

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

A HEBREW SAGE MIGHT SAY. . .

When the out-look is destitute, try the UP-look.

DECEIT DESTROYED

"For YOU are not a GOD (EL) WHO desires wickedness; evil cannot abide with YOU; wanton men cannot endure in YOUR sight. YOU detest all evildoers; YOU destroy those who speak lies; murderous, deceitful men the LORD abhors." [Psalms (Tehillym) 5. 5 - 6 Tanakh, Kethuvim]

The Hebrew word "**mirmah**" literally means *false, guile, subtle, treachery, fraud, deceitful*. The ALMIGHTY ONE is JUST & HOLY and HE hates deceit in all forms. HIS justice demands punishment for whoever will not accept HIS merciful sacrifice for sin. Deceivers are *good for nothing*, like salt that has lost its savor. The LORD GOD has no pleasure in this type of person.

The evil and the wicked "**cannot abide with YOU.**" [Psalms (Tehillym) 5. 4 Tanakh, Kethuvim] The word *abide* or *dwell* can also be translated as **to stand in awe**. "**Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in dread** (*awe, trepidation, fear*) **of HIM.**" [Psalms (Tehillym) 33. 8 Tanakh, Kethuvim] This is the only acceptable response to the LORD GOD, CREATOR of heaven and earth. Those who have received the LOVING CREATOR'S merciful grace can but bow in humble gratitude in the majestic PRESENCE of his RIGHTEOUS MAKER. The wicked and evil person has no intimate relationship with the BLESSED REDEEMER, but one day to HIM — "**every knee shall bow.**" [Isaiah (Yeshayah) 45. 23 Tanakh, Nevi'im]

"The boastful shall not stand in YOUR sight; YOU hate all workers of iniquity." [Psalms (Tehillym) 5. 5 Tanakh, Kethuvim] A fool rages and boasts of his own deeds, but he will not have any standing before OMNIPOTENT GOD WHOSE justice requires one-hundred percent holiness. And for those who work iniquity either systematically or habitually, the LORD pronounces HIS justice on these religious pretenders. HE will say to them, "**I do not know you depart from ME, all you workers of iniquity.**" And, "**there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**" [Luke 13. 27 - 28]

The BIBLICALLY described hatred has no room for personalities. A hateful person is the same as one who opposes the LORD OF GLORY. To hate the HIGH & LOFTY MERCIFUL CREATOR is to be HIS enemy; and to hate TRUE & LIVING GOD is to find oneself outside HIS mercy. But all who fear HIS NAME can say — "**I, through YOUR abundant love and mercy, will come into YOUR House; I bow down in awe and worship toward YOUR Holy Temple.**"

[Psalms (Tehillym) 5. 7 Tanakh, Kethuvim] On the other hand, "there shall by no means enter it (the New Heaven & Earth) anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE." [Revelation 21. 27] "And you shall know that I, the LORD your GOD (YEHOWAH ELOHEYKM), dwell in Zion, MY Holy Mount. Then Jerusalem shall be holy; nevermore shall strangers pass through her again." [Joel (Yoel) 3. 17 Tanakh, Nevi'im] More and more, I long for the righteousness of MESSIAH Y'SHUA, my BELOVED REDEEMER.

Sha'alu (Pray) for the Shalom (Peace) of JerUSAlem and all of Israel!

Redeem Israel, O ELOHIYM, out of all their troubles!

O GOD, keep my tongue from evil and my lips from speaking guile (deceit). Be my SUPPORT when grief silences my voice, and my COMFORT when woe bends my spirit. Plant humility in my soul, and strengthen my heart with perfect faith in YOU. Help me to be strong in trials and temptations and to be humble always before YOU, my STRONG-TOWER. Guide me by the LIGHT of YOUR counsel, and let me ever find rest in YOU – my ROCK and my REDEEMER. Praised be the LORD GOD ETERNAL to WHOM all praise is due for ever and ever. Amen!

To have hope that is certain and faith that is sure, we must spend some time daily in GOD'S WORD to us so we can learn, understand and be firmly grounded in what HE has to teach us. How can we follow someone we don't truly know and trust? We must read to know because the ONLY SOURCE OF TRUTH is what is written.

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