# Assembly of Eloah

This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent -- Jesus Christ. Jn. 17:3

## **Prove it to Me**

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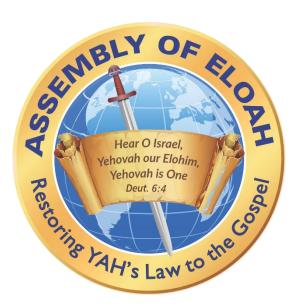
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We are responsible for what we believe and what we believe,

when it is acted upon, exhibits our faith.



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#### Prove it

People often inform us that they do not believe a scriptural position or doctrine that we hold and publish. Occasionally, we receive a written submission that explains the position the person holds and, while some are quite well done, others exhibit confusion.

The principle outcome of the confusion is usually that we are told to "prove it" to them. This usually means that the doctrinal position we hold is correct and unassailable.

We are responsible for what we say and for what we do and for what we teach. We must speak in a manner that is suitable for the listeners. We would not speak to people who have not kept the laws of God as we would to members of the idolatrous Churches of God or to Orthodox Jews.

1Corinthians 1:5 that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge, (NASB throughout unless otherwise identified)

Matthew 12:36-37 "And I say to you, that every careless word that men shall speak, they shall render account for it in the day of judgment. <sup>37</sup> "For by your words (logos) you shall be justified, (*or pronounced righteous*) and by your words (logos) you shall be condemned (*or pronounced guilty*)."

As we see in verse 37 above, what we say and actually how we even say it can condemn us. We must use appropriate words and terminology suitable for the audience.

Acts 5:38-42; "And so in the present case, I

say to you, stay away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or action should be of men, it will be overthrown; <sup>39</sup> but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them; or else you may even be found fighting against God." <sup>40</sup> And they took his advice; and after calling the apostles in, they flogged them and ordered them to speak no more in the name of Jesus, and *then* released them. <sup>41</sup> So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for *His* name. <sup>42</sup> And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus *as* the Christ.

Hebrews 5:9-14; And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation, 10 being designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. 11 Concerning him we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. 12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. <sup>13</sup> For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. 14 But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and

We must be careful both in our speech and written words as our teaching and preaching is part of our commission. However, we must strive to please God and not mankind in our presentations.

1Thessolonians 2:1-13 For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain, <sup>2</sup> but after we had already suffered and been mistreated in Philippi, as you know, we had the boldness in our God to **speak** to you the gospel of God amid much opposition. <sup>3</sup> For our exhortation does not *come* from error or impurity or by way of deceit; <sup>4</sup> but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we **speak**, not

as pleasing men but God, who examines our hearts. 5 For we never came with flattering speech, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed-- God is witness-- 6 nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, even though as apostles of Christ we might have asserted our authority. 7 But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children. 8 Having thus a fond affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us. 9 For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, how working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. 10 You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers; 11 just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children, 12 so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory. 13 And for this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received from us the word of God's message, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

1Timothy 4:10-13 For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers. <sup>11</sup> Prescribe and teach these things. <sup>12</sup> Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but *rather* in **speech**, conduct, love, faith *and* purity, show yourself an example of those who believe. <sup>13</sup> Until I come, give attention to the *public* reading *of Scripture*, to exhortation and teaching.

We are not responsible for what anyone else may believe about this spoken and written Gospel message. Many, actually most, have not believed the substance of the message from The Almighty.

Numbers 14:11 And Yehovah YHVH said to Moses, "How long will this people spurn Me? And how long will they not believe in Me, despite all the signs which I have performed in their midst?

Deuteronomy 1:29-40; "Then I said to you, 'Do not be shocked, nor fear them, 30 'Yehovah YHVH your God who goes before you will Himself fight on your behalf, just as He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, 31 and in the wilderness where you saw how Yehovah YHVH your God carried you, just as a man carries his son, in all the way which you have walked, until you came to this place.' 32 "But for all this, you did not trust Yehovah YHVH your God, 33 who goes before you on your way, to seek out a place for you to encamp, in fire by night and cloud by day, to show you the way in which you should go. 34 "Then Yehovah YHVH heard the sound of your words, and He was angry and took an oath, saying, 35 'Not one of these men, this evil generation, shall see the good land which I swore to give your fathers, <sup>36</sup> except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him and to his sons I will give the land on which he has set foot, because he has followed Yehovah YHVH fully.' 37 " Yehovah YHVH was angry with me also on your account, saying, 'Not even you shall enter there. <sup>38</sup> 'Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall enter there; encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it. 39 'Moreover, your little ones who you said would become a prey, and your sons, who this day have no knowledge of good or evil, shall enter there, and I will give it to them, and they shall possess it. 40 'But as for you, turn around and set out for the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea.'

