



#14 Va'era Exodus 6:2-9:35
Torah Teaching and teaching, God is King
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Names

Avraham – Abraham
Kefa – Peter
Messiah – English for Mashiach; anointed one;
Christ in the Greek means to be smudged
Moshe – Moses
Pesach – Passover
Shaul – Paul
Ya'akov – Jacob
Yeshua – Jesus' real name
Yĕhōváh – God's real name forever (Ex. 3:15)

Y'hudah – Judah
Yitzchak – Isaac
Yochanan – John

Terms

Haftarah – reading from the prophets
Tanakh – Old Testament portion of Bible
Torah – 1st 5 books of the Bible
Torah portion – there are 54 portions of the
Torah
Va'era – the 14th Torah portion

I'd like to start today by talking about envy. Envy can be a strong driving force in life for some. Some want what others have. This could be things, attention, or even power. I once heard someone say that they were just as capable of being popular as this other person. I could see that as a driving force in their lives. Perhaps everything in their life then became a drive to measure up and have what others had. I could see this thought seemingly consuming how they lived their life at times.

Some want to be able to do what others do. I've seen others being demeaning towards others because they envied their success. Some want accolades. They will compete for perfection not just to be good or helpful person, but so they can feel better than others. There are lots of possible not so good thinking patterns that can rule our lives. What is your driving force?

What direction does our life need to go? I remember being at synagogue this one time and the rabbi encouraged us to be like Moshe (Moses). What a lofty goal; Moshe was a man who cared about others and defended the women at the well in Median. He was meek enough to know that he was just a man and not God. He knew he couldn't deliver Israel on his own; He needed the almighty God. He was willing to trust God even though it meant great sacrifice. He not only trusted God would do what He said but acted on what God told him to do.

Our own lives can take on great direction from Moshe's simple example, but what does the Bible say about envy. God commands us not to covet what others have; so we should not let that be a driving force in our lives. Exodus 20:17 NKJV, "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's." This command first mentions some specific important things, but then says, "anything." As we saw in just a couple of examples from above, the results of coveting can influence us very deeply and cause us to error in our life's direction.

We can clearly see the good ways of God even in this temporary world. Think about it; how

twisted envy can influence life and cause us to sin and do wrong. Knowing that God's ways are good and true leads us to understand the goodness of God. Those that are meek enough to know that they are not God and decide to follow His commandments are following in the footsteps of Moshe.

We desire a better and true life. Since we also trust in our Messiah Yeshua and the Holy Spirit, our lives can be amazing through God's power. Moshe trusted in God's power and so can we. Ephesians 3:20 NKJV, "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us." Our understanding can encourage us to seek a better future kingdom; it will be a kingdom that we cannot even imagine. Psalms 31:19 NKJV says, "Oh, how great is Your goodness, which You have laid up for those who fear You, which You have prepared for those who trust in You."

We can change the way we think and do things so that we emerge from the darkness of this world and begin living in the light. First, let's identify some attitudes that can be destructive in our lives. Proverbs 2:13-15 NKJV says, "Those who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness; who rejoice in doing evil, and delight in the perversity of the wicked; whose ways are crooked, and who are devious in their paths." Proverbs 2:13-15 teaches us to do what is right and not live in darkness and evil. Instead, we should delight in not being perverse. Namely, we should delight in not having a mind that is in willful opposition to doing what is right; that's what perverse means. We should not be a devious people; namely a people who go the wrong way in life and follow a crooked way.

Have you seen people who go the wrong way in life? It can be very sad. I know of some who took wrong path in life and lived in willful opposition to what is right and died as a result. It is never God's will that anyone ends up that way. Ya'akov says in James 1:21-22 NKJV, "Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." Be a doer of God's commandments and live in the light.

