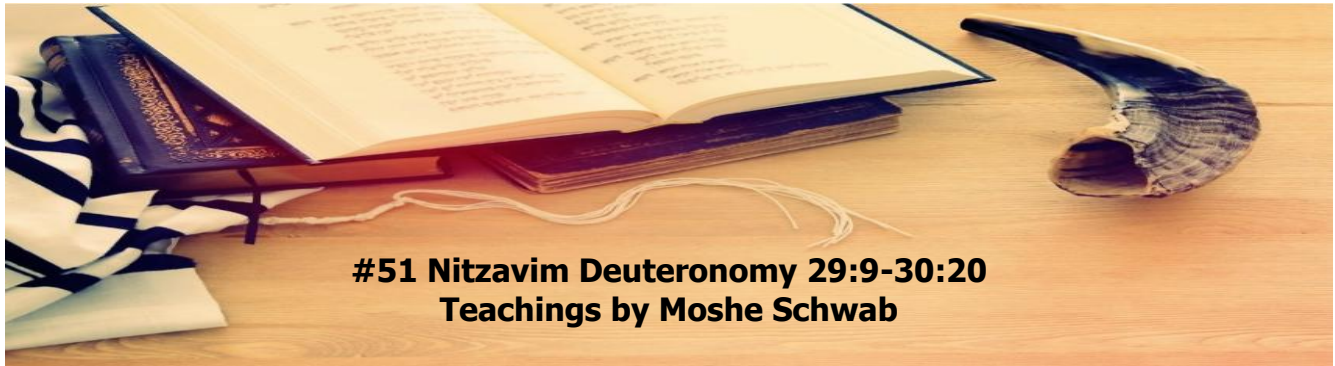


**Names**

Kefa – Peter
Moshe – Moses
Shaul – Paul
Ya'akov – James
Yeshua – Jesus (in Hebrew it means "Salvation")
Yehoshua – Joshua
Yēhōvāh – God's real name forever (Exodus 3:15)
Yochanan – John

Terms

Cohen, Cohanim – Priest, priest
Haftarah – the weekly reading from the prophets
Parashah – (portion) one of 54 parts of the Torah
Rosh Hashanah – Yom Teruah; Jewish New Year
Shabbat – the 7th day of the week; we are to rest
Tanakh – Old Testament portion of Bible
Torah – 1st 5 books of the Bible

This week's portion is Nitzavim. Nitzavim means "you all are standing" and begins with all Israel standing before God. Nitzavim can also mean established and an associated word in Hebrew (matz'vah) means pillar. Ya'akov (James) is referred to as a pillar in Galatians 2:9, an established one. Ya'akov acts as the head of the church in Acts 15 and not Peter (Kefa) as some say. The Roman Empire made up a false system of religion with Peter as the first leader and even made it illegal to keep some of God's commandments in the Bible. They made up this false religious system to distance their belief system from its true biblical Jewish roots. This false system of religion was passed down into Christianity.

I would like to start by talking about being a true champion in life. We are victorious in life by following God and His good commandments. In the end, those who are faithful will receive eternal life in an amazing and wonderful future kingdom of God.

As believers in the true God, we are to keep God's commandments because He is a good and all-knowing God who knows what is best and has His best intentions for mankind. Therefore, to reject God's commandments is to reject God and what is best for us. God is good; therefore, His commandments are good. Psalms 34:8 NKJV says, "Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him!"

Since God's ways are good and what is best in life, those who keep His commandments experience good things in life. Psalms 34:12-14 NKJV says, "Who is the man who desires life, and loves many days, that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it." Also, Psalms 37:3 NKJV says, "Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness." Often, people think that they can define what is right and good, but it is our all-knowing creator God who knows what is right and good. Again, an important scripture to remember is Deuteronomy 6:17-18 NKJV which says, "Diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you. And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may be well with you." It says that God's commandments are "right and good," and God wants things to go well for mankind.

God gave us His directions, His instructions to help us.

A person cannot be a true champion in life by doing evil and not following God's commandments. God must hold those accountable who do not keep His commandments. Daniel 12:2-3 NKJV says, "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever." Righteousness is to do what is "right and good" and keep God's commandments. Proverbs 11:5 NKJV says, "The righteousness of the blameless will direct his way aright, but the wicked will fall by his own wickedness."

It is a win-win situation for those who do what is "right and good." Keeping God's commandments help us in life and those who do what is right, the righteous, will be rewarded eternally. In the end, those who do not keep God's commandments will rise from the dead to face everlasting contempt. They will end up in the lake of fire. Revelation 21:8 NKJV says, "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." If they do not lose out in this life, they most assuredly will lose out for eternity, forever.

