~ANSWER (1596)

[English, reply, respond, react, come back with, rejoin, counter, retort, response]

- Abraham tempered his answer to Yehowah out of his great respect for Yehowah.
- But Abraham went on to answer and say; Please, here I have taken upon myself to speak to Yehowah, whereas I am dust and ashes. (Genesis 18:27)
- Isaac answered Esau to the effect that he had lost the blessing.
- But in answer to Esau, Isaac continued; Here I have appointed him master over you, and all his brothers I have given to him as servants, and grain and new wine I have bestowed for his support, and where is there anything I can do for you, my son? (Genesis 27:37)
- Isaac answered Esau that away from the fertile soils of the earth would he be.
- So in answer Isaac his father said to him; Behold, away from the fertile soils of the earth your dwelling will be found, and away from the dew of the heavens above. (Genesis 27:39)
- Jacob answered that his right doing must answer for him at any future day of accounting.
- And my right-doing must answer for me on whatever future day you may come to look over my wages, every one that is not speckled and color-patched among the she-goats and dark brown among the young rams is something stolen if it is with me. (Genesis 30:33)
- In answer Jacob told Laban that he left because he was afraid that Laban might tear his daughters away from him.
- In answer Jacob proceeded to say to Laban; It was because I was afraid. For I said to myself, You might tear your daughters away from me. (Genesis 31:31)

- Jacob became angry and answered Laban seeking to know why Laban had chased after him.
- And Jacob became angry and began to quarrel with Laban, and in answer Jacob went on to say to Laban; What is the revolt on my part, what the sin of mine, as a reason why you have hotly pursued after me? (Genesis 31:36)
- Laban answered that all of Jacob's things were his so how could he act against them.
- Then Laban in answer said to Jacob; The daughters are my daughters and the children my children and the flock my flock, and everything you are looking at is mine and my daughters. What can I do against these today or against their children whom they have borne? (Genesis 31:43)
- Jacob's sons began to answer Shechem and Hamor with deceit for they were angered over their defiling of Dinah their sister.
- And Jacob's sons began to answer Shechem and Hamor his father with deceit and to speak so because he had defiled Dinah their sister. (Genesis 34:13)
- When Joseph identified himself to his brothers who thought that he was dead for many years, they were unable to answer him.
- Finally Joseph said to his brothers; I am Joseph. Is my father still alive? But his brothers were unable to answer him at all, because they were disturbed by reason of him. (Genesis 45:3)
- After Moses and all the people heard the sound of the horn then the true God began to answer Moses.
- When the sound of the horn became continually louder and louder, Moses began to speak, and the true God began to answer him with a voice. (Exodus 19:19)
- Aaron had to answer for the use of all the holy things of Yehowah's temple and their use.
- And it must come to be upon Aaron's forehead, and Aaron must answer for the error committed against the holy objects, which the sons of Israel will sanctify, that is to say, all their holy gifts.

It must stay upon his forehead constantly, to gain approval for them before Yehowah. (Exodus 28:38)

- A person hearing, but not reporting, public swearing against Yehowah, must answer for his error.
- Now in case a soul sins in that he has heard public cursing and he is a witness or he has seen it or has come to know of it, if he does not report it, then he must answer for his error. (Leviticus 5:1)
- A person who broke the Law had to answer for his error even if he did not know the Law.
- Yehowah commands should not be done, although he did not know it, yet he has become guilty and must answer for his error. (Leviticus 5:17)
- Anyone eating his communion after the second day would have to answer to Yehowah for his error.
- However, if any of the flesh of his communion sacrifice should at all be eaten on the third day, the one presenting it will not be accepted with approval. It will not be put to his account. It will become a foul thing, and the soul that eats some of it will answer for his error. (Leviticus 7:18)
- And the one eating it will answer for his error, because he has profaned a holy thing of Yehowah, and that soul must be cut off from his people. (Leviticus 19:8)
- Eating of the sin offering in any place that was not holy would require one to answer to Yehowah for his sin.
- Why did you not eat the sin offering in the place that is holy, since it is something most holy and he has given it to you that you may answer for the error of the assembly so as to make atonement for them before Yehowah? (Leviticus 10:17)
- Touching an unclean body required washing thoroughly, but any man who refused to do so would have to answer to Yehowah.
- But if he will not wash them and will not bathe his flesh, he must then answer for his error. (Leviticus 17:16)

- When a man uncovered his sister's nakedness or she his nakedness then he or she would have to answer for their error.
- And where a man takes his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother, and he does see her nakedness, and she herself sees his nakedness, it is shame. So they must be cut off before the eyes of the sons of their people. It is the nakedness of his sister that he has laid bare. He should answer for his error. (Leviticus 20:17)
- And the nakedness of your mother's sister and of your father's sister you must not lay bare, because it is his blood relation that one has exposed. They should answer for their error. (Leviticus 20:19)
- And a man who lies down with his uncles wife has laid bare the nakedness of his uncle. They should answer for their sin. They should die childless. (Leviticus 20:20)
- Calling down evil upon God was a sin punishable by death and anyone doing so must answer for his error.
- And you should speak to the sons of Israel, saying; In case any man calls down evil upon his God, he must then answer for his sin. (Leviticus 24:15)
- In a case of suspected unfaithfulness a man could bring his wife before Yehowah for a judgment by him, and if she was guilty she must answer for her error but he would remain innocent.
- And the man must be innocent of error, but that wife will answer for her error. (Numbers 5:31)
- Anyone on a journey far away who failed to prepare for the Passover was to be cut off from his people and he must answer for his error.
- But when the man was clean or did not happen to be off on a journey and neglected to prepare the Passover sacrifice, that soul must then be cut off from his people, because the offering of Yehowah he did not present at its appointed time. For his sin that man will answer. (Numbers 9:13)

- Yehowah considered Israel's rebellion of not exercising faith in him to enter the Promised Land as spiritual fornication and he made them march around in the wilderness for forty years until they had answered for their error by dying.
- And your sons will become shepherds in the wilderness forty years, and they will have to answer for your acts of fornication, until your carcasses come to their end in the wilderness.

