

## Loving the Most High



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Now that we have had a real in-depth look at how we should love our neighbour, I'd like to return to the most important of the commands – that we should love YAHUAH the Most High with everything that we have within us!

But who is YAHUAH that we should love Him? Is He the judgmental and cruel God that so many believe Him to be, who completely changed His mind to only love and being nice by sending His Son? Has He changed? Or is He eternal, never-changing?

Before I dive into the “how-to’s” of loving the Father, I’d like to have a look at who He really is, let us look to the Word to learn more about who YAHUAH is, who He was, is and always will be!

### **Who is YAHUAH?**

*In the beginning Elohim created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1*

YAHUAH is the Creator of EVERYTHING!

*And this is the message which we have heard from Him and announce to you, that Elohim is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:5*

The Father is light and goodness. He is perfect in all ways.

*For who is El, besides YAHUAH? And who is a rock, besides our Elohim? El is my mighty stronghold, and He makes my way perfect, making my feet like the feet of a deer, and sets me on high places. 2 Samuel 22:32-34*

He is our Shepherd and Guide, showing us through His Word and Ruach the way we should go. He will never lead us astray.

*The El – His way is perfect; the Word of YAHUAH is proven; He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him. Psalm 18:30*

The Most High is perfect in every way, He protects His people, He is YAHUAH Magen, our Shield.

*The council of YAHUAH stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose Elohim is YAHUAH, the people whom He has chosen as His own inheritance. Psalm 33:11-12*

He is forever! There is no change in Him or His Word. His plans stand for all those who follow Him, to the ends of earth.

*Then the heavens declared His righteousness, for Elohim Himself is Judge. Selah. Psalm 50:6 The Most High is the righteous judge of all things.*

*See Elohim is my helper, YAHUAH is with those who sustain my life. Psalm 54:4*

He gives us life and sustains us through life.

*My deliverance and my esteem depend on Elohim; the rock of my strength, my refuge is in Elohim. Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your heart before Him; Elohim is a refuge for us. Selah. Psalm 62:7-8*

YAHUAH is forever dependable and trustworthy. So many of King David’s Psalms speak beautifully about the Father’s loving-commitment to those who trust in Him.

*Blessed be YAHUAH, day by day He bears our burden, the El of our deliverance! Selah. Our El is the El of deliverance; and to YAHUAH, the Master, belong escapes from death. Psalm 68:19-20*

He is our yeshua – our deliverance and salvation.

*And Moshe said to Elohim, “See, when I come to the children of Yashar’el and say to them, ‘The Elohim of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they say to me, ‘What is His Name?’ what shall I say to them?”*

*And Elohim said to Moshe, “I am that which I am.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Yashar’el, ‘I am has sent me to you.’ ” Exodus 3:13-14*

In Hebrew, AHAYAHA ASHAR AHAYAHA.

*“Who is like You, O YAHUAH, among the mighty ones? Who is like You, great in set apartness, awesome in praises, working wonders?” Exodus 15:11*

The song of Moshe in Exodus 15 was sung to praise YAHUAH for rescuing His people from slavery and bringing them out of the land of Mitsrayim. They praised Him for His miracles and strength, for his faithfulness in watching over and delivering Yashar’el – it must have been amazing to have been one of them there, singing to the Most High after witnessing His awesome power.

*And YAHUAH came down in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, YAHUAH. And YAHUAH passed before him and proclaimed, “YAHUAH, YAHUAH, an El compassionate and showing favour, patient, and great in loving-commitment and truth, watching over loving-commitment for thousands, forgiving crookednesses and transgression and sin, but by no means leaving unpunished, visiting the crookedness of fathers upon the children and the children’s children to the third and the fourth generation.” Exodus 34:5-7*

This is an excellent example of the nature of YAHUAH! He is both the merciful, loving and compassionate Elohim that would take away the sins of a repentant nation, but also the righteous judge who passes punishment for disobedience and sin. He is both, always has been both, and still is.

*“El is not a man, to lie; nor a son of man, to repent! Has He said, and would He not do it; or spoken, and would not confirm it?” Numbers 23:19*

Our Elohim does not have the wicked spirit of men that would lie or break promises. His Word is eternally trustworthy, and His promises stand forever.

*Did you not know? Have you not heard? The everlasting Elohim, YAHUAH, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men*

*stumble and fall, but those who wait on YAHUAH renew their strength, they raise up the wing like eagles, they run and are not weary, they walk and do not faint. Isaiah 40:28-31*

To serve the Creator! How incredible! The prophet Isaiah praises Him here and rightly so. Our Elohim gives us strength when we need it the most, He lifts us up and strengthens us. Only He can help us, only YAHUAH will always be with us.