The gospels of the New Testament portion have been found in Hebrew and we have many New Testament portion letters in Hebrew as well. They are copies of the originals. We don't have any originals. Many of the Greek manuscripts are only translation renderings of the originals from the Hebrew and are also only copies that have been passed down to us. Also, it has been well documented that Yeshua and all the early believers spoke Hebrew. They may have been spoken other languages, but their primary language was Hebrew. The documents at that time were written in Hebrew. Those who say otherwise are stuck in old false theology. They don't want truth; they are liars.

Many of these false teachers of doctrine don't care about you; all they care about is their ego and they want to perpetuate their false doctrine. Our faith was changed to a lie by the Roman Empire. They made Sunday a day of rest to the pagan god Mithras and the Romans Empire subsequently made it illegal to keep God's feasts. Christianity inherited the pagan religion of the Roman Empire. We have inherited lies. Jeremiah 16:19 NKJV says, "The Gentiles shall come to You from the ends of the earth and say, "Surely our fathers have inherited lies." It is still true today!¹

¹ The Bible says we are not to do what the pagans do, but also we are not to incorporate any of the rituals the pagans do. God

Recently, Dr. Miles Jones and his team have translated the Hebrew Epistle of James into English (James' real name was Ya'akov). Ya'akov was the leader of 1st century Christianity in Jerusalem (Acts 15), was the half-brother of Yeshua Messiah, and even acted as High Priest according to Josephus, the 1st Century Jewish historian.

Ya'akov tells us to keep the Torah in James 1:25: "But anyone who observes himself by the whole Torah, which is the instruction of The Examiner."² There is more context, but we can see that it clearly says that the **whole Torah is the instruction of God.**

I should point out that some in Christianity say that the Old Testament has been done away and Yeshua taught us something different. Remember, Yeshua our Messiah said in Matthew 5:17 NKJV, "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets." Then false teachers come along and teach just the opposite and even say that Old Testament denies the Messiah. Are they then saying that the Jewish Messiah Yeshua denies His own scriptures?

Kefa said that these false teachers are, "Wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever;" 2 Peter 2:17 NKJV. Don't be deceived by them or you may end up in the "lake of fire" (Revelation 21:8) with them. I say this because I care about you. These words are from the Bible: "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone;" Revelation 21:8 NKJV.

As we remain faithful, God sees our efforts and convictions. Stay true to the true God and not the pagan segments of Christianity. God helps us and rewards us in the present and then promises to reward us in the future kingdom. It is a very big win-win situation for us. We win in the present and for eternity. So, don't be a loser. God sees all and knows what we do. 2 Chronicles 16:9 NKJV says, "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him." 1 Corinthians 4:2, 5 NKJV says, "Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. ... Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God." If you are not following God, you won't be getting God's praise.

Yeshua speaks to us in Revelation 2:10-11 NKJV and tells us to be faithful, even to death:

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.

The first death is not the worst thing to happen to us, but the second death and the lake of fire is the worst that can happen (Revelation 21:8).

hates these things and thinks these things are disgusting because of what they do in their pagan ritual. "You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way; for every abomination to the LORD which He hates they have done to their gods; for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods;" Deuteronomy 12:31 NKJV.

² From The Epistle of James (YA'AKOV) A Translation from the Hebrew, by Dr. Miles Jones, p. 24.

Hold onto the truth and be faithful. Titus 1:9 NKJV says, "Holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict." Stop contradicting God's word. Be a brave believer and stand up for yourself and don't follow those who contradict the Bible, "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love;" 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 NKJV.

Torah Teaching

Va'era means, "and I appeared." This portion begins with God telling Moshe (Moses) **that He, Yĕhōváh, appeared** to Avraham, Yitzchak, and Ya'akov as El Shaddai. God also made His name, **Yĕhōváh**, known to them. Isn't that interesting. Our patriarchs also knew the name of God. Remember, last portion God said His name is **Yĕhōváh** (Exodus 3:15). We now have over 2,363 manuscripts that point God's name as Yĕhōváh. Also, Yeshua said that He declared God's name. "And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them." John 17:26 NKJV. It is wrong not to use God's real name at all. Perhaps someday people will come to understand that the true God is Yĕhōváh and begin using His name out of respect for Him.