 (Numbers 14:33)
- By the number of the days that you spied out the land, forty days, a day for a year, a day for a year, you will answer for your errors forty years, as you must know what my being estranged means. (Numbers 14:34)
- Any error against Yehowah within the sanctuary would be something that Aaron and his sons must answer to Yehowah for, the sanctuary was in their sole charge.
- And Yehowah proceeded to say to Aaron; You and your sons and the house of your father with you will answer for error against the sanctuary, and you and your sons with you will answer for error against your priesthood. (Numbers 18:1)
- And the Levites themselves must carry on the service of the tent of meeting, and they are the ones who should answer for their error. It is a statute to time indefinite during your generations that in the midst of the sons of Israel they should not get possession of an inheritance. (Numbers 18:23)
- Israel was told that any city that would peacefully open to the Israelites or respond with a peaceful answer, would then not be destroyed but would become slaves at forced labor.
- And it must occur that if it gives a peaceful answer to you and it has opened up to you, it must even occur that all the people found in it should become yours for forced labor, and they must serve you. (Deuteronomy 20:11)
- The older men of a city nearest to which a murder occurred must sacrifice a cow there and was their hands, and answer and say; We did not see who did this, and we did not do it.
- And they must answer and say; Our hands did not shed this

blood, neither did our eyes see it shed. (Deuteronomy 21:7)

- Any man who would not perform brother-in-law marriage to his closest relative, the people would draw off their sandals, spit in his face and in answer to the man.
- At that his brothers widow must approach him before the eyes of the older men and draw his sandal off his foot and spit in his face and answer and say; That is the way it should be done to the man who will not build up his brothers household. (Deuteronomy 25:9)
- And you must answer and say before Yehowah your God; My father was a perishing Syrian, and he proceeded to go down to Egypt and to reside there as an alien with very few in number, but there he became a great nation, mighty and numerous. (Deuteronomy 26:5)
- The Levites must answer with a malediction against anyone taking up the worship of idols.
- And the Levites must answer and say with raised voice to every man of Israel. (Deuteronomy 27:14)
- Cursed is the man who makes a carved image or a molten statue, a thing detestable to Yehowah, the manufacture of the hands of a wood-and-metal worker, and who has put it in a hiding place. And all the people must answer and say; Amen! (Deuteronomy 27:15)
- Moses wrote a song to serve as an **answer** to the Israelites who would fail to obey Yehowah's commands.
- And it must occur that when many calamities and distresses will come upon them, this song must also answer before them as a witness, because it should not be forgotten out of the mouth of their offspring, for I well know their inclination that they are developing today before I bring them into the land about which I have sworn. (Deuteronomy 31:21)
- The mother of Sisera would answer herself for she was distraught over the failure of Sisera to return to her.
- The wise one's of her noble ladies would answer her, yes, she too

would talk back to herself with her own sayings. (Judges 5:29)

- Elis daughter in Law on learning of his death and that of her husband gave birth and then died. The women told her she was to have a son, but she did not answer them.
- And about the time of her death, the women standing by her began to speak; Do not be afraid, because it is a son that you have borne. And she did not answer and did not set her heart on it. (1 Samuel 4:20)
- Samuel offered up a lamb to Yehowah and called upon Yehowah to answer him, and he did answer him.
- Then Samuel took a sucking lamb and offered it up as a burnt offering, a whole offering, to Yehowah, and Samuel began calling to Yehowah for aid in behalf of Israel, and Yehowah proceeded to answer him. (1 Samuel 7:9)
- Samuel warned the people about the failures they would suffer under a kingship saying that in that day they would cry to Yehowah over their king for help, but because they chose his of their own he would not listen.
- And you will certainly cry out in that day by reason of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but Yehowah will not answer you in that day. (1 Samuel 8:18)
- Samuel proceeded to answer Saul saying; I am the seer.
- And Samuel proceeded to answer Saul and say; I am the seer. Go up before me to the high place, and you men must eat with me today, and I must send you away in the morning, and all that is in your heart I shall tell you. (1 Samuel 9:19)
- Samuel called all Israel to answer him as to whether he had taken anyone's bull or ass or defrauded anyone over any matter all the days that he had served them.
- Here I am. Answer against me in front of Yehowah and in front of his anointed one. Whose bull have I taken or whose ass have I taken or whom have I defrauded or whom have I crushed or from whose hand have I accepted hush money that I should hide my eyes with it? And I shall make restoration to you people. (1)

Samuel 12:3)

- Yehowah refused to answer Saul when he went to inquire of Yehowah.
- And Saul began to inquire of God; Shall I go down after the Philistines? Will you give them into the hand of Israel? And he did not answer him on that day. (1 Samuel 14:37)
- David was recommended to Saul by one of his attendants in answer to Saul's question.
- And one of the attendants proceeded to answer and say; Look! I have seen how a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite is skilled at playing, and he is a valiant, mighty man and a man of war and an intelligent speaker and a well-formed man, and Yehowah is with him. (1 Samuel 16:18)
- David sought to know from Johnathan whether his father Saul's answer would mean harsh things for David.
- Then David said to Jonathan; Who will tell me whether what your father may answer you is harsh? (1 Samuel 20:10)
- David asked Abner, what will you answer Abner?
- And David began to call out to the people and to Abner the son of Ner, saying; Will you not answer, Abner? And Abner began to answer and say; Who are you that have called out to the king? (1 Samuel 26:14)
- They cry to help to Yehowah but he will not answer them.
- They cry for help, but there is no savior, to Yehowah, but he actually does not answer them. (2 Samuel 22:42)
- The older men spoke to Rehoboam telling him to answer the people with good words, and then they would serve him all their days.
- Accordingly they spoke to him, saying; If today you would prove yourself a servant to this people and actually serve them, you must also answer them and speak to them with good words, and they will be bound to become your servants always. (1 Kings 12:7)

