

Amen

Faith in a Word

*From Hebrew Roots to New
Testament Revelation*

AMEN

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FAITH IN A WORD

Standing on the promises of God

Don Finto:



“Amen” YES!

2Corinthians 1:17-20 So when I was planning to do this (visit), I didn't do so lightly, did I? Or the things I plan, do I plan according to the flesh—so it might be with me “Yes, yes” and “No, no” at the same time? But as God is faithful, our message to you is not both “Yes” and “No.” For Ben-Elohim—Yeshua the Messiah, who was proclaimed among you by us, by myself and Silvanus and Timothy—was not “Yes” and “No.” Rather, in Him it has always been “Yes.” For in Him (Yeshua) all the promises of God are “Yes.” Therefore also through Him is the “Amen” by us, to the glory of God.

Rev 3:14 To the angel of Messiah's community in Laodicea write:
“Thus says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Originator of God's creation:

What Does “Amen” Mean?

Hebrew Word: אָמֵן (*’āmēn*)

- **Root:** א-מ-נ (*’aman*) – a root that conveys **firmness, reliability, trustworthiness, and faithfulness**.
- The verb *aman* means **to confirm, support, be faithful, believe, or trust**.

Semantic Range:

The Hebrew *’āmēn* is derived from this root and is related to several key biblical ideas:

- אֱמוּנָה (*emunah*) – faith, faithfulness
 - אָמַן (*aman*) – to support, confirm, or trust
 - אֱמֶת (*emet*) – truth
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- In Hebrew, amen can mean: “So be it” “It is true” “I agree” “Let it be established” “I confirm” or “I support this truth”

What Does “Amen” Mean?

GREEK: ἀμήν (*amēn*)

- **Greek Transliteration:** ἀμήν (*amēn*)
- **Pronunciation:** ah-MANE
- Directly borrowed from the **Hebrew**, אָמֵן retaining its meaning and form.

Meaning and Use:

In the New Testament, *amēn* carries forward the Hebrew depth but is used even more **emphatically and theologically**:

- **As affirmation:** “Truly” or “Surely”
- **As agreement:** “So be it”
- **As truth claim:** “It is certainly so”
- It's a response of trust and submission to God's will.

Amen - Agreement with God

Exo 19:7-8 So Moses went, called for the elders of the people, and put before them all these words that Adonai had commanded him. All the people answered together and said, “Everything that Adonai has spoken, we will do.” Then Moses reported the words of the people to Adonai.

Romans 10:9 For if you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

- “Homologia” Same Words (as God = truth)
- Confession (agreement), then blood!

Amen – Agreement with God

1. Deuteronomy 27:15-26 The People Say “Amen”

"Then all the people shall answer and say, 'Amen!'"

In this chapter, Moses commands the people to respond with “Amen” after each statement of the law's curses. It symbolizes corporate agreement and responsibility. The “Amen” is not just lip service; it's a public commitment to truth and accountability.

2. 1st Chronicles 16:36

“Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Then all the people said, ‘Amen!’ and praised the Lord.”

This verse captures a corporate declaration of praise and affirmation of God's eternal nature and goodness. “Amen” here reflects worship and unity in truth.

3. Nehemiah 8:6

“And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, ‘Amen, Amen,’ lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.”

This scene shows how “Amen” can be an emotional, reverent, and worshipful response to hearing God's Word. It's a profound image of agreement, humility, and surrender.

Amen – Agreement with God

4. Psalm 106:48

“Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, ‘Amen!’ Praise the Lord!”

A psalm of praise ending with a call for all the people to declare “Amen”—again highlighting that our verbal affirmation gives glory to God and seals our participation in worship.

5. Revelation 5:14

“And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’ and the elders fell down and worshiped.”

Even the heavenly beings proclaim “Amen” in worship, confirming the worthiness of the Lamb. This affirms that Amen is not just earthly—it’s heavenly, too.

6. Revelation 22:20–21

“He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Yeshua!”

John responds to Yeshua’s promise with a heartfelt “Amen”—a confirmation, a longing, and a submission to the coming of Christ.

7. Matthew 6:13 – The Lord’s Prayer Ending *“...For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”*

Doubt – Lacking Agreement with God

1. Numbers 13-14 The 10 Spies and Israel's Unbelief

“We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are.” (Num 13:31)

God promised the land to Israel, but 10 of the 12 spies brought back a negative report. The people believed the fearful report and did not affirm God's promise. The people did not enter the Promised Land. Instead, that generation wandered and died in the wilderness (Num. 14:28-35). They failed to say “Amen” to God's promise. Their lack of agreement and faith delayed the fulfillment.