The words va'era (means and I appeared) and the name Yitzchak add up to 208 (Hebrew letters are also numbers). Yitzchak prefigured the Messiah by freely giving himself on Mt. Moriah, but Abraham did not have to use him as a sacrifice because God provided a ram as a substitute sacrifice. Yeshua came (He appeared) as our substitute sacrifice for our sins to bring us closer to God, rescue us, redeem us, and take us to be God's people. God delivered Israel from the Egyptians so they could avoid sin and serve God. Yeshua also came to deliver us from sin so that those who believe in Him could serve God.

We are commanded to tell the story about God's deliverance from the Egyptians for Pesach and we use Exodus 6:6-7 NKJV in the telling of the story:

"I am the LORD; I will **bring you out** from under the burdens of the Egyptians,
I will **rescue you** from their bondage,
and I will **redeem you** with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.
I will **take you** as My people, and I will be your God."

From this scripture we drink the 4 cups commemorating what God did for us at Mt. Sinai and what God did for us through Yeshua HaMashiach.

- 1) God **brought us out** from the pagan Egyptians so we could avoid sin through His commandments and also through the work of the Messiah and the Holy Spirit.
- 2) God **delivered us** from the slavery to the Egyptians and from the bondage of sin so we could serve God through His commandments and the Messiah.
- 3) God **brought us back** (redeemed us) to Him both at Mt. Sinai and through Yeshua.
- 4) God **took us** to be His people both at Mt. Sinai and through Yeshua.

During these cups, we commemorate what Yeshua did for us. Yeshua said that He gave us another helper, the Holy Spirit. God gave us the Torah at Mt. Sinai to help us and Yeshua gave us the Holy Spirit to help us. Yeshua said, "And I will pray the Father, and **He will give you another Helper**, that He may abide with you forever — the Spirit of truth;" John 14:16-17 NKJV.

Remember, the Torah gives us wisdom and understanding, "Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a **wise and understanding people**,'" Deuteronomy 4:6 NKJV. We need to repeat this scripture frequently so people will hear the truth about the Torah. The Torah was given by God to help us and we should want to follow God's commandments.

It is not true the Torah is too hard to keep; that is a lie. "For this mitzvah which I am giving you today is not too hard for you." Deuteronomy 30:11 CJB. Most of the Torah applied to the priests. We have some 2 million laws in the United States and no one complains about that, but people seem to have to complain about the 200 or so commandments in the Torah. Yeshua gave us the Torah. He said, "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light;" Matthew 11:30 NKJV. The word "yoke" in Jewish understanding refers to the Torah.

The Messiah also came to help us and give us the Holy Spirit. The fourth cup is most often associated with the ritual remembrance ceremony of Yeshua, but all the cups apply well to both Israel and the Messianic believers.

We tell the story about God's deliverance at Pesach. God delivered Israel and it was God in the form of Yeshua that gave Himself so that we could have eternal life through following God. Yeshua was truly God and even healed everyone in some of the towns He was in. He even created food from nothing for thousands a couple of times, "And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written;" John 21:25 NKJV.

God made a covenant with them that He would give them the land of Canaan and now He is going to set them free from their oppressive bondage in Egypt so they can return to Canaan. El Shaddai means mighty God according to the Septuagint.³ God has heard the groaning of the people of Israel who the Egyptians are oppressing and using as slaves. Moshe had told the people that God would deliver them from their oppression and that they would be His people. Pharaoh would not listen to Moshe and Pharaoh instead made them work harder. Moshe tells them again, but this time the people wouldn't listen to him because they were discouraged.

God told Moshe and Aharon to go tell Pharaoh to let Israel go in spite of what was going on. If you remember, the midwives decided to fear God instead of Pharaoh and not kill the baby boys. God gave them peace and blessing (Exodus 1:17-21). Moshe too decided to fear God and stand up to Pharaoh.

