

## **BA5. Not Denying Our Belief and Faith in God & Yeshua.**

*We are not to deny our belief and faith in God & Yeshua.*

BA5a: *We are not to deny our belief and faith in God..*

BA5b: *We are not to deny our belief and faith in Yeshua.*

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

### **Key New Testament Scriptures**

1 John 2:22-23

*Who is a liar at all, if not the person who denies that Yeshua is the Messiah? Such a person is an anti-Messiah- he is denying the Father and the Son. Everyone who denies the Son is also without the Father, but the person who acknowledges the Son has the Father as well.*

### **Peter Denying Yeshua**

Matthew 26:69-75

Mark 14:66-72

John 18:15-27

### **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

Luke 9:26

2 Timothy 2:12

Titus 1:16

1Peter 4:16

1John 2:22

Revelation 2:13, 3:8, 13:10

### **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

AA21 Not Being Lukewarm in Our Faith

GA08 Not Backsliding in Faith After Knowing God's Righteousness

SA07 Not Denying the Power of Faith

### **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

Joshua 24:27

*Y'hoshua said to all the people, "See, this stone will be a witness against us; because it has heard all the words of ADONAI which he said to us; therefore it will be a witness against you, in case you deny your God."*

Psalms 14:1

*For the leader. By David: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They deal corruptly, their deeds are vile, not one does what is right.*

Psalms 53:2(1)

*A brutish fool tells himself, "There isn't any God." Such people are depraved, all their deeds are vile, not one of them does what is good.*

Proverbs 30:8-9

*.. keep falsehood and futility far from me, and give me neither poverty nor wealth. Yes, provide just the food I need today; for if I have too much, I might deny you and say, "Who is ADONAI?" And if I am poor, I might steal and thus profane the name of my God.*

Isaiah 59:12-13

*For our crimes multiply before you, our sins testify against us; for our crimes are present with us; and our sins, we know them well: rebelling and denying ADONAI, turning away from following our God, talking about oppression and revolt, uttering lies which our hearts have conceived.*

**Comment**

There are three ways that we can deny belief and faith in God and Yeshua. The most obvious and direct is through words stating our unbelief. It is of course understandable if we truly do not believe but, except in unusual circumstances, is sinful for one who does. Why might a believer deliberately conceal his or her belief? Perhaps to avoid persecution or even death in a hostile circumstance but, even then, God would have to approve the denial for it not to be counted as sin.

Another way that we can deny our belief and faith is through silence – i.e., allowing others to continue in their incorrect assumption that we do not believe when in fact we do. What was said previously applies to this scenario as well.

There is a third way that we can deny belief and faith, and that is by calling ourselves believers while allowing our conduct to violate God's Word and standards. This is the most egregious way; it marks us as hypocrites and worse, misrepresents the values for which God and Yeshua stand.<sup>1</sup>

**Related Mitzvot in Volumes 1 & 2**

G02 Acknowledging and Not Denying Belief in God and in Yeshua

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<sup>1</sup> See 1 Corinthians 5:1-5 and 9-13.