So, we need to be a people who are filled with God's goodness, a people of light and understanding what is right. Some people look okay on the outside but on the inside, they are filled with darkness. By just looking at someone, we cannot always tell what kind of person they are. I remember meeting this drug dealer years ago. He was dressed normally, and one might have thought that he was a successful and normal member of the community. He was destroying people with the hard drugs he was selling. Yeshua said in Luke 11:34-35 NKJV, "The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness. Therefore take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness."

Some people blindly think that they are to just do what they think is good. They are not necessarily doing what is good. I sometimes talk about this supposed very smart person who thought the disabled are just a burden on society so they should be done away with. That was also the philosophy of Hitler who caused untold pain on the world. Hitler and people like him put on a show and make people think they are okay people, but they are not. They will support causes as though they are the rules for life instead of what is truly "right and good."

God is good and His commandments are good. Psalms 107:1 NKJV says, "Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever." This is in the Old Testament portion so contrary to what some say, God does not change. He was good in Old Testament times and will always be good. He is an all-knowing God and knows what is best and good for mankind and His Old Testament commandments are still good. A person who is good is someone who keeps God's commandments and a person who is bad or evil does things their own way instead of what is "right and good."

When people do evil instead of doing what is good, God is displeased. They bring pain and evil into the world. Deuteronomy 29:19-20 NKJV says, "He blesses himself in his heart,

saying, 'I shall have peace, even though I follow the dictates of my heart'—as though the drunkard could be included with the sober.' The LORD would not spare him; for then the anger of the LORD and His jealousy would burn against that man." Yeshua said in Matthew 15:19-20 NKJV, "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man." The word for fornication according to Strong's Dictionary means, "adultery, fornication, homosexuality, lesbianism, intercourse with animals," or any other type of sexual sin the Bible says is wrong.

Yeshua only mentions some of the more detestable sins. We need to understand that these lists in the Bible are only representative lists. There are several hundred applicable commands in the Old Testament portion and some of them are only for specific people like farmers or just for men or for women. There are about 1,050 commands in the New Testament portion and most of them are applications of commands from the Old Testament portion. After all, the commands of the Old Testament portion are "right and good," so they still apply and can be applied properly, and some in many different ways.

Just because someone says they are Christian or Jewish, it does not mean they are "good" people that keep God's commandments.

Martin Luther wrote that we have grace if we sin and he says, "It is enough that by the riches of God's glory we have come to know the Lamb that takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29). No sin will separate us from the Lamb, even though we commit fornication and murder a thousand times a day." (cited in Hendrix, Martin Luther, pages 121-122).

As we saw in Deuteronomy 29:19-20, God is angry with those who do not control themselves and who justify their sinful behaviors. While some will say that Luther is only talking about God's forgiveness, it is a disgusting statement that puts no boundaries on sin. We have received grace from God which means we have received God's favor, but we have not received God's grace to sin.

Shaul's statements in the New Testament portion mean just the opposite of what Luther said. God will not forgive those who live in sin and do not repent. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 NKJV says, "**Do not be deceived.** Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God." So, the faith without works belief system is completely wrong. Fornication refers to any kind of sexual sin.

James 2:22 NKJV says, "Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?" Yochanan said in 1 John 3:4, "Sin is lawlessness." So, sin is not keeping the law. Yeshua said in Matthew 7:23 NKJV, "I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'" Those who do not keep the law will be rejected by the Messiah. When we take scriptures out of the context of the other scriptures, we end up with false doctrine.

In fact, what people think is doing good has become more and more just the opinion of the person or some cultural propaganda that they have adopted. They will say something is not loving and apply that to almost anything. A person who says they just love God and others

instead of keeping God's commandments must make up their own rules instead of keeping God's good commandments. The same is true for people who say they only live by the Holy Spirit. These people are not trusting in God and are not following God properly.

We need to talk about some of the false doctrines that people teach and also ones that have been passed down to us. While I admired Luther for standing up to some of the false doctrine that was being taught at the time, he taught some false doctrine that is still being practiced today. God forgives those who stop sinning. Psalms 103:12-13 NKJV says, "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him." Those who continue to sin do not fear God. No one who lives in sin will be in the future kingdom of God according to Shaul (Paul).

Israel was bestowed great grace from God when He freed them from the murderous Egyptians. They were freed by great judgments on Egypt, God provided food and water for them in the desert, and a cloud stood over the Tent of meeting during the day and fire in the form of the Shekinah glory at night while they were in the desert. They might have thought that they were just fine spiritually because of all that God did for them and I am sure some did.