Then some genealogy is given in the portion. God then tells Moshe that he will be like god to Pharaoh and Aharon will be like Moshe's prophet. God will harden Pharaoh's heart and he will not let the people go, but God will bring them out with great judgments. Moshe was 80 and Aharon were 83 at this time.

When the leader of some of the churches in the Amazon jungle told me that he sees me as Moses, I wasn't exactly excited about that. After all, Moshe didn't start his ministry until he was

³The Septuagint was translated into Greek from the Hebrew manuscripts by 70 rabbis in the 2nd century BC.

80! Then a prophetic lady said the same thing shortly after that. Two people who live some 6,000 miles apart said I was like Moses. So I decided to use Moshe (the Hebrew name for Moses) as my pen name and I now at times refer to myself as Moshe or Rabbi⁴ Moshe. Our congregation has also agreed to allow me to use my pen name.

When they first talk to Pharaoh, Aharon throws down his staff and it turns into a snake, but so does the staffs of Pharaoh's magicians. Aharon's staff eats the other snakes. Pharaoh wouldn't listen to Moshe and Aharon though. Next Moshe turns the river and even water in buckets into blood and it stinks and the fish die. The magicians also did the same and Pharaoh wouldn't listen. Pharaoh would also not let Israel go after the frogs covered the land. This time Pharaoh asked them to ask Yehovah for the frogs to go, but when they were gone, he still wouldn't let Israel go.

Then the Lord covered the land with lice and the magicians told Pharaoh it was the "finger of God." Again, Pharaoh would not listen so God sent swarms of insects only on the Egyptians. Pharaoh then said they could go, but when God took away the swarms, Pharaoh changed his mind again. Next God slew all the cattle of Egypt only, but Pharaoh would not let them go. Then Moshe and Aharon threw dust in the air before Pharaoh and sores appeared on men and animals, but Pharaoh still would not listen. Then God brought hail which destroyed their crops, but when Moshe stopped the hail, Pharaoh still would not let Israel go. There are three more plagues to occur in the next portion: locusts, darkness, and the death of the first born.

We learn both in the Torah portion and the Haftarah that it is God's intention to give the land of Canaan to Israel. In the Tanakh it says that it will eventually be given in perpetuity. In the Haftarah for today, Ezekiel who lived around 600 BC tells us that Israel's presence in the land is a witness to the nations that He is God. All that God is doing to bring Israel out of Egypt was and is a witness to the world that God will accomplish His will. That Israel exists is a witness to us that God exists. God will accomplish His will; that's a good thing for those of us who believe in God. We can trust that God will do what He says He will do.

The gift of the Holy Spirit is given to believers in the Messiah Yeshua and is a witness to those who listen to God and keep His commandments and who listen to the Holy Spirit. The Pharaoh should have believed after he saw the power of God, but didn't. The Holy Spirit which is given to believers testifies to who God is. God expects those who receive the Holy Spirit to respond to Him in faith. It says in Hebrews 10:29 NKJV, "Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?" Let us not be like Pharaoh who wouldn't listen to God and didn't respect God.

The Haftarah for Va'era is Ezekiel 28:25-29:2. Previous to this portion, Ezekiel prophesies against the King of Tyre (a far southern Lebanon port city) for his pride and thinking he is like God. He compares him to the fallen cherub that we know as Satan. Then he prophesies against Sidon (a port city about 40 miles north of Tyre in Lebanon).

⁴We mean rabbi to be a leader or teacher, not a great one as it was used at the time of Yeshua. Priest is a wrong way to refer to a leader because only the descendants of Aaron were priests. Father is a word used for God so it is also wrong to use. Any title meaning to equate the person with God is wrong. So even a person who considers themselves as a great one is wrong. That designation is reserved for God. The king of Tyre thought he was a great one (Isaiah 14).