All of the necessary evidence for His existence is provided. We are not asked to exhibit a blind faith in Him. In our case, it often happens that after baptism, our prayers are answered in a manner that we will know that it was not just a coincidence but the actions of Yehovah.

2Corinthians 13:1-10 This is the third time I am coming to you. Every fact is to be confirmed by the testimony of two or three witnesses. 2 I have previously said when present the second time, and though now absent I say in advance to those who have sinned in the past and to all the rest as well, that if I come again, I will not spare anyone, 3 since you are seeking for proof of the Christ who **speaks** in me, and who is not weak toward you, but mighty in you. <sup>3</sup> For indeed He was crucified because of weakness, yet He lives because of the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, yet we shall live with Him because of the power of God directed toward you. <sup>5</sup> Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you-- unless indeed you fail the test? <sup>6</sup> But I trust that you will realize that we ourselves do not fail the test. 7 Now we pray to God that you do no wrong; not that we ourselves may appear approved, but that you may do what is right, even though we should appear unapproved. 8 For we can do nothing against the truth, but only for the truth. 9 For we rejoice when we ourselves are weak but you are strong; this we also pray for, that you be made complete. 10 For this reason I am writing these things while absent, in order that when present I may not use severity, in accordance with the authority which the Lord gave me, for building up and not for tearing down.

We also must speak and write for building up wherever and whenever possible. We must study and evaluate our beliefs carefully so that we can retain the truth and fulfill God's will and abstain from sin.

1Thessolonians 5:11-22 Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing. <sup>12</sup> But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, <sup>13</sup> and that you esteem them very highly in love

because of their work. Live in peace with one another. 14 And we urge you, brethren, unruly, admonish the encourage fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all men. 15 See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all men. 16 Rejoice always; 17 pray without ceasing; 18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 19 Do not quench the Spirit; <sup>20</sup> do not despise prophetic utterances. <sup>21</sup> But examine everything *carefully*; hold fast to that which is good; <sup>22</sup> abstain from every form of evil.

We are personally responsible for what we believe (SGD 4102) and what we believe, when acted upon, is, and publicly exhibits, our faith.

4102 pistis {pis'-tis} Meaning: 1) conviction of the truth of anything.

This is not simply that we trust God (Rom. 1:17-21, and chapter 3, and chapter 4, 16:25-27).

Romans 1:17-21 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith." <sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. <sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. 21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

God had provided enough evidence so that the presently uncalled will have no

excuse for not accepting Him as their creator. This is very evident in the modern creation or evolution debates.

Romans 16:25-27 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, <sup>26</sup> but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, *leading* to obedience of faith; <sup>27</sup> to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen.

It is our responsibility to prove to ourselves what we may believe. We all must be able to explain the reasons for the faith we have within us as we have proven the will of God.

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove (SGD 1381) what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. KIV

James 1:22 But **prove** yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

We individually and personally are required to prove and know the will of God.

John 17:3 "And this is eternal life, that they may **know** Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.

We must know who God, the Father, is and what His plan or will is for creation

and know the role played in the plan by Jesus Christ. We all must evaluate our activities and gain a better understanding of what is His will in our lives. (See the Role of Messiah)

1Peter 2:13-15 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, <sup>14</sup> or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. <sup>15</sup> For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.

Brethren, it is the will of God that we obey and submit to all of the laws of the nation that we reside in and that are not in conflict with the laws of God (Lk. 20:22-25; Rom. 13:1-7; 1).

Acts 5:28-29 saying, "We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and behold, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us." <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered and said, "We must obey God rather than men.

Daniel and Joseph both acted as the Governor's General or CEOs of powerful pagan states that were the enemies of Israel. Also, the national governing bodies of Israel, mostly through their kings, repeatedly broke the laws of God even to the extent of importing foreign Gods. We have the same today in the modern nations of Israel but we individually do not participate. Paul appealed to Caesar for trial as he was so entitled as a Roman citizen and because he knew that would not get a fair trial with the supposed 'law keeping' Jews.

