

GA8. Not Backsliding in Faith After Knowing God's Righteousness.

We are not to backslide in faith after knowing God's righteousness.

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

Hebrews 10:26

For if we deliberately continue to sin after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

2 Peter 2:21

It would have been better for them not to have known the Way of righteousness than, fully knowing, to turn from the holy command delivered to them.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Luke 9:62

Hebrews 6:4-6

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Proverbs 14:14

A backslider is filled up with his own ways, but a good person gets satisfaction from himself.

Jeremiah 3:12

Go and proclaim these words toward the north: "Return, backsliding Isra'el," says ADONAI. "I will not frown on you, for I am merciful," says ADONAI. "I will not bear a grudge forever.

Jeremiah 3:14

"Return, backsliding children," says ADONAI; "for I am your master. I will take you, one from a city, two from a family, and bring you to Tziyon.

Jeremiah 5:6

This is why a forest lion kills them, why a desert wolf can plunder them, why a leopard guards their cities- all who leave are torn to pieces- because their crimes are many, their backslidings keep increasing.

Jeremiah 8:5

Why do these people keep backsliding? Why is their backsliding so persistent? They cling to deceit and refuse to return!

Jeremiah 14:7

Although our crimes witness against us, take action, ADONAI, for your name's sake; for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against you.

Hosea 11:7

My people are hanging in suspense about returning to me; and though they call them upwards, nobody makes a move.

Comment

Not having belief or faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and/or Yeshua the Messiah is regrettably the condition of most humans on the earth today. For these there is the blessed hope that when they are introduced to the Bible and are touched by the Holy Spirit, they will come to faith. A greater calamity though is when a person has come to know God, knows the Scriptures and has received Messiah Yeshua and then, for whatever reason, walks away. That is what is known as “backsliding” for which Hebrews 10:26 says “*there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins.*”

Most would say that their original path to faith had missteps and was not easy, but repenting from having backslidden is especially difficult because the adversary is given grounds to latch on, and he is reluctant to let go. A backslidden person is not without hope of returning, but we are forewarned by this Mitzvah and the Scriptures that support it.

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