God most of all freed them so they could keep His good instructions. It was a time of testing to see who would keep His commandments. Deuteronomy 8:2 NKJV says, "And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not." This is important to remember in this Messianic age. God also gives us great grace through the Holy Spirit in the Messianic age, and it is also a time of testing to see who will keep His commandments. Hebrews 10:29-31 NKJV says, "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? For we know Him who said, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord. And again, 'The LORD will judge His people.' It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." Shaul said in 1 Corinthians, "Do not be deceived."

Why not seek God's joy and peace through His commandments. Our spiritual life is not just to get thrills and frills. Although it is incredibly exciting when God does something supernaturally for us or for someone we know. I have been healed many times and have seen many miracles and people get healed. It is always exciting. But we also need to resist negative thoughts that keep coming back over and over that steal our peace or tempt us to do what is wrong.

We all face various situations in life, and we need to first of all do what the scriptures tell us and then try to work through the situation. Do what you can about a situation, and then let it go. Some situations take time to get fixed. There are some situations that we cannot do anything about. Do not let situations drag you down. Do the best you can to work out situations. Do not put yourself in sinful situations or situations that cause you temptation.

Watch out that you do not be consumed by negative thoughts because they will steal your

thinking if you let them. Shaul said in Philippians to pray, give thanks, ask God for help, and think good things.

Philippians 4:6-9 NKJV says,

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

According to Philo, synagogues in the 1st century were called schools of virtue. The early synagogues of Christianity helped people to get through life by applying the commandments from the Torah like love your neighbor as yourself (see Leviticus 19:18-19). So Shaul was giving us ways in Philippians to help us get through life and to love others properly. He was applying the Old Testament commandments.

A lot of things in life take effort on our part. We need to make an effort to live in God's light and the understanding that we come to know through His commandments. Light in the Bible often refers to the direction in life that we get from God's commandments. God's commandments give us 'wisdom and understanding;' see Deuteronomy 4:6. They are a light to life.

Most of us will make the effort in life to do things we want to do or accomplish. So, it definitely should be no trouble learning the laws from the Bible that apply to life so we can do what is "right and good." Those engaged in sports often give up their lives to their sport. 1 Corinthians 9:25-27 NKJV says, "And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified." Shaul disciplined his life to keep God's commandments so that he would not spend eternity in contempt in the lake of fire.

What do we see when we look at our life? I hope the answer to that question is either that we are doing our best to do what is "right and good," or that we have decided to make the effort to learn and do what is "right and good." We are approaching the Fall feasts of God. Rosh Hashanah begins the Hebraic calendar year where the trumpets are sounded announcing this feast. It is called Yom Teruah in the Bible which means "the day of shouting." It begins a 10-day period of self-examination before the day of forgiveness of sins which is called Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement). Then comes Sukkot which is a joyous celebration for what God has done for us. Those in Israel are commanded to live in booths and be thankful.

The biblical name for Rosh Hashanah is Yom Teruah and means "day of shouting." Yom

Teruah points to the future time when the final trumpet will sound and the future kingdom will begin. 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 NKJV, "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet." There is an ancient prophecy that says Yeshua will come back on the day he was born. On the day Yeshua was born, the trumpets were blowing on Yom Teruah, to announce the coming of our Messianic King Yeshua that year and the angels were shouting for joy on the Day of Shouting. Luke 2:13-14 NKJV says, "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!'" Yeshua then is to come again on Yom Teruah at the last trump. Some say Yeshua came on Sukkot, but Yom Teruah makes more sense.

See our article online about the birth of Yeshua. I believe it is very conclusive.
 Select the link under our drop-down menu entitled, "Observing the Feasts,"
 and scroll down to the link: "Birth of Yeshua (Jesus)."

Yom Kippur follows Rosh Hashanah. Yom Kippur is a somber and thoughtful day of repentance for sin. While we can be forgiven any time we repent, it is a day to take serious thought about the sins we have committed and ask God to forgive us. It is a day to make a firm decision to follow God and keep His commandments. It foreshadows the future judgement time when we will stand before God. 2 Corinthians 5:10-11 NKJV says, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men." We will be judged at the "bema" it says in the Greek. The bema is where the Torah is read in synagogues. We will be judged for the good and evil we have done Shaul warns us. Then comes the joyous feast of Sukkot which foreshadows the future celebration we will have with our God and Yeshua in the future eternal kingdom.