- But Rehoboam answered with very harsh words and the Kingdom was divided.
- And the king began to answer the people harshly, and to leave the counsel of the older men who had counseled him. (1 Kings 12:13)
- When Elijah challenged the people to stop limping on two different opinions but to serve Yehowah whole-souled, they gave him no answer.
- Then Elijah approached all the people and said; How long will you be limping upon two different opinions? If Yehowah is the true God, go following him, but if Baal is, go following him. And the people did not say a word in answer to him. (1 Kings 18:21)
- Then when the Baal priests kept limping around their altar and calling upon their god, there was no answer from Baal.
- Accordingly they took the young bull that he gave them. Then they dressed it, and they kept calling upon the name of Baal from morning till noon, saying; O Baal, answer us! But there was no voice, and there was no one answering. And they kept limping around the altar that they had made. (1 Kings 18:26)
- Elijah then called to Yehowah to answer him and fire went running down from heaven and devoured his sacrifices.
- Answer me, O Yehowah, answer me, that this people may know that you, Yehowah, are the true God and you yourself have turned their heart back. (1 Kings 18:37)
- The man of the true God told Gehazi to go quickly and not to greet anyone along the way or answer to anyone else's greeting.
- Immediately he said to Gehazi; Gird up your loins and take my staff in your hand and go. In case you encounter anyone, you must not greet him, and in case anyone should greet you, you must not answer him. And you must place my staff upon the face of the boy. (2 Kings 4:29)

- When Rabshakeh taunted Jerusalem's mighty men upon the wall of the city, they had been given command not to answer any word of his.
- And the people kept silent and did not answer him a word, for the commandment of the king was, saying; You must not answer him. (2 Kings 18:36)
- Rehoboam answered harshly and rejected the counsel of the older men and so lost much of his Kingdom.
- And the king began to answer them harshly. Thus King Rehoboam left the counsel of the older men. (2 Chronicles 10:13)
- The Book of Job is a conversation between Job and his three companions and their discussions about Job's righteousness.
- And Job proceeded to answer and say; (Job 6:1)
- And Bildad the Shuhite proceeded to answer and say; (Job 8:1)
- And Job proceeded to answer and say; (Job 9:1)
- If he should find delight in contending with him, he cannot answer him once out of a thousand. (Job 9:3)
- How much more so in case I myself answer him! I will choose my words with him. (Job 9:14)
- Whom I would not answer, even though I were really in the right. Of my opponent-at-law I would implore favor. (Job 9:15)
- If I called him, would he answer me? I do not believe that he would give ear to my voice. (Job 9:16)
- For he is not a man like me that I should answer him, that we should come together in judgment. (Job 9:32)
- And Zophar the Naamathite proceeded to answer and say; (Job 11:1)
- And Job proceeded to answer and say; (Job 12:1)
- One who is a laughingstock to his fellowman I become, one

- calling to God that he should answer him. A laughingstock is the righteous, unblamable one. (Job 12:4)
- Either call that I myself may answer, or may I speak, and you return me answer. (Job 13:22)
- You will call, and I myself shall answer you. For the work of your hands you will have a yearning. (Job 14:15)
- And Eliphaz the Temanite proceeded to answer and say; (Job 15:1)
- Will a wise person himself answer with windy knowledge, or will he fill his belly with the east wind? (Job 15:2)
- Your mouth pronounces you wicked, and not I, and your own lips answer against you. (Job 15:6)
- And Job proceeded to answer and say; (Job 16:1)
- Is there an end to windy words? Or what galls you, that you answer? (Job 16:3)
- And Bildad the Shuhite proceeded to answer and say; (Job 18:1)
- And Job proceeded to answer and say; (Job 19:1)
- Look! I keep crying out, Violence! But I get no answer, I keep crying for help, but there is no justice. (Job 19:7)
- To my servant I have called, but he does not answer. With my own mouth I keep imploring him for compassion. (Job 19:16)
- Therefore do my own disquieting thoughts themselves answer me, even on account of my inward excitement. (Job 20:2)
- And Job proceeded to answer and say; (Job 21:1)
- And Eliphaz the Temanite proceeded to answer and say; (Job 22:1)
- And Job proceeded to answer and say; (Job 23:1)
- And Bildad the Shuhite proceeded to answer and say; (Job 25:1)

- And Job proceeded to answer and say; (Job 26:1)
- I cry to you for help, but you do not answer me, I have stood, that you might show yourself attentive to me. (Job 30:20)
- Then what can I do when God rises up? And when he calls for an accounting, what can I answer him? (Job 31:14)
- O that I had someone listening to me, that according to my signature the Almighty himself would answer me! Or that the individual in the case at Law with me had written a document itself! (Job 31:35)
- Also, against his three companions his anger blazed over the fact that they had not found an answer but they proceeded to pronounce God wicked. (Job 32:3)
- And Elihu gradually saw that there was no answer in the mouth of the three men, and his anger kept getting hotter. (Job 32:5)
- And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite proceeded to answer and say; Young I am in days and you men are aged. That is why I drew back and was afraid To declare my knowledge to you men. (Job 32:6)
- I shall give in answer my part, even I. I shall declare my knowledge, even I. (Job 32:17)
- Let me speak that it may be a relief to me. I shall open my lips that I may answer. (Job 32:20)
- Look! In this you have not been in the right, I answer you, for God is much more than mortal man. (Job 33:12)
- Why is it against him that you contended, because all your words he does not answer? (Job 33:13)
- And Elihu continued to answer and say; (Job 34:1)
- There they keep crying out, but he does not answer, because of the pride of the bad ones. (Job 35:12)
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- And Yehowah proceeded to answer Job and say; (Job 40:1)
- Should there be any contending of a faultfinder with the Almighty? Let the reprover of God himself answer it. (Job 40:2)
- And Job went on to answer Yehowah and say; (Job 40:3)
- Once have I spoken, and I will not answer, and twice, and I will add nothing. (Job 40:5)
- And Yehowah went on to answer Job out of the windstorm and say; (Job 40:6)
- And Job proceeded to answer Yehowah and say; (Job 42:1)
- The Psalmist had confidence that if he called upon Yehowah's name that he would answer him from his holy mountain.
- With my voice I shall call to Yehowah himself, and he will answer me from his holy mountain. (Psalms 3:4)
- The Psalmist beseeched Yehowah to answer his prayer.
- When I call, answer me, O my righteous God. In the distress you must make broad space for me. Show me favor and hear my prayer. (Psalms 4:1)
- He recognized Yehowah as the giver of life and asked his to extend his life.
- Do look upon me, answer me, O Yehowah my God. Do make my eyes shine, that I may not fall asleep in death. (Psalms 13:3)
- The Psalmist prophetically spoke of the Messiah calling to God to answer him for he knew he would answer him.
- I myself do call upon you, because you will answer me, O God. Incline your ear to me. Hear my saying; (Psalms 17:6)
- The wicked cry to Yehowah for help, but he does not actually answer them.