2. Luke 1:18-20 Zechariah's Doubt

“How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.” “And behold, you will be silent...because you did not believe my words.”

Zechariah was given a promise by Gabriel about the birth of John the Baptist. He responded with doubt instead of agreement. He was struck mute until the fulfillment of the promise. His failure to say “Amen” in faith led to a temporary consequence.

Doubt – Lacking Agreement with God

3. Mark 6:5-6 Yeshua Rejected in Nazareth

“And He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He marveled because of their unbelief.”

Yeshua returned to His hometown, but the people were offended by Him and refused to believe. He withheld miracles due to their unbelief. No “Amen” to His identity meant no access to His power.

4. Hebrews 3:12-19 Hardened Hearts and Missing the Rest

“So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.” (Heb 3:19)

What happened: The writer warns believers not to follow Israel’s example of disobedience and unbelief. They missed out on God’s “rest” (a metaphor for both the Promised Land, entering New Jerusalem and spiritual rest in Messiah). Agreement with God is the door to entering His rest.

Doubt – Lacking Agreement with God

5. Deuteronomy 28:15-68 Curses for Not Obeying

“But if you will not obey the voice of the Lord your God...then all these curses shall come upon you...” (Deut 28:15)

God laid out blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience. Disobedience (or failure to say “Amen” to His commands) opened the door to destruction. Blessing follows alignment, and cursing follows rejection of God’s Word.

6. Matthew 23:37 Jerusalem’s Rejection of Yeshua

“How often I wanted to gather your children together... but you were not willing!”

Yeshua laments over Jerusalem’s unwillingness to accept Him. Their house was left desolate. A “no” to God’s offer leads to desolation, not destiny.

Biblical Principle

- God initiates the promise, but our “Amen” (faith-filled agreement) is required to activate it, to His Glory!
- Without agreement, blessing can be delayed, minimized, or forfeited!

2 Corinthians 1:20 and the power of our response to God’s Word.

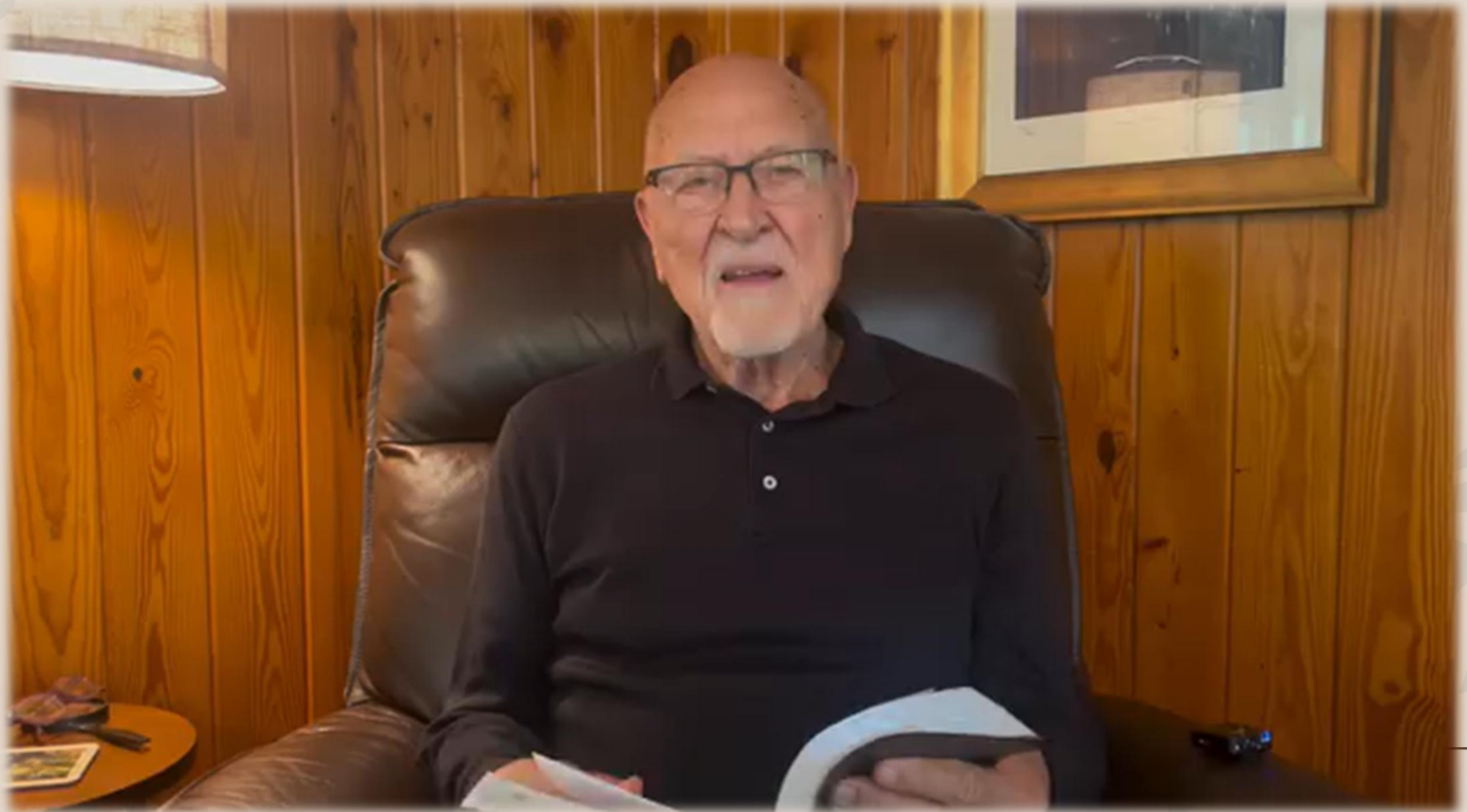
2Cor 1:20 For in Him all the promises of God are “Yes.” Therefore also through Him is the “Amen” by us, to the glory of God.