God says there will come a time when the people around Israel will not bother them. Verse 25 begins with God saying Israel will be allowed to return home from around the nations including Babylon and live safely. God will execute judgment on the nations around them that hate them. This is proof that God is who He says he is.

Then he gives a grievous prophecy against Egypt and says God will make the land desolate. God will bring back the Egyptians after 40 years, but Egypt will be a lowly nation. Then Ezekiel reports that Tyre has fallen to Babylon and he says Egypt is next.

God returned Israel to their land of promise as predicted by Ezekiel. We should take the land promises to Israel seriously. The Bible says that God has given them the land and it is a testimony to the nations that He is God. No matter what happens, Israel will eventually have the land in perpetuity (forever).

Moshe came back to Egypt ready to go to work for God, but Pharaoh resisted him and the people became discouraged because Pharaoh persecuted them even more. God told Moshe to keep at it and Moshe persisted. It is unimaginable what the indignant Pharaoh did to His people because he resisted God. That is the ways of the world though; thoughtless, uncaring, and unbelieving. God is just the opposite. The Bible says that God is love.

God is King (an accompanying teaching for this portion)

In the Torah portion for today we see the audacity of Pharaoh who resists God at the expense of his people. Things don't seem to change much. Historically, we see leaders who think they can do what they want in total disregard to doing the right thing. Those who believe in God will be rewarded by God; God helps us live a better life and those who are faithful will have a future eternal life with a good God who will be our king and ruler.

God is greater than the man-made things of this world and the leaders of this world.

Years ago, the people in the United States used to be concerned with quality. Sometimes quality is associated with a brand name we trust, but we are actually just paying for a name. There can be real value in what some off brands manufacture. Perhaps this has become highlighted to me because our two year old brand name dryer has to be replaced. Our last dryer lasted 15 years. It goes to show us that man-made things will degrade. Some unfortunately sooner than others.

God's creation continues in spite of how mankind treats this planet. If our planet loses its ability to be self sustaining, it will not be God's fault. God created wheat and wheat continues to thrive and feed us. There are so many things that we take for granted. We should thank God for all we have and an obvious time to do that is at our meals. We don't have to say a prescribed prayer, but we should acknowledge God's provision. Psalms 145:15-17 NKJV says, "The eyes of all look expectantly to You, and You give them their food in due season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. The LORD is righteous in all His ways, gracious in all His works."

God will also provide for us because we are His people. I remember someone telling me that God does supernatural things for those who do things for God's kingdom, and then I

experienced that happening to me as I was serving Him. It seemed obvious to me; God's provision got my attention. Yeshua said in Matthew 6:31-34, "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." Putting God in His proper place in our lives is the most important thing we can do.

Think about that in relation to what God has created. His creation continues on and is self sustaining. We plant one seed and get food and multiple seeds in return.

This is an amazing thought when we apply it to keeping God's commandments. Is it possible that life is self sustaining through God's ways? How might we experience this?

God's protection.

God's provision.

God leading us through the Holy Spirit.

When I was in the jungle, peoples' lives changed as they applied God's word to their lives. Their lives got better by just following God's commandments. Their lives produced good fruit so to speak. This is not a novel idea.

The Bible says that our lives can produce fruit. Isn't that interesting? Yeshua talks about this. Matthew 7:15-20 NKJV:

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them."

Yeshua says that those who bring bad fruit may appear to be okay, but they are not. Wheat produces food for us because that is how it was designed by God. God created us and knows how we best should live. When we follow God's design for life by keeping His commandments, we are following the natural good process that we were designed for. Unlike wheat, God gave us a free will to either produce good fruit in our lives or bad fruit.

Yeshua said that those who produce bad fruit will be destroyed; this probably correlates to the end time when those who don't follow God's natural order will end up in the lake of fire. I'm not making this up. Revelation 21:8 NKJV says, "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." So, put forth effort into doing what is right.

The world packs up its godless ways and presents them to us.