- They cry for help, but there is no savior, to Yehowah, but he actually does not answer them. (Psalms 18:41)
- The name of the God of Jacob is Yehowah and all those calling upon it will receive his answer.
- May Yehowah answer you in the day of distress. May the name of the God of Jacob protect you. (Psalms 20:1)
- The Psalmist prayed for Yehowah to save the king.
- O Yehowah, do save the king! He will answer us in the day that we call. (Psalms 20:9)
- The Psalmist prayed to God to answer him day and night.
- O my God, I keep calling by day, and you do not answer, and by night, and there is no silence on my part. (Psalms 22:2)
- The Psalmist asked for Yehowah to save him from the wild beasts.
- Save me from the mouth of the lion, and from the horns of wild bulls you must answer and save me. (Psalms 22:21)
- The Psalmist called to Yehowah to hear and answer his prayers.
- Hear, O Yehowah, when I call with my voice, and show me favor and answer me. (Psalms 27:7)
- For on you, O Yehowah, I waited. You yourself proceeded to answer, O Yehowah my God. (Psalms 38:15)
- Do pay attention to me and answer me. I am driven restlessly about by my concern, and I cannot but show disquietude. (Psalms 55:2)
- God will hear and answer them, even He that is sitting enthroned as in the past. Those with whom there are no changings and who have not feared God. (Psalms 55:19)
- In order, that your beloved one's may be rescued, O do save with your right hand and answer us. (Psalms 60:5)

- With fear-inspiring things in righteousness you will answer us, O
 God of our salvation, the Trust of all the borders of the earth and those far away on the sea. (Psalms 65:5)
- But as for me, my prayer was to you, O Yehowah, at an acceptable time, O God. In the abundance of your loving-kindness answer me with the truth of salvation by you. (Psalms 69:13)
- Answer me, O Yehowah, for your loving-kindness is good.
 According to the multitude of your mercies turn to me. (Psalms 69:16)
- And do not conceal your face from your servant. Because I am in sore straits, answer me quickly. (Psalms 69:17)
- The Psalmist spoke of a concealed place of thunder where Yehowah's voice could be heard when he would answer his servants.
- In distress you called, and I proceeded to rescue you. I began to answer you in the concealed place of thunder. I went examining you at the waters of Meribah. (Psalms 81:7)
- The afflicted and poor one's and those in distress call out to Yehowah to answer them.
- Incline, O Yehowah, your ear. Answer me, for I am afflicted and poor. (Psalms 86:1)
- In the day of my distress I will call upon you, for you will answer me. (Psalms 86:7)
- The Psalmist prophetically spoke of the Messiah who would call out to Yehowah in his distress and whom Yehowah would answer, rescuing him and glorifying him.
- He will call upon me, and I shall answer him. I shall be with him in distress. I shall rescue him and glorify him. (Psalms 91:15)
- The Psalmist asked for Yehowah not to conceal his face from him in his distressful day, but to answer him.
- Do not conceal your face from me on the day that I am in sore straits. Incline to me your ear, on the day that I call, hurry,

answer me. (Psalms 102:2)

- In order, that your beloved one's may be rescued, O do save with your right hand and answer me. (Psalms 108:6)
- The Psalmist waited on Yehowah to answer him and to teach him his regulations.
- I have declared my own ways, that you may answer me. Teach me your regulations. (Psalms 119:26)
- The Psalmist wanted to answer the one reproaching him with a word, a word from Yehowah's good counsel for he had trusted in that word.
- That I may answer the one reproaching me with a word, for I have trusted in your word. (Psalms 119:42)
- I have called with my whole heart. **Answer** me, O Yehowah. Your regulations I will observe. (Psalms 119:145)
- To Yehowah I called in the distress of mine, and he proceeded to answer me. (Psalms 120:1)
- On the day that I called, you also proceeded to answer me; You began to make me bold in my soul with strength. (Psalms 138:3)
- O Yehowah, hear my prayer, do give ear to my entreaty. In your faithfulness answer me in your righteousness. (Psalms 143:1)
- O hurry, answer me, O Yehowah. My spirit has come to an end. Do not conceal your face from me, or else I must become comparable with those going down into the pit. (Psalms 143:7)
- At that time they will keep calling me, but I shall not answer, they will keep looking for me, but they will not find me. (Proverbs 1:28)
- An answer when mild turns away rage, but a word causing pain makes anger worsen.
- An answer, when mild, turns away rage, but a word causing pain makes anger to come up. (Proverbs 15:1)

- A man has rejoicing in the answer of his mouth and a word spoken at just the right time for it is O so good.
- A man has rejoicing in the answer of his mouth, and a word at its right time is O how good! (Proverbs 15:23)
- The heart of a righteous man meditates so as to answer, but the wicked man bubbles froth with bad things.
- The heart of the righteous one meditates so as to answer, but the mouth of the wicked one's bubbles forth with bad things. (Proverbs 15:28)
- Man determines what his heart wants, but from Yehowah is the answer of the tongue.
- To earthling man belong the arrangings of the heart, but from Yehowah is the answer of the tongue. (Proverbs 16:1)
- Do not answer the stupid one according to his stupidity so as to become his equal.
- Do not answer anyone stupid according to his foolishness, that you yourself also may not become equal to him. (Proverbs 26:4)
- Answer someone stupid according to his foolishness, that he may not become someone wise in his own eyes. (Proverbs 26:5)
- I opened, even I, to my dear one, but my dear one himself had turned away, he had passed along. My very soul had gone out of me when he spoke. I sought him, but I did not find him. I called him, but he did not answer me. (Song of Solomon 5:6)
- Yehowah asks what will anyone answer to the messengers of the nation invading from the north against Israel. Will Zion be saved just because Yehowah laid her foundation?
- And what will anyone say in answer to the messengers of the nation? That Yehowah himself has laid the foundation of Zion, and in her the afflicted one's of his people will take refuge. (Isaiah 14:32)