2Corinthians 7:8-10 For though I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it-- for I see that that letter caused you sorrow, though only for a while-- <sup>9</sup> I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, in order that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. <sup>10</sup> For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

We understand that the self-righteous Jews of Paul's day did not keep the law of God correctly.

Galatians 6:13 For those who are circumcised do not even keep the Law themselves, but they desire to have you circumcised, that they may boast in your flesh.

They all boast in their keeping the letter but do not even keep that correctly, never mind keeping the spiritual application of the law.

Romans 12:1-2 I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Colossians 1:9-10 For this reason also, since the day we heard *of it*, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup> so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

When we read or listen to the Gospel, it is our responsibility to evaluate and prove the proponent through scripture (Mat. 12:37; John 5:46-47; 1John 4:1).

We must be thorough in our review (2Tim. 2:15) and not jump too quickly to conclusions, especially when we can have an effect on other people's faith.

Romans 16:17-18 Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them. <sup>18</sup> For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.

This is because the principles presented often need to be spiritually applied to be understood correctly.

2Corinthians 3:12-16 Having therefore such a hope, we use great boldness in *our* speech, <sup>13</sup> and *are* not as Moses, *who* used to put a veil over his face that the sons of Israel might not look intently at the end of what was fading away. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ. <sup>15</sup> But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart; <sup>16</sup> but whenever a man turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

When your faith causes you to act by turning to, or following, the Lord by stopping to sin and then keeping the Covenant more completely, this constantly improves your spiritual understanding.

In the New Testament, the word translated "prove, proved, proving, etc." is:

SGD 1381 dokima,zw dokimazo {dok-im-ad'-

zo}

Meaning: 1) to test, examine, prove, scrutinise (to see whether a thing is genuine or not), as metals 2) to recognise as genuine after examination, to approve, deem worthy.

According to the meaning of dokimazo, we study all the scripture, so that we may accurately handle the Gospel and thereby show ourselves approved by God. See <a href="Study All of the Law">Study All of the Law</a>

2Timothy 2:14-15 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. <sup>15</sup> Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. KJV

2Timothy 2:14-15 Remind them of these things, and solemnly charge them in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless, and leads to the ruin of the hearers. <sup>15</sup> Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.

We occasionally get caught up in a word wrangle, especially regarding Sacred Names Theology. We ought not to, as this can damage the faith of some listeners. We should state our beliefs, if we are asked, and quote a few scriptures, as this was Christ's method of dealing with misunderstandings and challenges regarding the law and plan of God.

Our faith is expressed by what we believe.

However, we can and must explain the misunderstanding caused by the scriptural name changes. That is most

often, from Hebrew and Greek to the generic English terms, God or Lord.

Often people do not understand enough to debate a doctrine or perhaps are simply trying to provoke.

Most people with questions can be referenced to relevant study material for a more detailed review. See <a href="How to Ask a Question">How to Ask a Question</a>

There are occasional challenges from genuine believers. This is to be expected.

1Corinthians 11:18-19 For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that divisions exist among you; and in part, I believe it. <sup>19</sup> For there must also be factions among you, in order that those who are approved may have become evident among you.

When the challenge eventually becomes 'prove it to me', we often cannot do so. We are to be diligent and should accurately handle the word of truth and let the seeds fall where they may, as our messianic role model did.

John 3:1-9 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; <sup>2</sup> this man came to Him by night, and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God *as* a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not understand these things?

Christ is explaining the sequence of the resurrections and is surprised at the lack of understanding by a senior teacher. We should not be surprised either. We all must continually study to be sure that we all gain an improving spiritually based understanding.

### **Idolatry**

All of us must study, if we don't understand a doctrinal position. Generally, there is idolatry in some form behind a lack of understanding or the lack of a correct application of a spiritual principle.