*“For I am YAHUAH, I shall not change, and you, O sons of Jacob, shall not come to an end.” Malachi 3:6*

The Everlasting and Most High Elohim never changes, and His promise to always be with His children is forever. They need only remember Him and worship Him!

### **Anger and Justice**

YAHUAH does indeed get angry, but His anger is always righteous anger, the anger we feel at true injustice, or the innocent being harmed. YAHUAH’s anger is always backed up by His Law. He is the righteous Judge of all, and justly punishes sin. Even now.

Many pastors today teach that “Jesus” and His Father are only loving and just want the best for us. And while that is true, in part, that is not even close to the whole heart of the Creator. We cannot pick and choose the characteristics of the One we worship, that is actually building ourselves a new elohim to fit into the image that we seek – that is idolatry!

We need to take into account every part of YAHUAH, every nuance and every action of His that we can learn about, and accept Him for exactly who He is, and love Him because of all of Him!

*Then the heavens declared His righteousness, for Elohim Himself is Judge. Selah. Psalm 50:6*

The righteous Judge, so declared by the inhabitants of heaven!

*“Guard yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of YAHUAH your Elohim which He made with you, and shall make for yourselves a carved image in any form, as YAHUAH your Elohim has commanded you. For YAHUAH your Elohim is a consuming fire, a jealous El.” Deuteronomy 4:23-24*

A warning! YAHUAH does not tolerate idols, anything placed by man above Him. Idolaters will be justly punished. The command here says “a carved image of any form”, how many churches don’t have carved images up in a place of honour? This warning should be taken seriously!

*Then Yehoshua (Joshua) said to the people, "You are not able to serve YAHUAH, for He is a set-apart Elohim, a jealous El is He. He does not bear with your transgression and with your sins, if you forsake YAHUAH and shall serve mighty ones of a stranger. Then He shall turn back and do you evil and consume you, after He has been good to you." Joshua 24:19-20*

Yehoshua was warning the people that they should not stray from the Law, serving the false gods of the surrounding nations. He told them that the Most High would just so easily turn His back on them if they forsook His commands.

After this, pretty much the entire book of Judges gives us example after example of this. The nation of Yashar'el if faithful to YAHUAH for a generation or two, then they become complacent and begin sinning and following other gods. YAHUAH sends them into bondage, they cry out to Him and He sends them a ruler to deliver them. Then they are faithful to Him again, for a time.

And it's not just in Judges either. There are countless examples throughout Scripture, of both Yashar'el and Yehudah forsaking Him and being punished, and then returning to Him after a time of repentance. He is always faithful to draw them back to Him once they cry out to Him, repent and turn from their wickedness! But He is also always faithful to justly punish their wrongdoings!

*It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in, who brings princes to naught, shall make the rulers of the earth as emptiness. Isaiah 40:22-23*

The Most High is more powerful than any ruler of this earth, whether in the physical or spiritual. He rises up and brings down who He will.

*Elohim is a righteous judge. And El is enraged every day. If one does not repent! He sharpens His sword, He bends His bow and makes it ready, and He has prepared for Himself instruments of death, He makes His arrows hot for pursuers. See, he who is bound with wickedness, and has conceived trouble and brought forth falsehood, he has made a pit and dug it out, and falls into the ditch he made! His trouble turns back upon his own head, and his wrongdoing comes down on the top of his head. I give thanks to YAHUAH according to His righteousness, and praise the Name of YAHUAH Most High. Psalm 7:11-17*

Wrongdoers need fear the punishment of YAHUAH – He sees everything we do, and unrepented sin will never go unpunished. The acts of the wrong will always turn around and prove them guilty, there is no hiding from the righteous Judge of this earth.

*And He called out in my hearing with a loud voice, saying, "Let the punishers of the city draw near, each with his weapon of destruction in his hand."*

*And look, six men came from the direction of the upper gate, which faces north, each with his battle-axe in his hand. And one man in their midst was clothed with linen and had a writer's ink-horn at his side. And they came in and stood beside the bronze slaughter-place. And the esteem of the Elohim of Yashar'el went up from the kerub (cherub), where it had been, to the threshold of the House.*

*And He called to the man clothed with linen, who had the writer's ink-horn at his side, and YAHUAH said to him, "Pass on into the midst of the city, into the midst of Yerushalayim, and you shall put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it."*

*And to the others He said in my hearing, "Pass on into the city after him and strike, do not let your eye pardon or spare. Kill to destruction old, young men, maidens and children and women, but do not come near anyone upon whom is the mark, and begin at My set-apart place."*

*So they began with the elders who were in front of the House. And He said to them, "Defile the House, and fill the courts with the slain. Go out!" And they went out and struck in the city. And as they were striking them it came to be that I alone was left.*