- Isaiah prophesied that when they returned to Jerusalem that Yehowah would hear the sound of their outcry and answer them immediately, becoming responsive to their needs.
- When the very people in Zion will dwell in Jerusalem, you will by no means weep. He will without fail show you favor at the sound of your outcry, as soon as he hears it he will actually answer you. (Isaiah 30:19)
- Hezekiah commanded his troops not to answer Rabshekeh with a single word from atop the wall.
- And they continued to keep silent and did not answer him a word, for the commandment of the king was, saying; You must not answer him. (Isaiah 36:21)
- The afflicted and poor one's are thirsty for water and Yehowah himself promises to answer them.
- The afflicted one's and the poor one's are seeking for water, but there is none. Because of thirst their very tongue has become dry. I myself, Yehowah, shall answer them. I, the God of Israel, shall not leave them. (Isaiah 41:17)
- Idols are all lifeless and voiceless, one cries out to them, but will never get an answer.
- They carry it upon the shoulder, they bear it and deposit it in its place that it may stand still. From its standing place it does not move away. One even cries out to it, but it does not answer, out of one's distress it does not save one. (Isaiah 46:7)
- Isaiah prophesies about the Messiah that Yehowah will give him the tongue of the taught ones, so that he may know how to answer the tired one with a word.
- The Sovereign Lord Yehowah himself has given me the tongue of the taught ones, that I may know how to answer the tired one with a word. He awakens morning by morning, he awakens my ear to hear like the taught ones. (Isaiah 50:4)
- If Yehowah's people would fast appropriately and help the poor and afflicted one's then he would say; Here I am! And answer them immediately.

- In that case you would call, and Yehowah himself would answer; You would cry for help, and he would say; Here I am! If you will remove from your midst the yoke bar, the poking out of the finger and the speaking of what is hurtful. (Isaiah 58:9)
- Many are the verses in scripture that speak of Yehowah speaking to his people, but they refused to answer, or even to listen to him.
- And I will destine you men to the sword, and you will all of you bow down to being slaughtered, for the reason that I called, but you did not answer. I spoke, but you did not listen. You kept doing what was bad in my eyes, and the thing in which I took no delight you chose. (Isaiah 65:12)
- And now for the reason that you kept doing all these works, is the utterance of Yehowah, and I kept speaking to you, getting up early and speaking, but you did not listen, and I kept calling you, but you did not answer. (Jeremiah 7:13)
- And you must speak to them all these words, but they will not listen to you, and you must call to them, but they will not answer you. (Jeremiah 7:27)
- Therefore this is what Yehowah, the God of armies, the God of Israel, has said; Here I am bringing upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the calamity that I have spoken against them, for the reason that I have spoken to them but they did not listen, and I kept calling to them but they did not answer. (Jeremiah 35:17)
- Yehowah promises in his New Order to actually answer his people before they even finish speaking and even while they are just forming their thoughts toward him.
- And it will actually occur that before they call out I myself shall answer, while they are yet speaking, I myself shall hear. (Isaiah 65:24)
- The Israelite nation answered Yehowah that they would do and accept all of his commands.
- For the purpose of carrying out the oath that I swore to your forefathers, to give them the land flowing with milk and honey,

as in this day. And I proceeded to answer and say; Amen, O Yehowah. (Jeremiah 11:5)

- Faithful men should ask Yehowah's prophets what word he has answered.
- This is what you will say to the prophet; What answer has Yehowah given you? And what has Yehowah spoken? (Jeremiah 23:37)
- Yehowah promises to tell his people incomprehensible things and great things that they have not known.
- Call to me, and I shall answer you and readily tell you great and incomprehensible things that you have not known. (Jeremiah 33:3)
- Jeremiah promised to return to the men every word that Yehowah spoke toward them in answer to them.
- At that Jeremiah the prophet said to them; I have heard. Here I am praying to Yehowah your God according to your words, and it will certainly occur that every word that Yehowah gives in answer to you I shall tell you. I shall not hold back from you a word. (Jeremiah 42:4)
- The unfaithful one's who went down to Egypt who were worshipping the queen of the heavens along with their wives answered Jeremiah.
- And all the men who were knowing that their wives had been making sacrificial smoke to other gods, and all the wives who were standing as a great congregation, and all the people who were dwelling in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, proceeded to answer Jeremiah, saying; (Jeremiah 44:15)
- Any man who would believe in dungy idols in his heart and then try to come in to Yehowah for counsel would be answered directly by Yehowah in his anger.
- Therefore speak with them and you must say to them; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Any man at all of the house of Israel that brings up his dungy idols upon his heart and that places the very stumbling block causing his error in

front of his face and that actually comes to the prophet, I, Yehowah, I will let myself be brought to answer him in the matter according to the multitude of his dungy idols. (Ezekiel 14:4)

- For any man at all from the house of Israel or from the alien residents that reside as aliens in Israel, that withdraws himself from following me and that brings up his dungy idols upon his heart and that sets the very stumbling block causing his error in front of his face and that actually comes to the prophet to make inquiry for himself by me, I, Yehowah, I am letting myself be brought to answer him by myself. (Ezekiel 14:7)
- And I will give her, her vineyards from then onward, and the low plain of Achor as an entrance to hope, and she will certainly answer there as in the days of her youth and as in the day of her coming up out of the land of Egypt. (Hosea 2:15)
- Yehowah promised the Hosea to become engaged to his people in that day and make the heavens and the earth answer each other, thus making it fruitful and providing plenty.
- And it must occur in that day that I shall answer, is the utterance of Yehowah, I shall answer the heavens, and they, for their part, will answer the earth. (Hosea 2:21)
- And the earth, for its part, will answer the grain and the sweet wine and the oil, and they, for their part, will answer Jezreel God will sow seed. (Hosea 2:22)
- Ephraim will say; What do I have to do any longer with the idols? I myself shall certainly give an answer and I shall keep looking on him. I am like a luxuriant juniper tree. From me must fruit for you be found. (Hosea 14:8)
- Yehowah promised to answer his people and to take away their reproach from among the nations.
- And Yehowah will answer and say to his people, Here I am sending to you the grain and the new wine and the oil, and you people will certainly be satisfied with it, and I shall not make you anymore a reproach among the nations. (Joel 2:19)