Ezekiel 14:1-8 Then some elders of Israel came to me and sat down before me. <sup>2</sup> And the word of Yehovah YHVH came to me saying, 3 "Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and have put right before their faces the stumbling block of their iniquity. Should I be consulted by them at all? 4 "Therefore speak to them and tell them, 'Thus says Yehovah YHVH God, "Any man of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, puts right before his face the stumbling block of his iniquity, and then comes to the prophet, I Yehovah YHVH will be brought to give him an answer in the matter in view of the multitude of his idols, <sup>5</sup> in order to lay hold of the hearts of the house of Israel who are estranged from Me through all their idols." 6 "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus

says Yehovah YHVH God, "Repent and turn away from your idols, and turn your faces away from all your abominations. <sup>7</sup> "For anyone of the house of Israel or of the immigrants who stay in Israel who separates himself from Me, sets up his idols in his heart, puts right before his face the stumbling block of his iniquity, and *then* comes to the prophet to inquire of Me for himself, I Yehovah YHVH will be brought to answer him in My own person. <sup>8</sup> "And I shall set My face against that man and make him a sign and a proverb, and I shall cut him off from among My people. So you will know that I am Yehovah YHVH.

Ezekiel 44:10-13 "But the Levites who went far from Me, when Israel went astray, who went astray from Me after their idols, shall bear the punishment for their iniquity. 11 "Yet they shall be ministers in My sanctuary, having oversight at the gates of the house and ministering in the house; they shall slaughter the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister to them. 12 "Because they ministered to them before their idols and became a stumbling block of iniquity to the house of Israel, therefore I have sworn against them," declares Yehovah YHVH God, "that they shall bear the punishment for their iniquity. 13 "And they shall not come near to Me to serve as a priest to Me, nor come near to any of My holy things, to the things that are most holy; but they shall bear their shame and their abominations which they have committed.

Isaiah 44:1-6 "But now listen, O Jacob, My servant; And Israel, whom I have chosen: <sup>2</sup> Thus says Yehovah YHVH who made you And formed you from the womb, who will help you, 'Do not fear, O Jacob My servant; And you Jeshurun whom I have chosen. <sup>3</sup> 'For I will pour out water on the thirsty land And streams on the dry ground; I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring, And My blessing on your descendants; <sup>4</sup> And they will spring up among the grass Like poplars by streams of water.' <sup>5</sup> "This one will say, 'I am Yehovah's YHVH'; And that one will call on the name of Jacob; And another will write *on* his hand, 'Belonging to Yehovah YHVH,' And will name Israel's name

with honor. 6 "Thus says Yehovah YHVH, the King of Israel And his Redeemer, Yehovah YHVH of hosts: 'I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me. 7 'And who is like Me? Let him proclaim and declare it; Yes, let him recount it to Me in order, From the time that I established the ancient nation. And let them declare to them the things that are coming And the events that are going to take place. 8 'Do not tremble and do not be afraid; Have I not long since announced it to you and declared it? And you are My witnesses. Is there any God (Eloah) besides Me, Or is there any other Rock? I know of none.'" <sup>9</sup> Those who fashion a graven image are all of them futile, and their precious things are of no profit; even their own witnesses fail to see or know, so that they will be put to shame. 10 Who has fashioned a god or cast an idol to no profit? 11 Behold, all his companions will be put to shame, for the craftsmen themselves are mere men. Let them all assemble themselves, let them stand up, let them tremble, let them together be put to shame.

Hosea 14:3-9; "Assyria will not save us, We will not ride on horses; Nor will we say again, 'Our god,' To the work of our hands; For in Thee the orphan finds mercy." 4 I will heal their apostasy, I will love them freely, For My anger has turned away from them. <sup>5</sup> I will be like the dew to Israel; He will blossom like the lily, And he will take root like the cedars of Lebanon. 6 His shoots will sprout, And his beauty will be like the olive tree, And his fragrance like the cedars of Lebanon. 7 Those who live in his shadow Will again raise grain, And they will blossom like the vine. His renown will be like the wine of Lebanon. 8 O Ephraim, what more have I to do with idols? It is I who answer and look after you. I am like a luxuriant cypress; From Me comes your fruit. 9 Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; Whoever is discerning, let him know them. For the ways of Yehovah YHVH are right, And the righteous will walk in them, But transgressors will stumble in them.

Ephesians 5:5-10 For this you know with

certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup> Therefore do not be partakers with them; <sup>8</sup> for you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the light *consists* in all goodness and righteousness and truth), <sup>10</sup> trying to learn what is pleasing to Yehovah YHVH.