*And I fell on my face and cried out, and said, "Ah, Master YAHUAH! Are You destroying all the remnant of Yashar'el in pouring out Your wrath on Yerushalayim?"*

*And He said to me, "The crookedness of the house of Yashar'el and Yehudah is exceedingly great, and the land is filled with bloodshed, and the city filled with that which is warped. For they say, 'YAHUAH has forsaken the land, and YAHUAH is not seeing!' But as for Me, My eye shall not pardon, nor would I spare, I shall recompense their deeds on their own head."*

*And see, the man clothed with linen, who had the ink-horn at his side, reported back and said, "I have done as You commanded me." Ezekiel 9*

YAHUAH has set the precedent in Scripture that He will have the sinners and wrongdoers wiped out, but keep those who are true to Him safe! In this passage, the righteous are given a mark of the Hebrew 'tav' on their foreheads, the mark of YAHUAH, and their covenant with Him. The righteous are those who abstain from doing wrong and weep for the wrong going on around them. The Father knows who is true to Him, and He will always set them (us hopefully) apart from those who will meet destruction.

The wrong were destroyed from the city of Yerushalayim (Jerusalem), but the righteous and faithful inherited the city.

This brings to mind Revelation, where the same judgement will happen – the wrong will be removed from earth and the righteous children of the Most High will inherit the earth.

*And Yahusha went into the Set apart place of Elohim and drove out all those buying and selling in the Set apart place, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. And He said to them, “It has been written, ‘My House shall be called a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of robbers.’ ” Matthew 21:12-13*

Does this sound like the “nice” Jesus that most of modern Christianity talks about? The Jesus that preaches love, understanding and tolerance? No! The Messiah of Scripture is not this man. Yahusha called people to repentance, He told people to give up that which they loved the most in order to follow Him. Yahusha got angry, righteously so, when He saw that His Father’s Temple was being used as a market! He threw tables over and chased the people out in His anger.

Yahusha upheld the Law of His Father, and got angry, as YAHUAH would, at wrongdoing.

If Yahusha were to walk into any number of Christian churches today, and walk up to the pulpit and start preaching the Word as He did then, He would be thrown out for being an unloving “bigot”, intolerant and hateful.

*“But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you shut up the reign of the heavens before men, for you do not go in, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you eat up widows’ houses, and for a show make long prayers. Because of this you shall receive greater judgement. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you go about the land and the sea to win one convert, and when he is one, you make him a son of GeHinnom twofold more than yourselves.” Matthew 23:13-15*

Here Yahusha was telling the scribes and Pharisees off for their hypocrisy, that they pretended to be holy but it was all just an act. Yahusha was angry at their actions, and told them they would definitely be held accountable for what they were doing.

Is the Messiah, as many churches teach, the opposite of a judging God, coming in a spirit of love and mercy when the El of the Old Testament was only ever angry and judgmental? No, Yahusha had the same righteous anger against sin, wrongdoing and hypocrisy. He and the Father are of one mind!

*He who believes in the Son possesses everlasting life, **but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life**, but the wrath of Elohim remains on him. John 3:36*

The emphasis in the verse above is my own. It is made obvious here that we need to obey the Messiah, or face the wrath of His Father! How do we obey Him? By keeping His commands. Just as we see in the Old Testament – Yashar’el obeys and they are blessed, they stray from the Law and they are punished. Nothing has changed!

*“Therefore I say to you that you shall die in your sins. For if you do not believe that I am He, you shall die in your sins.” John 8:24*

Belief in the Truth of Messiah, belief proved by actions, is required for our sins to be forgiven!

*For the Word of Elohim is living, and working, and sharper than any two-edged sword, cutting through even to the dividing of being and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12*

Nothing is hidden from the Most High. Everything we do is open to His judgement. As we are told in Scripture, we should fear the One who is able to condemn us to the second death.

*Because it is time for judgement to begin from the House of Elohim. And if firstly from us, what is the end of those who do not obey the Good News of Elohim? And if the righteous one is scarcely saved, where shall the wicked and the sinner appear? So then, those who suffer according to the desire of Elohim should commit their lives to a trustworthy Creator, in doing good. 1 Peter 4:17-19*

Peter gave us a dire warning in this letter. Even those of us who choose the path of righteousness are “scarcely saved”, we are only saved if we faithfully endure until the end. The unrighteous sinners will be judged according to their works,

*And I saw a great white throne and Him who was sitting on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before the throne, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged from what was written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and She’ol were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And if anyone was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:11-15*



Here we have John's vision of the Great White Throne Judgement. This is the day when every person who has ever lived will be judged according to their works, and their belief and works will be the determining factors in whether or not their names have been written in the Lamb's book of life.