- Yehowah will not answer people who commit badness against him.
- At that time they will call to Yehowah for aid, but he will not answer them. And he will conceal his face from them in that time, according as they committed badness in their dealings. (Micah 3:4)
- Yehowah promised to cover over the visionaries by giving them no answer from him.
- And the visionaries will have to be ashamed, and the diviners will certainly be disappointed. And they will have to cover over the mustache, all of them, for there is no answer from God. (Micah 3:7)
- Yehowah answered Habakkuk, and told him to write down the vision.
- And Yehowah proceeded to answer me and to say; Write down the vision, and set it out plainly upon tablets, in order, that the one reading aloud from it may do so fluently. (Habakkuk 2:2)
- Within the house of the one making evil gain the stones will cry out plaintively and the rafters will answer it.
- For out of the wall a stone itself will cry out plaintively, and from the woodwork a rafter itself will answer it. (Habakkuk 2:11)
- Yehowah asked the priests to answer a difficult question regarding holiness to see if they understood the Law.
- If a man carries holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and he actually touches with his skirt bread or stew or wine or oil or any sort of food, will it become holy? And the priests proceeded to answer and say; No! (Haggai 2:12)
- The one's Yehowah sent to look into all the earth proceeded to answer the angel of Yehowah saying; The whole earth is sitting still and having no disturbance.
- And they proceeded to answer the angel of Yehowah who was standing among the myrtle trees and to say; We have walked about in the earth, and, look! The whole earth is sitting still and

having no disturbance. (Zechariah 1:11)

- Yehowah proceeded to answer the angel with good words, and comforting words.
- And Yehowah proceeded to answer the angel who was speaking with me, with good words, comforting words. (Zechariah 1:13)
- Zechariah proceeded to answer the angel and say to him; What do the two olive trees and the lampstand mean?
- And I proceeded to answer and say to him; What do these two olive trees on the right side of the lampstand and on its left side mean? (Zechariah 4:11)
- And I proceeded to answer and say to the angel who was speaking with me; What are these, my lord? (Zechariah 6:4)
- Yehowah promised to return to the exiles and answer them and make them like those whom he had not cast off.
- And I will make the house of Judah superior, and the house of Joseph I shall save. And I will give them a dwelling, for I will show them mercy, and they must become like those whom I had not cast off, for I am Yehowah their God, and I shall answer them. (Zechariah 10:6)
- Yehowah promised to refine his people and once he had refined them to answer all those of them calling upon his name in faithfulness.
- And I shall certainly bring the third part through the fire, and I shall actually refine them as in the refining of silver, and examine them as in the examining of gold. It, for its part, will call upon my name, and I, for my part, will answer it. I will say; It is my people, and it, in its turn, will say; Yehowah is my God. (Zechariah 13:9)
- The Scribes and Pharisees answered Jesus asking for a sign from him.
- Then as an answer to him some of the scribes and Pharisees said; Teacher, we want to see a sign from you. (Matthew 12:38)
- Jesus answered; Who is by mother and brothers?

- As an answer he said to the one telling him; Who is my mother, and who are my brothers? (Matthew 12:48)
- Jesus did not answer a Phonecian woman who kept crying out to him until his disciples requested him to make her stop.
- But he did not say a word in answer to her. So his disciples came up and began to request him; Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us. (Matthew 15:23)
- Then Jesus answered the woman saying he was not sent forth to any but the house of Israel.
- In answer he said; I was not sent forth to any but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. (Matthew 15:24)
- In answer he said; It is not right to take the bread of the children and throw it to little dogs. (Matthew 15:26)
- Simon Peter answered Jesus; You are the Christ the son of God.
- In answer Simon Peter said; You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. (Matthew 16:16)
- Jesus answered; You men do not know what you are asking for.
- Jesus said in answer; You men do not know what you are asking for. Can you drink the cup that I am about to drink? They said to him; We can. (Matthew 20:22)
- Jesus answered; If you have faith and do not doubt nothing will be impossible for you.
- In answer Jesus said to them; Truly I say to you, if only you have faith and do not doubt, not only will you do what I did to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, Be lifted up and cast into the sea, it will happen. (Matthew 21:21)
- When the Pharisees refused to give Jesus a known answer to them, he also refused to answer their question.
- So in answer to Jesus they said; We do not know. He, in turn, said to them; Neither am I telling you by what authority I do

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- The first son answered his father to the effect that he would go out to work in the field, but he did not go out.
- In answer this one said; I will, sir, but did not go out. (Matthew 21:29)
- Jesus answered them; Look out that nobody misleads you.
- And in answer Jesus said to them; Look out that nobody misleads you. (Matthew 24:4)
- Jesus answered; I tell you the truth, I do not know you.
- In answer he said; I tell you the truth, I do not know you. (Matthew 25:12)
- The righteous one in Jesus parable answered with the words when did we see you hungry or thirsty?
- Then the righteous one's will answer him with the words, Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty, and give you something to drink? (Matthew 25:37)
- Later the unrighteous one's came back with the same answer.
- Then they also will answer with the words, Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not minister to you? (Matthew 25:44)
- Jesus answered that not doing these good acts toward his anointed brothers was the same as not doing them toward him.
- Then he will answer them with the words; Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of these least ones, you did not do it to me. (Matthew 25:45)
- Peter braggingly answered Jesus that he alone would surely not be stumbled regarding his loyalty toward Christ.
- But Peter, in answer, said to him; Although all the others are stumbled in connection with you, never will I be stumbled! (Matthew 26:33)

- The High Priest made many accusations against Jesus but he made no answer to him, remaining silent.
- With that the High Priest stood up and said to him; Have you no answer? What is it these are testifying against you? (Matthew 26:62)
- Those standing before the High Priest returned answer that he was liable to death.
- What is your opinion? They returned answer; He is liable to death. (Matthew 26:66)
- Jesus though accused of serious crimes, and though he was innocent, made no attempt at self-justification.
- But, while he was being accused by the chief priests and older men, he made no answer. (Matthew 27:12)
- Later Jesus refused to answer the governor when questioned by him about these matters.
- Yet he did not answer him, no, not a word, so that the governor wondered very much. (Matthew 27:14)
- The people who condemned Jesus to death answered that his blood should come upon them and their descendants.
- At that all the people said in answer; His blood come upon us and upon our children. (Matthew 27:25)
- The angel at the tomb said in answer to the women looking for Jesus that he had been raised up and was no longer among the dead.
- But the angel in answer said to the women; Do not you be fearful, for I know you are looking for Jesus who was impaled. (Matthew 28:5)
- Peter answered Jesus saying; You are the Christ!
- And he put the question to them; You, though, who do you say I am? In answer Peter said to him; You are the Christ. (Mark 8:29)

- Jesus when asked what his teaching was on divorce, returned answer saying; What did Moses command you? Thus Jesus supported God's word the Bible as an authority.
- In answer he said to them; What did Moses command you? (Mark 10:3)
- Jesus asked the blind man, What do you want me to do for you?
 The man answered, Let me recover sight.
- And in answer to him Jesus said; What do you want me to do for you? The blind man said to him; Rabboni, let me recover sight. (Mark 10:51)
- Jesus recognized that his opposers were trying to trick him into a wrong statement so he asked them to answer his question on the condition that if they were able to answer it then he would answer them. They could answer him but chose not to.
- Jesus said to them; I will ask you one question. You answer me, and I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. (Mark 11:29)
- Was the baptism by John from heaven or from men? Answer me.(Mark 11:30)
- Jesus disciples waking from sleep did not know how to answer him when he awoke them suddenly and asked them a question.
- And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were weighed down, and so they did not know what to answer him.