Now is the time to get ready for these upcoming feasts, so take some time to reflect on how we are doing spiritually. Be a champion in life and victorious by following God's commandments, the law. Yeshua warns us in Matthew 7:23 NKJV, "I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'" Yeshua encourages us to be victorious and overcome sin. Revelation 3:5 NKJV says, "He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life." Be like Shaul who said in 1 Corinthians 9:27 NKJV says, "But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified." Be a true champion in life.

Torah Study

In this portion, as Israel stood before God, it says they were to keep the words of their covenant with God; namely, their relationship with God. Notice it mentions men, women, children, and even those with lowly positions like carrying water. They were renewing their relationship with God. Perhaps some had not done that because they were not alive when Israel first did that. Each person is responsible for their relationship with God and must decide one way or another whether they will follow God's commandments. It was God's intention

that they become a people who were dedicated to do what is right and be blessed. They saw the terrible lifestyle of the Egyptians and of those who they passed by on their way to Canaan. They were to understand that their lives would be cursed just like these other people if they did not follow God's commandments. Deuteronomy 29:18 NKJV says, "So that there may not be among you man or woman or family or tribe, whose heart turns away today from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations, and that there may not be among you a root bearing bitterness or wormwood." Following other gods or even concepts of living can make people bitter towards God. Wormwood refers to a bitter drink. We should not be bitter towards God (see Revelation 8:10-11).

It goes on to say, they may think everything will go well if they just do what they want to instead of God's way. Deuteronomy 29:19-20 NKJV says, "He blesses himself in his heart, saying, 'I shall have peace, even though I follow the dictates of my heart' – as though the drunkard could be included with the sober. The LORD would not spare him; for then the anger of the LORD and His jealousy would burn against that man." The word drunkard is an idiom of thirsty which can be an idiom for being out of control. Those that overindulge in alcohol can get out of control. Getting inebriated on alcohol or drugs can cause a person to lose control of their thinking and is considered a sin (For example, Lot committed sexual sin because he was drunk. Also see Proverbs 23:29-30 and Proverbs 31:4-5). Some say that "doing what is right in their own eyes" refers to keeping God's commandments. No, it does not. You are following what you think is right if you are doing what is right in your own eyes and not following God.

Have you known people who say they are just fine even though they live in sin? This scripture in Deuteronomy makes an important point; it seems to be mankind's nature to think that doing things our own way will work out fine, but we are not to do that. If they do not keep God's commandments, the people will see their devastation and wonder what happened. They will receive the consequences of their sin.

Brimstone refers to the destruction of sinful Sodom and Gomorrah which people can still go see. We should understand that even the children were complicit with the sin in Sodom and Gomorrah just as in China in the 20th century when some 70 million were murdered by the adoption of the Communist Religion. The children idolized their little red book and reported on their parents and caused them to be put to death.

It says in this portion that the things hidden belong to God, but God's instructions, in the Torah, which are revealed are to be kept. We should remember to keep God's commandments; God gave them to us for our own good. There are some things we do not know, but God created the world so we could provide for ourselves, in wisdom God told us how to best live, even told us what is best to eat, has given us the Holy Spirit in this Messianic age, and has given us His wisdom to make us a "wise and understanding people," see Deuteronomy 4:6.

In the future kingdom, God will reveal even more to us. God has given us so much in the present and will even bestow more on us for those choosing to do what is "right and good" in this present world. Often people think that having riches is all there is to life. In the future

kingdom, the streets will be made of gold! Revelation 21:21 NKJV says, "And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass." We will obviously not be wanting.

It goes on to say in this portion that when they turn back to God, God will bless them for keeping His commandments. That also applies to us in our era. When we repent of our sin, God forgives us, and we also return to our relationship to God. Psalms 103:11-13 NKJV says, "For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him." When we agree to follow God's commandments, then God forgives us and blesses us. That is what covenant means. Each person has the choice to be in covenant with our good God or refuse to be in covenant relationship with God.

Those who choose not to follow our good God have chosen to be cursed and lost their eternal life. Deuteronomy 29:20 NKJV says, "The LORD would not spare him; for then the anger of the LORD and His jealousy would burn against that man, and every curse that is written in this book would settle on him, and the LORD would blot out his name from under heaven." Oddly, many will not say God's real name, Yě-hō-váh, which would be considered a curse. Blotting out a name is to curse that name. That is why we use God's real name at times with respect.

We are not to be a stiff-necked person with an uncircumcised heart. We are to circumcise our hearts (see Deuteronomy 10:15-16). A stiff-necked person does what they want like an animal that will not respond to its owner. When we give God a chance and decide to learn and follow God the way we are supposed to, it says that God will circumcise our hearts. Deuteronomy 30:6 NKJV says, "And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live."

