

GA5. Doing Works Befitting Repentance.

We are to do works befitting repentance.

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

Acts 26:19-20

So, King Agrippa, I did not disobey the vision from heaven! On the contrary, I announced first in Dammesek, then in Yerushalayim and throughout Y'hudah, and also to the Goyim, that they should turn from their sins to God and then do deeds consistent with that repentance.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 3:8, 5:16

Luke 3:8

John 6:28-29

Acts 2:38, 26:20

Romans 2:5-6, 7:4

Galatians 6:9

Ephesians 2:10

1 Timothy 6:18-19

2 Timothy 3:17

Titus 2:6-7, 14, 3:1, 8

Hebrews 6:10, 10:24, 13:16

James 2:14-18, 26, 3:17

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Psalms 37:3

Trust in ADONAI, and do good; settle in the land, and feed on faithfulness.

Isaiah 3:10

Say that it will go well with the righteous, that they will enjoy the fruit of their actions;

Comment

We wrote in *Mitzvah* #GA3:

“Repentance is not merely saying “I’m sorry” or “I repent,” but must be accompanied by restitution where possible, and a change in attitude and behavior.” This change of behavior is what Scripture refers to as “good works.”

Scripture also warns us against works when they are used as a replacement for faith. God is pleased by our good works but not if we use them to lift ourselves up to the exclusion of God. Our “good” works are only good when we do them as emissaries of God and do not fail to give God the glory.

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