When we go to the grocery store, at times we will see people stocking the shelves with food. They will be filling up the shelves from the boxes of supplies that were ordered for the store. In

the same way, we have a choice in life. We can unpack God's commandments and principles in our lives or the godless ways of the world that are opposed to God? This is part of a song that King David wrote in Psalms 4:3-7 NKJV,

"But know that the LORD has set apart for Himself him who is godly; the LORD will hear when I call to Him. Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still. Selah. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD. There are many who say, 'Who will show us any good?' LORD, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us. You have put gladness in my heart."

God knows those who have set their hearts on following God's commandments. Talk to God and don't let your emotions overcome you. Take time to consider what is right and then do what is right; trust in Yĕhōváh and not in men. God and His ways are able to give us joy in life. That is what the God of the universe wants for His creation.

We live in a world that defines their godless ways as good and enforces their doctrine.

Years ago I read a story about this war lord in Africa who held back food for himself and for those who enforced his authority. It sounds like a backwards way to be a leader. That's how a lot of dishonest people became leaders in their country. We think leaders should care about those who they are responsible for and not just be looking out for themselves. Good leaders don't have to brutally enforce their authority because they help those who are under them to succeed. They live a good life because they help others to have good lives.

That is essentially how God's word works. God helps us to have a good life because we follow how He has designed us. Instead of enforcing His authority, He offers His word and even supernatural blessings for doing things His way. Jeremiah 29:11-13 NKJV says, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD" (Yĕhōváh), "thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart." Does this sound like a evil autocratic leader?

This world may enforce its doctrine of godless ways, but we are free to do what is right. Being good and kind, and following God's commandments will help us to have joy in life. Even if we have struggles, nothing could be better than following the plan that God has for life.

God's goodness is endless. God is limitless in His ability. Seek Yĕhōváh.

Yĕhōváh is an acronym which stands for: He was, He is, and He will be. That's what the name means that God told us to use for Him. The word LORD in the New King James Version of the Bible in all caps is the word Yĕhōváh in the Hebrew which is used over 6,000 times in the Old Testament portion. Exodus 3:15 NKJV says, "The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. **This is My name forever**, and this is My memorial to all generations." That is God's name and we have found God's name as Yĕhōváh in over 2,363 manuscripts of the Old Testament portion; once as Yĕhōvēh; never as Yahweh. It is a name we should respect. Speaking God's real name honors who God is!

God's goodness is endless not only because He is the creator God, but because He was, He is, and He will be; He is Yĕhōváh. Also, when we look at the amazing details in all that has been

created, we realize that we have a God who is limitless in His abilities and complexity. Shaul told us that all can see God's limitless ability. Romans 1:20 NKJV says, "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse."

God is worthy of honor and praise; He is the creator **LORD - Yěhōváh**. Nehemiah 9:5-6 NKJV says, "Stand up and bless the **LORD" (Yěhōváh)** "your God forever and ever! Blessed be Your **glorious name**, which is exalted above all blessing and praise! You alone are the **LORD" (Yěhōváh)**; "You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and everything on it, the seas and all that is in them, and You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You. Notice that this scripture is praising the name of Yěhōváh.

Psalms 8:3-4 NKJV says, "When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him." It's true isn't it. God cares deeply about His creation. God wants us to be a people who follow His plan for a good and godly life. Isaiah 66:2 NKJV says, "'For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist,' says the LORD. 'But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.'"

God is there for anyone who will come to Him and He wants us to accept His commandments which give life and His Holy Spirit. Psalms 121:2 NKJV, "My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth." God says in Proverbs 7:2 NKJV, "Keep my commands and live, and my law as the apple of your eye."

Pharaoh brought pain and anguish on the people of Egypt because of his unbelief. God creates things that are useful. The pyramids were just filled with bones. God designed us to convey His goodness and love and have good fruit in our lives. God gives us blessings; the worldly are takers. God is limitless in His ability; Yěhōváh is king of the universe. Instead of taking, God wants to help us and give us blessings.