After we begin to follow God's commandments, God will increase our understanding and wisdom. Wisdom and understanding refer to God's commandments (see Deuteronomy 4:6).

Proverbs 3:13-18 NKJV says,

Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding; for her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, and her gain than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies, and all the things you may desire cannot compare with her. Length of days is in her right hand, in her left hand riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, and happy are all who retain her.

Moshe tells them to choose life and keep God's commandments; they are not too hard for them. Deuteronomy 30:11 NKJV says, "Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach." There are some who say the Old Testament is too hard to do. It is not true. It is the extra man-made made-up commandments that are too hard to observe.

Yeshua referred to this verse in Deuteronomy 30:11 and said His yoke is not too hard to

keep. Yoke in Jewish understanding refers to the Torah, the Old Testament commandments. Yeshua said about believers who are doing signs in His name, "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'" Matthew 7:23 NKJV. The Greek word used for lawlessness is "*anomia*." *Nomia* was the word used by the ancient Rabbis for the Torah. *Anomia*, with the "a" in front of the word negates it. *Anomia* is then to not keep the Torah. Yeshua tells those who do not keep the Torah to depart from Him. Moshe then tells them to cling to God. Cling can also mean to cleave or stay close. Cling, cleave, stay close to God by keeping His commands.

The Haftarah for Nitzavim is Isaiah 61:10 to 63:9. The original Haftarah included the verses Yeshua read just after He finished fasting (Luke 4:18-19). These verses would be read the week just before Rosh Hashanah. So, if we allow for a couple of weeks, when we count back approximately 40 days for Yeshua fasting in the wilderness, we end up near Tisha B'av. Just before Rosh Hashanah, Yeshua quoted Isaiah 61:1-2 NKJV, "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

Yeshua said that these scriptures have been fulfilled. All of scripture has not been fulfilled yet. Some say that Yeshua has already fulfilled everything. The next part of the scripture that Yeshua did not read, Isaiah 61:2b says, "And the day of vengeance of our God." The day of God's vengeance has not occurred yet. Not everything has been fulfilled; there is still more to come. These people often believe that Christianity has replaced Israel. The Bible says otherwise.

This Haftarah says that Israel will have everlasting joy and will be a people who do what is right, right means to be righteous; they will be a people of praise. All will see this, and God will rejoice over them. They will enjoy the fruits of their labors. Clearly, God is not done with Israel as some say; those that say so are being deceitful. They believe in the false doctrine of "replacement theology." They often misinterpret the Bible and apply what it says in the Old Testament about Israel to Christianity because of their faulty theology.

In closing, let us say the Aaronic Blessing from Numbers 6:24-26:

ADONAI or LORD in all caps in our Bibles is the name for God, which is pronounced, Yě-hō-váh. Yě-hō-váh is used 6,521 times in the Old Testament portion according to Strong's Dictionary. Since God's name is used that many times, it is evident that we should be using His real name. So, why not use God's real name? According to Exodus 3:15, Yě-hō-váh is God's true name forever. In that verse and everywhere we see a name for God in all capitals (in some of our Bibles) it is this exclusive name for God, Yě-hō-váh. Of course, we should use His name with respect. Yě-hō-váh is an acronym formed from the Hebrew verb hayah which means to exist. Yě-hō-váh means, He existed, He exists, and He will exist. He is our eternal God and creator. I want to honor God's name. Will you also honor God's name?

Some people call God Hashem which means "the name." They dishonor God's name by not using His name. When we honor someone, we use their name in an appropriate way.

Christians for the most part do not use the true name of God. Why not begin using His true name and honor Him? Do not be afraid to use God's real name with respect. I say this in order to encourage you to use God's real name because it points to God being our eternal creator.

The ancient rabbis say that is God's name. The church Fathers said God's name is Yě-hō-váh. I have seen God's name pointed as Yě-hō-váh in the Aleppo Codex. Yeshua said in Matthew 23:39 NKJV, "You shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'" Yeshua is quoting Psalm 118:26; the word "LORD" in that verse in Psalms is Yě-hō-váh (יהוה).

Numbers 6:27 says we are to put God's name on His people. So, let's put God's name on His people.

Let's say the Aaronic Blessing from Numbers 6:24-26:

יְבָרֶכֶךָ יְהוָה, וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ
יְאָר יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ, וַיַּחֲנֶךָ
יִשָּׂא יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ, וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם

Yě-hō-váh bless you and keep you.

Yě-hō-váh make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

Yě-hō-váh lift up His face upon you, and give to you peace. Amen.

Thank you for being with us today.