1Corinthians 6:9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals,

2Corinthians 6:16 Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them; And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

1Thessalonians 1:9 For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God,

Revelations 21:8 "But for cowardice and abominable disbelief and murdering and immorality and sorcery and idolatry and all lying, these *will be* in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." JPDV

Proverbs shows us that we must obey and stop sinning first and then understanding will be granted.

Prov. 16:3 Commit thy works unto  $Y^e$ hovah YHVH, and thy thoughts shall be established. KJV

It is not that, if we pray and fast, God is somehow obligated to answer.

Prov. 28:9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer *shall be* abomination. KJV

We believe there is One True God alone (Deut. 5:7, 6:4; Isa. 44:6-8, 45:5-7, 11-22, 54:5; Mal. 2:10; 1Cor. 8:1-6; Eph. 4:6; 1Tim. 2:5; Gal. 3:20; James 2:19),

Malachi 2:10 "Do we not all have one father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously each against his brother so as to profane the covenant of our fathers?

1Corinthians 8:1-6 Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies. <sup>2</sup> If anyone supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know; 3 but if anyone loves God, he is known by Him. 4 Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that there is no such thing as an idol in the world, and that there is no God but one. 5 For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords, <sup>6</sup> yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.

who alone is Creator (Isaiah 43:1-11; 45:12),

Isaiah 43:1-15 But now, thus says Yehovah YHVH, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine! <sup>2</sup> "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you. <sup>5</sup> "For I am Yehovah YHVH your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in your place. <sup>4</sup> "Since you are precious in My sight, *Since* you are

honored and I love you, I will give *other* men in your place and other peoples in exchange for your life. 5 "Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, And gather you from the west. 6 "I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring My sons from afar, And My daughters from the ends of the earth, <sup>7</sup> Everyone who is called by My name, And whom I have created for My glory, Whom I have formed, even whom I have made." 8 Bring out the people who are blind, even though they have eyes, And the deaf, even though they have ears. 9 All the nations have gathered together In order that the peoples may be assembled. Who among them can declare this And proclaim to us the former things? Let them present their witnesses that they may be justified, Or let them hear and say, "It is true." 10 "You are My witnesses," declares Yehovah YHVH, "And My servant whom I have chosen, In order that you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, And there will be none after Me. 11 "I, even I, am Yehovah YHVH; And there is no savior besides Me. 12 "It is I who have declared and saved and proclaimed, And there was no strange god among you; So you are My witnesses," declares Yehovah YHVH, "And I am God. 13 "Even from eternity I am He; And there is none who can deliver out of Mv hand: I act and who can reverse it?" <sup>14</sup> Thus says Yehovah YHVH your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, "For your sake I have sent to Babylon, And will bring them all down as fugitives, Even the Chaldeans, into the ships in which they rejoice. <sup>15</sup> "I am Yehovah YHVH, your Holy One, The Creator of Israel, your King."

Isaiah 45:11-12 Thus says Yehovah YHVH, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker: "Ask Me about the things to come concerning My sons, And you shall commit to Me the work of My hands. <sup>12</sup> "It is I who made the earth, and created man upon it. I stretched out the heavens with My hands, And I ordained all their host.

who alone may be worshipped (Deut. 10:17-20; John 4:21; Mat. 4:10; Rev. 15:3-4),

Deuteronomy 10:17-21 "For Yehovah YHVH your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God who does not show partiality, nor take a bribe. <sup>18</sup> "He executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and shows His love for the alien by giving him food and clothing. <sup>19</sup> "So show your love for the alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. <sup>20</sup> "You shall fear Yehovah YHVH your God; you shall serve Him and cling to Him, and you shall swear by His name. <sup>21</sup> "He is your praise and He is your God, who has done these great and awesome things for you which your eyes have seen.

John 4:21-24 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, shall you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> "You worship that which you do not know; we worship that which we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. <sup>24</sup> "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Matthew 4:8-10 Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and their glory; <sup>9</sup> and he said to Him, "All these things will I give You, if You fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Begone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only."

Revelations 15:3-4 And they sang the song of Moses the bond-servant of God and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvelous are Thy works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Thy ways, Thou King of the nations. <sup>4</sup> "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? For Thou **alone** art holy; For all the nations will come and **worship** before

Thee, For Thy righteous acts have been revealed."

who alone will save all of His human and spiritual creation (Isa. 43:11; Rom. 11:26; 1Tim. 4:10), as He saved Jesus Christ (Rom. 10:9; 1Pet. 1:21; Heb. 13:20).