The part of YAHUAH's nature that is the righteous judge of all has never changed. He is angered by sin and disobedience, wrongdoing and injustice. He is angered by His Law being broken. He is angered by His creation, man, going astray after false gods and earthly pleasures. Yahusha is likewise angered, and so is, I would believe, the Holy Spirit – the Ruach ha'Kodesh.

But this is not the whole of YAHUAH's nature! Let's have a look at the other side of the Most High, that is most often only attributed to His Son:

### **Love and mercy**

Throughout Scripture YAHUAH is described as loving, compassionate, faithful and merciful to those who obey Him, love Him, worship Him and follow Him in all ways.

*“For YAHUAH your Elohim is a compassionate El, He does not forsake you, nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.”*  
Deuteronomy 4:31

*The Spirit of the Master YAHUAH is upon Me, because YAHUAH has anointed Me to bring good news to the meek. He has sent Me to bid up the broken hearted, to proclaim release to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound, to proclaim the acceptable year of YAHUAH, and the day of vengeance of our Elohim, to comfort all those who mourn, to appoint unto those who mourn in Tsiyon: to give them embellishment for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. And they shall be called trees of righteousness, a planting of YAHUAH, to be adorned. Isaiah 61:1-3*

*And those who know Your Name trust in You, for You have not forsaken those who seek You, O YAHUAH. Psalm 9:10*

*The El – His way is perfect; the Word of YAHUAH is proven; He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him. Psalm 18:30*

*Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man to whom YAHUAH imputes no crookedness, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones became old through my groaning all the day. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me, my sap was turned into the droughts of summer. Selah. I acknowledged my sin to You, and my crookedness I did not hide. I have said, “I confess my transgressions to YAHUAH,” AND You forgave the crookedness of my sins. Selah. Therefore, let*

*every lovingly-committed one pray to You while You might be found; even in a flood of great waters they would not reach him. You are my hiding place; You preserve me from distress; You surround me with the songs of deliverance. Selah. "Let Me instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; let Me counsel My eye be on you. Do not be like the horse, like the mule, with no understanding, with bit and bridle, else they do not come near you." Many are the sorrows of the wrong; but as for the one trusting in YAHUAH, loving commitment surrounds him. Be glad in YAHUAH and exalt, you righteous; and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! Psalm 32 (Psalm 91)*

*For YAHUAH Elohim is a sun and a shield; YAHUAH gives favour and esteem; He withholds no good matter from those who walk blamelessly. O YAHUAH of hosts, blessed is the man who trusts in You! Psalm 84:11-12*

*YAHUAH shows favour and is righteous; and our Elohim is compassionate. Psalm 116:5*

*YAHUAH shows favour and is compassionate, patient and great in loving-commitment. Psalm 145:8*

*"For if you turn back to YAHUAH, your brothers and your children shall be shown compassion by their captors, even to return to this land. For YAHUAH your Elohim shows favour and compassion, and does not turn His face from you if you turn back to Him." 2 Chronicles 30:9*

*"Look at the birds of the heaven, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into storehouses, yet your heavenly Father does feed them. Are you not worth more than they?" Matthew 6:26*

*"For Elohim so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him should not perish but possess everlasting life." John 3:16-17*

*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no change, nor shadow of turning. James 1:17*

*YAHUAH is not slow in regard to the promise, as some count slowness, but is patient towards us, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9*

*And I heard a loud voice from the heaven saying, "See, the Booth of Elohim is with men, and He shall dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and Elohim Himself shall be with them and be their Elohim." Revelation 21:3*

I haven't annotated each verse that I have listed here, as they all fall under the same theme. That YAHUAH, as well as Yahusha, is full of love. The Most High desires that all people everywhere should follow Him by obeying His Law, keeping His commands and worshipping and loving Him as He rightly deserves.

While YAHUAH can be angered, and will certainly punish everyone for sin and wrongdoing, He desires that everyone should repent and turn away from sin, turn towards Him and His loving-kindness.

He is indeed patient and long-suffering towards mankind. He gives us chance after chance after chance. Even after generations of sin and wickedness, He still draws to Himself all those who cry out to Him!

He sent us Yahusha out of this loving-commitment, that we could have the atonement for sins that we all need. And He sent us the Ruach to guide us to make the correct decisions and to help us to follow His way.

The choice, therefore, is up to us in the end, as it was the choice of every person in every generation that came before us. Free will is everything.

And so, knowing more about the nature and very Heart of the Father, although this is by no means an exhaustive list on the topic, it is up to us individually to both fear YAHUAH for His awesome power, and to love Him as is His right, and as He first loved us.

And now that we know who YAHUAH is, righteous judge, creator, loving Father and redeemer, we can take a look at how He wants us to show Him our love and worship!