

The God of Israel desires to provide people with His rest and peace through an eternal relationship with Himself. The following five principles, taken from the Prophet Isaiah, help us to recognize that how we can have that relationship. Just as believers have often uses a series of verses from Romans called the “Romans Road,” we can call this the “Isaiah Avenue.”

SINNERS BEFORE GOD

All of us have become like a one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away (Isaiah 64:5/6).

וְנָהִי כְטָמָא כְּלָנוּ וְכַבֵּד עֲדִים כָּל־צַדִּיקֵינוּ
וְנָבֵל כְּעֵלָה כְּלָנוּ וְעוֹנְנוּ כְּרוּחַ וְשָׂאֲנוּ:

We may judge ourselves by *relative* standards, thinking “I’m as good as the next person” or, “I’m no worse than the next guy.” Yet God judges each of us by *absolute* standards of Himself and His Law: “*You shall be holy as the Lord your God is holy*” (Leviticus 19:2). By His standards, we are all moral failures.

Granted, you may be a nice person, and you may remember to call your mom on Mother’s Day; its just that you and ‘the next person’ still fall short of God’s standards. By the way, every Rabbi, Priest or Minister has the same problem. Psalm 14:3 declares, “*there is none that does good, no not one.*” So, no one can point fingers or throw stones at anyone else; we all have the same great problem.

SEPARATION FROM GOD

Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you so that He will not hear (Isaiah 59:1,2).

הֵן לֹא־קִצְרָה יַד־יְהוָה מִהוֹשִׁיעַ
וְלֹא־כִבְדָּה אָזְנוֹ מִשְׁמוֹעַ:
כִּי אִם־עוֹנֹתֵיכֶם הִיוּ מִבְדִּילִים
בֵּינְכֶם לְבֵין אֱלֹהֵיכֶם וַחֲטָאוֹתֵיכֶם
הִסְתִּירוּ פָנִים מִכֶּם מִשְׁמוֹעַ:

The result of our sins is a broken relationship with God. Now you may pray and even fast, but the Scripture is clear: *He will not hear.*

It’s as if I stole money from you, and then had the *chutzpah* (nerve) to come to and ask you for a gift! Your response should be, “first let’s deal with the past offense, then we can consider your present or future needs.” God wants to bless you, but your sins separate you from Him, and must be dealt with first before He can bless you.

If this separation continues to our death, it becomes a judgment of everlasting separation from God. This breaks God’s heart. He truly loves you and desires you to have everlasting life with Him. That’s why the story doesn’t end here, but continues on with Good News for your life.

SALVATION IN GOD

כְּלָנוּ כְּצֹאֵן תְּלֵינוּ אִישׁ לְדַרְכּוֹ פָּגִינוּ
יְיָ הַפְּגִיעַ בּוֹ אֶת עֵינָי פְּלָנוּ:

All we like sheep have gone astray, each of us have turned to his own way; but the Lord has laid on Him [Messiah] the sins of us all (Isaiah 53:6).

God has provided the way of salvation and forgiveness, since we can do no deed to save ourselves. Because of his great love, he has promised to send Messiah to die as the atonement or payment for our sins.

In the New Covenant, Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) states as well, “I give my life as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28). This is the salvation and right relationship that God freely offers.

THE SAVIOR IS GOD

To us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:5/6).

כִּי־יִלְד וְיִלְד־לָנוּ בֶן נִתָּן־לָנוּ וְתָהִי הַמְּשָׁכָה
עַל־שִׁכְמוֹ וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ פֶּלֵא יוֹעֵץ אֵל גִּבּוֹר
אֲבִיעַד שְׁרֵ־שָׁלוֹם:

Only God Himself could provide the perfect sacrifice for sins, as He alone is perfect. What amazing love and humility, that the Mighty God of Israel would be born, live as a man, and die as our perfect atonement. Messiah Yeshua is *Adonai*, the Lord (for more information please see "How Can Man Become God?" in *The Messianic Answer Book*)

STAYED UPON GOD

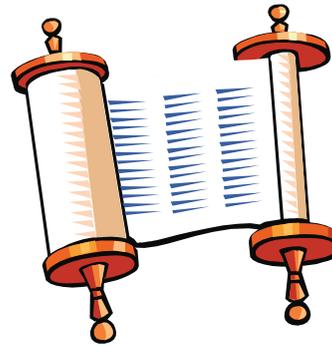
"You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in You" (Isaiah 26:3).

יְצַר סְמוּךְ תִּצַּר שְׁלוֹם שְׁלוֹם כִּי בְךָ בְטוּחִים:

Perfect peace (*shalom shalom*) is found only in God and is accessible only through trust in Messiah. Simple acknowledgement of sins and trust in Messiah Yeshua as our saving atonement, is the first step to a right relationship with God.

Faith (trust) is necessary for a true relationship with God. The Scripture says: *"Abraham believed God, and He credited it to him as righteousness" (Gen. 15:6)*. Like Abraham, you can have a right relationship with God by faith in what He alone has provided. Here's a simple prayer that can assist you:

"Lord, please forgive me for all my sins through Messiah's atonement. Help me to follow Yeshua and honor You. Thank you for loving me. Amen."



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