This very simple belief, that there is One God who wants us to know Him when we are free from sin and who will reconcile us, is resisted. Often violently.

This belief sets us apart and sanctifies us and it is God's responsibility to make persons aware of Him and His will in their lives.

He will convert all of the creation and will do it without removing anyone's free will.

All of us must prove our own selves, our own work,

Galatians 6:4-5 But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have *reason for* boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another. <sup>5</sup> For each one shall bear his own load. NASB

Galatians 6:4-5 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. <sup>5</sup> For every man shall bear his own burden, KJV

and prove what is acceptable in our worship (Eph. 5:10).

These are all tied to our understanding of the truth as it relates to the plan of God, who will have all saved (Rom. 11:26; 1Cor. 13:2; 1Tim. 2:4) by the medium of accepting Christ's sacrifice in our stead (Isaiah 53:6; Rom. 4:25; 1John 2:2), each in a specific order (1Tim. 2:3-6, 1Cor. 15:20-26).

This also requires our self-proving,

2Corinthians 13:5 Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you-- unless indeed you fail the test? NASB

2Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? KJV

and constant self-examination (1Cor. 11:28). Let us all prove all things to ourselves and then act on our improving understanding in a way that is pleasing to our Father.

The purpose of life is so that we live our lives for the glory of our Father.

Isaiah 43:7 every one who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

We live for His glory by keeping His instructions.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. RSV

As it is by these that we will be judged.

Ecclesiastes 12:14 For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil. RSV

If you love Him, you will keep them all,

John 14:15-21 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. 16 "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; <sup>17</sup> that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you. 18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 "After a little while the world will behold Me no more; but you will behold Me; because I live, you shall live also. <sup>20</sup> "In that day you shall know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> "He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him."

and thereby develop a good understanding.

Psalm 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments; His praise endures forever.

If you claim to know Him without keeping them, you are a liar.

1John 2:4-5 The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; <sup>5</sup> but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him:

Prove to yourself Who, When and How you are to correctly worship and serve our Father.

#### Appendix I

Most English translations of Scripture have been corrupted by replacing the Name of God which was altered from the Hebrew consonants YHVH to the word adonai and anglicized to Jehovah or Yahwey. This word YHVH is changed to the pseudonym LORD. Every place you see the false word LORD understand it is the name Yehovah (SHD 3068). Yehovih (SHD 3069) is changed to elohim not adonai. (See the papers <u>The Third Commandment</u> and <u>The Name of God</u>).

This refusal to pronounce the name of Yehovah was commenced when the Jews returned from the Babylonian captivity and has caused the greatest damage to translations and confusion to all in the Plan of God.

Using it as is commanded caused the murder of Messiah and is a death sentence and believed to be a removal from the resurrections or world tomorrow to all those who use it. It could only be used by the High Priest in the Temple, on the Day of Atonement, according to the false traditions of the elders.

See Mishnah (Sanhedrin 7:5 & 8, 10:1; Tamid 7:2) and the paper Abracadabra

Malachi 3:16 Then those who feared Yehovah (the Lord) spoke to one another, and Yehovah (the Lord) gave attention and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear Yehovah (the Lord) and who esteem His name. (NASB used throughout except where noted).

Isaiah 42:8 "I am YHVH, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, Nor My praise to graven images.

We should all be using the name YHVH (Yehovah) in our prayers to correctly

identify the being we are calling upon or giving thanks and praise to. Our prayers may not be answered for failure to use His name correctly however it is pronounced.

Psalm 103:1-2 A Psalm of David. Bless YHVH, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name. <sup>2</sup> Bless YHVH, O my soul, And forget none of His benefits;

Jeremiah 16:21 "Therefore behold, I am going to make them know-- This time I will make them know My power and My might; And they shall know that My name is YHVH."

Isaiah 52:5-6 "Now therefore, what do I have here," declares YHVH, "seeing that My people have been taken away without cause?" Again YHVH declares, "Those who rule over them howl, and My name is continually blasphemed all day long. <sup>6</sup> "Therefore My people shall know My name; therefore in that day I am the one who is speaking, 'Here I am.'"