 (Mark 14:40)
- Many times Jesus answered a question with a question.
- So Pilate put the question to him; Are you the king of the Jews? In answer to him he said; You yourself say it. (Mark 15:2)
- Pilate marveled that Jesus though present before him for impaling made no defense with an answer.
- But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate began to marvel. (Mark 15:5)

- The angel answered Mary that Yehowah's power would overshadow her and so the son born would be holy.
- In answer the angel said to her; Holy Spirit will come upon you, and power of the Most High will overshadow you. For that reason also what is born will be called holy, God's Son. (Luke 1:35)
- John the Baptist gave answer to the effect that a more powerful prophet was coming whose sandals he was unfit to untie.
- John gave the answer, saying to all; I, for my part, baptize you with water, but the one stronger than I am is coming, the lace of whose sandals I am not fit to untie. He will baptize you people with Holy Spirit and fire. (Luke 3:16)
- Jesus many times returned an **answer** quoting from the scriptures as authority for his statements.
- In answer Jesus said to him; It is said; You must not put Yehowah your God to the test. (Luke 4:12)
- Jesus returned answer to them asking; What are you reasoning out in your hearts.
- But Jesus, discerning their reasonings, said in answer to them; What are you reasoning out in your hearts? (Luke 5:22)
- Jesus answered two of John's disciples to go back and report to his about the things that they were seeing being done by him.
- Hence in answer he said to the two; Go your way, report to John what you saw and heard. The blind are receiving sight, the lame are walking, the lepers are being cleansed and the deaf are hearing, the dead are being raised up, the poor are being told the Good News. (Luke 7:22)
- Simon answered Jesus question saying that the one forgiven the most would be the most thankful.
- In answer Simon said; I suppose it is the one to whom he freely forgave the more. He said to him; You judged correctly. (Luke 7:43)

- Jesus answer to what was the most important Law within the Law covenant stressed love of Yehowah God with one's whole heart, soul and strength, and one's neighbor as oneself.
- In answer he said; You must love Yehowah your God with your whole heart and with your whole soul and with your whole strength and with your whole mind, and, your neighbor as yourself. (Luke 10:27)
- Jesus answered the anxious Martha that she was anxious and disturbed with many things, but that only one or two thing were needed and she did not need to make a big feast for them, just a simple meal ld do.
- In answer the Lord said to her; Martha, Martha, you are anxious and disturbed about many things. (Luke 10:41)
- One of those versed in the Law answered Jesus saying that he insulted them by comparing them to whitewashed graves, pretty on the outside but full of dead men's bones.
- In answer a certain one of those versed in the Law said to him; Teacher, in saying these things you also insult us. (Luke 11:45)
- Jesus parable spoke of a man, a friend who had gone to bed along with his whole family, and who would feign not knowing you if you disturbed him late at night asking for something from him.
- When once the householder has got up and locked the door, and you start to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying; Sir, open to us. But in answer he will say to you, I do not know where you are from. (Luke 13:25)
- Jesus opposers were simply astounded at his wisdom and could not return an answer of comparable merit. They were amazed at his responses to their questions.
- And they were not able to answer back on these things. (Luke 14:6)
- Well, they were not able to catch him in this saying before the people, but, in amazement at his answer, they said nothing. (Luke 20:26)

- Moreover, if I questioned you, you would not answer at all. (Luke 22:68)
- Pilate asked Jesus if he was the king of the Jews and Jesus answer was; You yourself are saying it.
- Now Pilate asked him the question; Are you the king of the Jews? In answer to him he said; You yourself are saying it. (Luke 23:3)
- Jesus refused to answer when falsely accused.
- Now he began to question him with a good many words, but he made him no answer. (Luke 23:9)
- While walking along with two of his disciples after his resurrection the one names Clopas answered him by asking if Jesus was a foreigner, and so did not know about these significant matters that had recently filled Jerusalem.
- In answer the one named Cleopas said to him; Are you dwelling as an alien by yourself in Jerusalem and so do not know the things that have occurred in her in these days? (Luke 24:18)
- Persons were sent to John the Baptist to ask him who he was and to give answer.
- Therefore they said to him; Who are you? That we may give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself? (John 1:22)
- Jesus answered Philip; While you were under the fig tree I saw you.
- Nathanael said to him; How does it come that you know me?

 Jesus in answer said to him; Before Philip called you, while you were under the fig tree, I saw you. (John 1:48)
- Jesus in answer said to him; Because I told you I saw you underneath the fig tree do you believe? You will see things greater than these. (John 1:50)

- Jesus opposers asked him for a sign to prove his authority, but the very things he did in the way of healing and expelling demons proved by a doubt his authority to do and say what he did and said.
- Therefore, in answer, the Jews said to him; What sign have you to show us, since you are doing these things? (John 2:18)
- In answer Jesus said; Break down this temple and in three days I shall raise it up again, but he was referring to his human body and his upcoming resurrection after just three days in Sheol.
- In answer Jesus said to them; Break down this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. (John 2:19)
- Jesus answered that unless anyone is born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God.
- In answer Jesus said to him; Most truly I say to you, unless anyone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. (John 3:3)
- Nicodemus listening to this discussion asked how a man could be born again.
- In answer Nicodemus said to him; How can these things come about? (John 3:9)
- Jesus then chastised him for not knowing seeing that he was a teacher in Israel he should know.
- In answer Jesus said to him; Are you a teacher of Israel and yet do not know these things? (John 3:10)
- John the Baptist answered; A man cannot do a single thing unless it has been granted to him from above.
- In answer John said; A man cannot receive a single thing unless it has been given him from heaven. (John 3:27)
- Jesus answered the woman; Stating that he had living water to give her, which she could have for the asking.
- In answer Jesus said to her; If you had known the free gift of God and who it is that says to you, Give me a drink, you would

have asked him, and he would have given you living water. (John 4:10)

