

## **AA5. Modeling Ourselves on the Perfection of God.**

*We are to model ourselves on the perfection of God.*

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

### **Key New Testament Scriptures**

#### **Ephesians 5:1-2**

*So imitate God, as his dear children; and live a life of love, just as also the Messiah loved us, indeed, on our behalf gave himself up as an offering, as a slaughtered sacrifice to God with a pleasing fragrance.*

### **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

Matthew 5:48

Romans 3:10

### **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

BA03 Being United (in Unity /Union) with God and Yeshua

BA17 Aspiring to Be Like Yeshua

BA40 Receiving and Following God and Yeshua

GB14 Patterning Our Life After the Shl'chim, their Disciples, and Yeshua

GB20 Holding to the Doctrines, Traditions, and Teachings of Yeshua and the Shl'chim

### **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

#### **Leviticus 11:44-45**

*For I am ADONAI your God; therefore, consecrate yourselves and be holy, for I am holy; and do not defile yourselves with any kind of swarming creature that moves along the ground. For I am ADONAI, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. Therefore you are to be holy, because I am holy.*

#### **Leviticus 19:2**

*Speak to the entire community of Isra'el; tell them, 'You people are to be holy because I, ADONAI your God, am holy.*

#### **Leviticus 20:7-8**

*Therefore consecrate yourselves- you people must be holy, because I am ADONAI your God. Observe my regulations, and obey them; I am ADONAI, who sets you apart to be holy.*

#### **Ecclesiastes 7:20**

*For there isn't a righteous person on earth who does [only] good and never sins.*

## **Comment**

While we understand that man is imperfect and can never achieve the Holiness and righteousness of God, we are nevertheless commanded by Scripture to pursue God's perfection as a goal. Our means of doing it are to (1) familiarize ourselves with the Scriptures, (2) seek to obey the *Mitzvot* (*Torah*) of Scripture, and (3) listen for and obey the voice of God, spoken through the Holy Spirit, as He directs our path in *Torah's* observance and application.

## **Related Mitzvot in Volumes 1 & 2**

A02 Walking in God's Ways

A14 Aspiring to God's Perfection & Holiness

A20 Living by God's Words & Not by Bread Alone