Be careful what we come into agreement with:

- **Exodus 32:1-6**: Aaron's compromise via peer pressure at Sinai, agreement by making the Golden Calf.
- **Matthew 27:24**: Pilate is complicate in his silence. Social pressure
- **1Kings 22**: Jehoshaphat alliance with King Ahab nearly cost him his life.
- **Acts 5:1-11**: Ananias & Sapphira's agreement to lie
- **Judges 11:30-40**: Jephthah's Rash Vow: Flippant and rash agreement with your emotions and thoughts.
- The enemy makes his plans easy to swallow with lies: **Dan 6:8 & 9:27**
- Not every "Amen" is Godly. Agreeing without discernment, fear, or truth can align us with judgment instead of blessing. **Isaiah 48:1**

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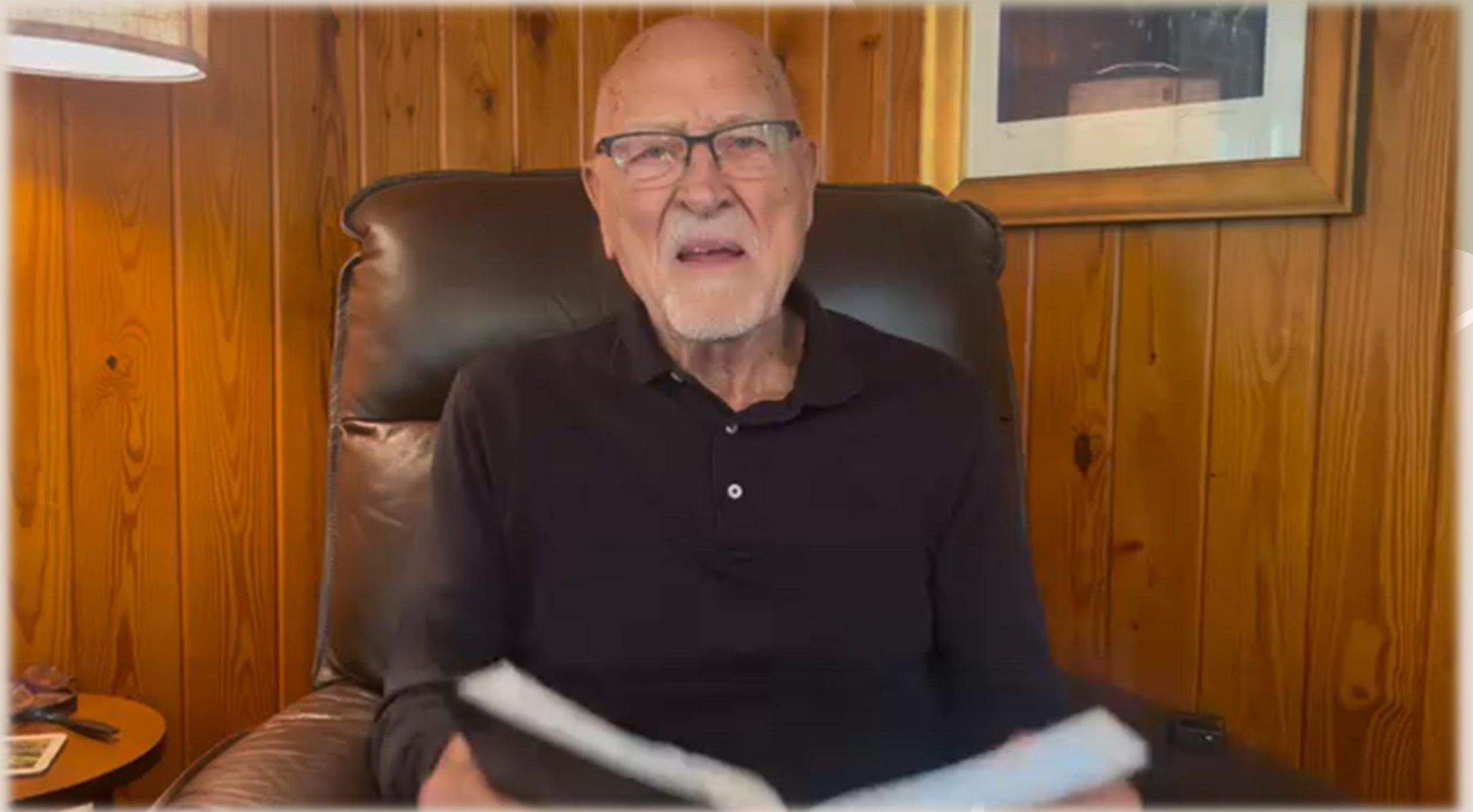
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Promises we should agree to!