- This living water will really quench one's thirst for righteousness and spiritual things and so the one partaking of it will never get thirsty again.
- In answer Jesus said to her; Everyone drinking from this water will get thirsty again. (John 4:13)
- In answer the woman said; I do not have a husband. Jesus said to her; You said well, A husband I do not have. (John 4:17)
- Jesus answered them; The Son does not do a single thing of his own initiative, but only what he beholds the father doing.
- Therefore, in answer, Jesus went on to say to them; Most truly I say to you, The Son cannot do a single thing of his own initiative, but only what he beholds the Father doing. For whatever things that One does, these things the Son also does in like manner. (John 5:19)
- Jesus answered them; The work of God is to put faith in the one that God sent forth, for this is how he leads his people and it was true of Jesus Christ and also of each and every one of the prophets that preceded him.
- In answer Jesus said to them; This is the work of God, that you exercise faith in him whom that One sent forth. (John 6:29)
- Jesus answered them; Stop murmuring among yourselves.
- In answer Jesus said to them; Stop murmuring among yourselves. (John 6:43)
- In answer Jesus said to them; One deed I performed, and you are all wondering. (John 7:21)
- Jesus opposers, while not making an attempt to ascertain his place of birth, which was in Bethlehem as had been prophesied, answered his disciples that no prophet is to be raised up out of Galilee.
- In answer they said to him; You are not also out of Galilee, are you? Search and see that no prophet is to be raised up out of

Galilee. (John 7:52)

- Jesus answered that even if he gave witness about himself still his witness was true be he knew the facts about where he came from and they did not.
- In answer Jesus said to them; Even if I do bear witness about myself, my witness is true, because I know where I came from and where I am going. But you do not know where I came from and where I am going. (John 8:14)
- They answered to the effect that they were Abraham's children to Jesus, but answered them that if they were really Abraham's children then they should be doing the works of Abraham like their father and they were not doing them. Abraham had put faith in Yehowah's promise of the coming seed Isaac. Yet the Greater Isaac was standing before them in the person of Jesus Christ and they put no faith in him.
- In answer they said to him; Our father is Abraham. Jesus said to them; If you are Abraham's children, do the works of Abraham. (John 8:39)
- The Jews sinned against the Holy Spirit when they answered Jesus with a question inferring that he had a demon, when his works were clearly from the God of love and peace.
- In answer the Jews said to him; Do we not rightly say; You are a Samaritan and have a demon? (John 8:48)
- After repeated questionings by the Sanhedrin members about their son, the parents answered that they knew for a fact that their son had been born blind.
- Then in answer his parents said; We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. (John 9:20)
- The man himself then answered the Sanhedrin he feeling that it was certainly a marvel that they did not know where the power Jesus manifested came from.
- In answer the man said to them; This certainly is a marvel, that you do not know where he is from, and yet he opened my eyes. (John 9:30)

- But the members of the Sanhedrin simply refused to accept his witness and they answered that he was born in sin and knew nothing and then they threw him out.
- In answer they said to him; You were altogether born in sins, and yet are you teaching us? And they threw him out! (John 9:34)
- When God spoke from heaven to confirm his sons work, Jesus answered and said that the voice had occurred for their sakes, for he already knew of God's favor upon him.
- In answer Jesus said; This voice has occurred, not for my sake, but for your sakes. (John 12:30)
- Jesus answered that what he was then doing they would not understand until later.
- In answer Jesus said to him; What I am doing you do not understand at present, but you will understand after these things. (John 13:7)
- Jesus answered them that if anyone loves him and observes his word then both he and God his father would love that one and come and make their abode with them.
- In answer Jesus said to him; If anyone loves me, he will observe my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our abode with him. (John 14:23)
- On the night of his mock trial a slave of the High Priest struck Jesus across the cheek asking, if that was the way he gave answer to the chief priest.
- After he said these things, one of the officers that was standing by gave Jesus a slap in the face and said; Is that the way you answer the chief priest? (John 18:22)
- The Pharisees answered Pilate that they would not have delivered Jesus to him if he were not a wrongdoer, which was a lie and Pilate was suspicious of it being a lie.
- In answer they said to him; If this man were not a wrongdoer,

we would not have delivered him up to you. (John 18:30)

- During his trial Jesus gave no answer when interrogated by the governor.
- And he entered into the governor's palace again and said to Jesus; Where are you from? But Jesus gave him no answer. (John 19:9)
- Once Thomas saw the actual nail marks then he believed saying My Lord and My God.
- In answer Thomas said to him; My Lord and my God! (John 20:28)
- Peter's answer to the Pharisees was that he must obey God as ruler rather than them.
- In answer Peter and the other apostles said; We must obey God as ruler rather than men. (Acts of Apostles 5:29)
- Simon asked the men to make supplication to Yehowah so that none of the thing they spoke of would come upon him.
- In answer Simon said; You men, make supplication for me to Yehowah that none of the things you have said may come upon me. (Acts of Apostles 8:24)
- The Ethiopian eunuch in answer said to Philip; About whom does the prophet say this?
- In answer the eunuch said to Philip; I beg you, About whom does the prophet say this? About himself or about some other man? (Acts of Apostles 8:34)
- The wicked spirit answered them to the effect, that he knew Jesus and Paul, but who were they.
- But in answer the wicked spirit said to them; I know Jesus and I am acquainted with Paul, but who are you? (Acts of Apostles 19:15)

- Paul recommended himself to others so that they would have an answer to those who boast over what they are in the flesh, rather than over the heart.
- We are not again recommending ourselves to you, but giving you an inducement for boasting in respect to us, that you may have an answer for those who boast over the outward appearance but not over the heart. (2 Corinthians 5:12)
- Paul encouraged Christians to have a mild spirit so as to,
- Let your utterance be always with graciousness, seasoned with salt, so as to know how you ought to give an answer to each one. (Colossians 4:6)