

## **PLAN OF SALVATION IN THE TENACH (OLD TESTAMENT)**

### **LESSON ONE**

When sharing Messiah with Jewish people, one must use the Tenach to reach them for Messiah.

In sharing with Jewish people, or others, testimonies have a place (Paul shared his testimony in Acts 26 with Agrippa), but "*faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God,*" Romans 10:17.

Our study in the "Plan of Salvation in the Tenach" will introduce you to a number of scripture passages the communicates the salvation message using the Tenach.

### **SCRIPTURAL GUIDE FOR WITNESSING**

The Spirit of God convicts the lost in three areas according to John 16:8. It is in each of these areas that any witnessing opportunity needs to be developed. All three areas are inter-related and can be developed individually or simultaneously. Those three areas - sin, righteousness, and judgment - encompass the need, provision, and consequence of man's sin.

It is of utmost importance in sharing the Gospel to make sure one understands their sin problem before a holy God. In the age of relative moralism that we live in, the biblical teaching on sin must be developed. It has been said that it is "easy to get someone saved when they first recognize their sin problem before a holy God.

#### **What is sin?**

Sin is disobedience to the will of God.  
It can be outright rebellion or passive indifference (James 4:17).

Romans 3:20, 23

#### **What is righteousness?**

Righteousness is Jesus.

Romans 3:21-22

#### **What is judgment to come?**

Judgment to come is the punishment of all people, eternally in Hell, who live by their own righteousness, not accepting Jesus, and His righteousness, who paid for their sins through His death, burial and resurrection.

Revelation 20:12-15

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## LESSON TWO

### What is sin?

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Romans 3:20, 23

- 1) Isaiah 59:1-2 (also speaks of judgment)
- 2) Isaiah 64:6
- 3) Ecclesiastes 7:20
- 4) Psalm 51:5
- 5) Psalm 53:2-3
- 6) Jeremiah 17:9
- 7) Exodus 20:1-17      Deuteronomy 27:26 (these also speak of judgment)
- 8) Leviticus 16:1-2      I Samuel 19-20      (these also speak of judgment)
- 9) Leviticus 17:11

Sin is disobedience to the will of God. It can be outright rebellion or passive indifference. It is a **MUST** that one sees their sin before they can be saved.

## LESSON THREE

As mentioned in previous lessons, this class is focusing on how to share the plan of salvation with a Jewish person from the Tenach. The focus is in three areas that scripture tells us the Holy Spirit convicts in the lives of unbelievers – *sin, righteousness, and judgement to come*. This lesson will look at the area of “righteousness.”

### What is righteousness?

Righteousness is Jesus.

Romans 3:21-22

- 21 *But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;*
- 22 *Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:*

Since “*righteousness...is manifested... by the law and the prophets,*” and *righteousness* is Jesus, we need to share Jesus with a Jewish person from the law (5 books of Moses/Torah) and from the prophets.

The focus in this section is on the use of Messianic prophecies. We will consider just a few prophecies from one passage. A more detailed study on Messianic prophecies is covered in other classes.

Isaiah 53 is the unparalleled passage in the Tenach to share Messiah Jesus with Jewish people. In this chapter there are at least 15 or more specific details about Messiah. In considering “*righteousness,*” which is the person of Messiah, 4 verses from this chapter will be considered.

Isaiah 53:8

The primary truth from this verse is that Messiah “*was cut off from the land of the living.*” This speaks of the death of Messiah.

Isaiah 53:9

Two truths from this verse is that Messiah “*made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich.*” This speaks of the burial of Messiah. Also, “*he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth,*” testifies of his perfection (righteousness).

Isaiah 53:10

Two truths from this verse are that Messiah was “*an offering for sin*” and “*he shall prolong his days.*” This speaks of Messiah being a sacrifice and the resurrection of Messiah.

Isaiah 53:11

Three truths from this verse:

1. God is *satisfied* with his sacrifice
2. Messiah is God’s *righteous servant*
3. *By his knowledge* speaks of knowing Him personally

Jesus is the righteousness that God will convict unsaved people about. Not self-righteousness, which is sin, but the righteousness of Jesus which is imputed to all who accept Jesus as their payment for sin, Romans 4:23-25.

## LESSON FOUR

We have been looking at the three areas that scripture tells us the Holy Spirit convicts in the lives of unbelievers – *sin, righteousness, and judgement to come*. This lesson will look at the third area of “*judgment to come*.”

### What is judgment to come?

Judgment to come is the punishment of all people, eternally in Hell, who live by their own righteousness, not accepting Jesus, and His righteousness, who paid for their sins through His death, burial and resurrection.

- 1) Ezekiel 33:7-9
  
- 2) Ezekiel 18:20
  
- 3) Psalm 9:17
  
- 4) Isaiah 5:14
  
- 5) Isaiah 14:12-15      Isaiah 38:17-18

Judgment to come is a necessary doctrine to communicate. It is the natural result for the person who rejects Messiah, the righteousness of God.

There is no specific order to follow in using the 3 areas – *sin, righteousness, judgment to come* – where the Holy Spirit convicts.

## LESSON FIVE

Our final lesson on the "Plan of Salvation in the Tenach" will look at scriptures that tell us we must personally accept Messiah and the work He has done.

### ACCEPTING THE MESSIAH

- 1) Psalm 2:12
- 2) Joel 2:32
- 3) Zechariah 13:9
- 4) Isaiah 55:6-7

### PLAN OF SALVATION IN THE TENACH

1. SIN – showing an individual their sin is absolutely necessary.
2. RIGHTEOUSNESS – use Messianic prophecies to establish That Jesus is the Messiah of Israel who died for our sin.
3. JUDGMENT TO COME – one's eternal destiny is determined by what they do with Messiah Jesus.
4. CALL ON THE LORD – a person needs to personally call on the Lord to save them.