1. James 1:5-6: Wisdom for the Asking
 2. Philippians 4:6-7: Peace Beyond Understanding
 3. Philippians 4:13: Strength to Endure All
 4. Romans 8:28: God Works All Things for Good
 5. Isaiah 41:10: Fear Not, I Am With You
 6. John 14:27: Yeshua's Own Peace
 7. 1 John 1:9: Forgiveness and Cleansing
 8. 2 Corinthians 12:9: Grace That Is Sufficient
- A Specific context driven promise: Jer 29:11 *"For I know what plans I have in mind for you..."*, {Israel going into exile} If God can have a plan₁₅ and mercy on a hard hearted Israel, he can for me too!

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Agree with God? How!?

- Both His written and spiritual words to us!
- Confirm it by speaking and agreeing, AMEN

“...The sword of the Spirit, which is the (spoken) word of God.” - Eph 6:17b

- If unsure, pray what he's put on your heart, but be willing to submit to His will (Which is a burnt offering).

*Mat 26:39 Going a little farther, He fell face down and prayed, saying,
“My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me! Yet not as I will,
but as You will.”*

Yeshua's Double Amen BOMB!



John 3:1-7 Now there was a man, a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jewish people. He came to Yeshua at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that You, a teacher, have come from God. For no one can perform these signs which You do unless God is with Him!” Yeshua answered him, “Amen, amen I tell you, unless one is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” “How can a man be born when he is old?” Nicodemus said to Him. “He cannot enter his mother’s womb a second time and be born, can he?” Yeshua answered, “Amen, amen I tell you, unless one is born of water and spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be surprised that I said to you, ‘You all must be born from above.’


- “Truly, truly I say to you...” – In Greek: “Amēn, amēn, legō hymin...”
- Confirmation, twice! And before the statement! It’s like He’s got authority or something!? Wow!

Yeshua's Double Amen BOMB!



Joh 5:24-26 “Amen, amen I tell you, whoever hears My word and trusts the One who sent Me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed over from death into life. Amen, amen I tell you, an hour is coming and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of Ben-Elohim. Those who hear will live! For just as the Father has life in Himself, so also He has granted the Son to have life in Himself.

- This doubled use (ἀμήν ἀμήν) at the beginning is unique to Yeshua and functions as a divine seal of truth: not just an "Amen" at the end, but a divine affirmation before a statement!
- Most of Yeshua's "amen amen" statements are centered around salvation!
- Born Again, confirming the Resurrection



Shabbat
Shalom!

QUESTIONS,
COMMENTS
AND
ANSWERS

