief and to disbelieve is death!

depend on Him, but He wants us to do that of our own individual free will, not some religious facade, "ring in the nose" governing system or social undertaking that en mass has left Him behind *(as they did at the flood)*.

However, we also don't want to carry a reputation of "holier-than-thou" isolation that snubs noses at people who aren't being led by the religion these nerds represent. Boy does He dislike *that* action.

His Word

You can't wait for the Sabbath day to be over <u>and the religious</u> <u>festivals to end so you can get</u> <u>back to cheating the helpless</u>. Amos 8:5

Our Father In Heaven displays a reputation of being strict:

<u>His Word</u>

For instance, they might serve other gods or worship the sun, the moon, or any of the stars — the forces of heaven — which I have <u>strictly</u>

forbidden. Deuteronomy 17:3

A reputation of being mighty:

<u>His Word</u>

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of the seas, <u>mightier</u> than the breakers on the shore — Yahweh above is <u>mightier than these!</u> Psalm 93:4

A reputation of being strong:

His Word

Search for Yahweh and for <u>his</u> <u>strength;</u> continually seek him. 1 Chronicles 16:11

Yet there are those who will disagree right up to the point of forming a religion and worshipping another "god".

<u>His Word</u>

I, Yahweh your Heavenly Father, am a jealous Heavenly Father who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. Exodus 20:5

What one wants to prioritize in one's thinking about His reputation is that He is the creator of all matter and should be recognized as such.

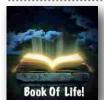
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But the Heavenly Father of Israel is <u>no idol! He is the Creator of</u> <u>everything that exists.</u> Jeremiah 51:19

He created us in His image.

Respect Him, don't belittle Him as is the habit of many.

Reputations, not bodies are judged!



IS YOUR NAME WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE?

Millions of angels ministered to him; many millions stood to attend him. Then the court began its session, and the **books were opened**. **Daniel 7:10** Then there will be a time of anguish greater than any since nations first came into existence. But at that time every one of your people whose name is <u>written in the book will be rescued</u>. **Daniel 12:1** We will not add anything to this truth. Your name in the book saves your life!