

Do you consider yourself to be a good Jewish person? Most Jewish people do. However, most of us differ as to the definition of "good."

The Bible says that God is good, and the Ten Commandments are His standard of goodness. So, let's look at God's Law. . .

With a tender conscience, ask yourself if you have obeyed the following:

- 1. You shall have no other gods before Me.** (Have you *always* loved God above all else?)
- 2. You shall not make yourself an idol.** (Have you made a god in your mind that you're more comfortable with, a god to suit yourself not based on His Word?)
- 3. You shall not take God's name in vain.** (Have you ever used God's holy Name as a curse word?)
- 4. Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy.** (Have you really kept it?)
- 5. Honour your father and mother.** (maybe you don't always see eye to eye)
- 6. You shall not murder.** (God considers hatred to be the same as murder).
- 7. You shall not commit adultery.** ("Whoever looks upon a woman or man to lust after her/him has committed adultery with her/him **already** in their heart")
- 8. You shall not steal.** (Have you *ever* stolen anything? - the value of the item is irrelevant).
- 9. You shall not lie.** (Have you lied *even* once? Including answering these questions).
- 10. You shall not covet.** (Have you *ever* jealously desired what belongs to others?)

The Bible says that God will punish all murderers, thieves, liars, adulterers, etc. He *will even judge our words and thoughts*. On Judgment Day, will you be found to be *guilty* or *innocent* of breaking His commandments?

Perhaps you think that God is good, and will therefore overlook your sins. But it is His goodness that will make sure that murderers, thieves, liars, etc. receive justice. He would be a corrupt Judge if He turned a blind eye to injustice. Have *you* kept the Commandments?

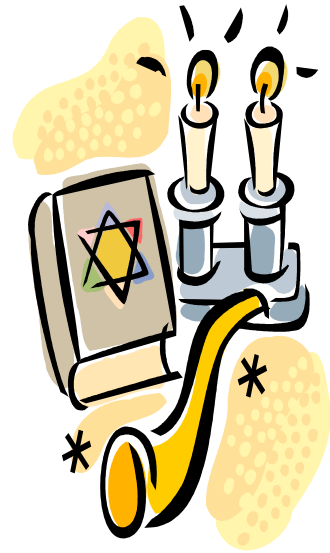
The Bible says that the Law is perfect. It commands you to be perfect. Are you *perfect* (in thought, word, and deed)? Will you make it to Heaven? You may say that you are still good, but God says you're not (see Psalm 14:2-3). So one of you is lying, and the Scriptures tell us that it is impossible for God to lie. Remember that all liars will be cast into Gehenna or Hell. (Gehenna isn't a temporary hospital for sick souls—it's a place of punishment and eternal separation from G-D) God's Law demands justice, and the penalty for sinning against Him is death and Hell. **Listen carefully if you want to live.** God Himself made a way where His justice and His goodness could meet. We all broke the Law, but He became a man to pay the fine. Yeshua/Jesus suffered and died on the cross to satisfy the Law. God can forgive us and grant us the gift of everlasting life! But you may still think that you can (from now on) keep the Ten Commandments. But isn't it true that the best of us have lied, stolen, lusted, hated, failed to love God above all else, and failed to love our neighbour as ourselves?

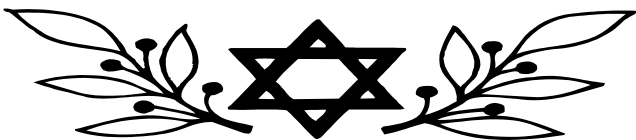
How can we then, live a "good" life if we have already sinned against God? At best we are reformed liars and thieves . . . but still Lawbreakers. Think of it this way - would you sell one of your eyes for a million dollars? Would you sell both for \$50 million? I'm sure you wouldn't. Your eyes are priceless, yet they are merely the windows of your soul. What then must your life (soul) be worth? With these thoughts in mind, what would be a fair price to pay for everlasting life? It is utterly without price. Yet, if we trust in our own goodness to enter Heaven, we are saying to God, "I should enter Heaven because I have done good - I have earned my way in."

Imagine if you wanted to give me a brand new (very expensive) car, but I said, "I can't take it! I feel embarrassed receiving such a gift . . . here's 10 cents for it." I'm sure you would be very insulted by such a pathetic offer of payment. Besides, if I pay for it, it is no longer a gift, it's a purchase . . . it's mine by right.

When we talk of entering Heaven by being good, by trying to keep the Ten Commandments etc., we are tossing God 10 cents of "self-righteousness," which is a terrible insult to Him, in the light of His sacrifice. The only thing we can do is humble ourselves, repent of our sins, and receive the gift by trusting Jesus the Messiah alone. Almighty God demonstrated how much He loves you when Jesus suffered for you on the cross. If you want to trust in your own goodness, then you are saying His agonizing death on the cross was in vain. The Bible says, "For by grace are you saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God." You cannot earn a gift.

When Jesus said to "believe" on Him, He was saying we should have faith in Him, in the same way you would trust a parachute to save you when you jump from a plane. You don't merely believe in the parachute - you put it on. Please don't "jump" without Jesus. If you die in your sins there is *no second chance*. God will give you justice, and you will end up in Hell *forever*. Any troubles you have at present are dwarfed by the trouble you are in with your Creator. God doesn't want you to go to Hell. Neither do you want to go there, so confess your sins to God right now, put your trust in Jesus to save you, and you will pass from death to life. Then read the Bible daily and obey what you read. Email or write to me for a free New Testament and read all about it for yourself. Your obedience to God is the proof of your love. Have faith in God , He will never fail you.





ISAIAH 53:10-12

Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise **Him**;
He has put **Him** to grief: when thou
shalt make **His** soul an offering for sin,
He shall see **His** seed, He shall
prolong **His** days, and the pleasure of
the LORD shall prosper in **His** hand.

He shall see of the travail of **His** soul,
and shall be satisfied: by **His** knowledge
shall My righteous servant justify many;
for **He** shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore will I divide **Him** a portion with
the great, and **He** shall divide the spoil
with the strong; because **He** hath
poured out **His** soul unto death

*"Rabbis with one voice, accept and affirm the opinion
that the prophet is speaking of King Messiah"*

- Rabbi Moshe Alshekh

Quote: Driver and Neubauer, Isaiah 53 According to
Jewish interpreters (Oxford 1899)



JESUS / YESHUA SAID...

I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.
NO MAN COMES TO THE FATHER BUT BY ME.

(JOHN 14:6) NEW TESTAMENT

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