

## ~BLAMELESSNESS (207)

[Hebrew, *tam*, *ta-mim'* faultless, sound, perfect, Greek, *a'mem-ptos*]

- One Hebrew word rendered blameless is *tam*. It is used regarding the exemplary moral standing of Job and concerning the flawless beauty of the Shulammite.
- There happened to be a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man proved to be **blameless** and upright, and fearing God and turning aside from bad. (**Job 1:1**)
- And Yehowah went on to say to Satan; Have you set your heart upon my servant Job, that there is no one like him in the earth, a man **blameless** and upright, fearing God and turning aside from bad? (**Job 1:8**)
- I am asleep, but my heart is awake. There is the sound of my dear one knocking! Open to me, O my sister, my girl companion, my dove, my **blameless** one! For my head is filled with dew, the locks of my hair with the drops of the night. (**Song of Solomon 5:2**)
- One there is who is my dove, my **blameless** one. One there is who belongs to her mother. She is the pure one of the one giving birth to her. The daughters have seen her, and they proceeded to pronounce her happy, queens and concubines, and they proceeded to praise her. (**Song of Solomon 6:9**)
- By reason of his peaceful, quiet life in tents as contrasted with his brothers wild, adventurous life as a hunter, Jacob was said to be **blameless**.
- And the boys got bigger, and Esau became a man knowing how to hunt, a man of the field, but Jacob a **blameless** man, dwelling in tents. (**Genesis 25:27**)
- Another Hebrew word at times rendered **blameless** is *ta-mim'*, having the sense of being faultless, sound, perfect.
- For the upright are the ones that will reside in the earth, and the blameless are the ones that will be left over in it. (**Proverbs 2:21**)

- The righteousness of the **blameless** one is what will make his way straight, but in his own wickedness the wicked one will fall. (**Proverbs 11:5**)
- Those crooked at heart are something detestable to Yehowah, but the one's **blameless** in their way are a pleasure to him. (**Proverbs 11:20**)
- The **Hebrew** words *tam* and *ta-mim'* come from the root verb *ta-mam'*, which has the meaning be complete, completed, come to perfection, come to a finish.
- Also from presumptuous acts hold your servant back, do not let them dominate me. In that case I shall **be complete**, and I shall have remained innocent from much transgression. (**Psalms 19:13**)
- And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until all the house **was completed**, and all the altar that was toward the innermost room he overlaid with gold. (**1 Kings 6:22**)
- For before the harvest, when the blossom comes to **perfection** and the bloom becomes a ripening grape, one must also cut off the sprigs with pruning shears and must remove the tendrils, must lop them off. (**Isaiah 18:5**)
- And I will send against them the sword, the famine and the pestilence, until they **come to their finish** off the ground that I gave to them and to their forefathers. (**Jeremiah 24:10**)
- Finally Samuel said to Jesse; **Are these all the boys?** To this he said; The youngest one has till now been left out, and, look! He is pasturing the sheep. At that Samuel said to Jesse: Do send and fetch him, because we shall not sit down to meal until his coming here. (**1 Samuel 16:11**)
- Where the phrase translated; **Are these all the boys?** Literally means; **Are the boys completed?** In the **Greek Septuagint**, the **Hebrew** word *tam* is sometimes translated *a'mem-ptos*.
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- And Yehowah went on to say to Satan; Have you set your heart upon my servant Job, that there is no one like him in the earth, a man **blameless** and upright, fearing God and turning aside from bad? Even yet he is holding fast his integrity, although you incite me against him to swallow him up without cause. (**Job 2:3**)
- If I were in the right, my own mouth would pronounce me wicked, were I **blameless**, then he would declare me crooked. (**Job 9:20**)
- Forms of this word also appear in the **Christian Greek Scriptures** and may be defined as **blameless, faultless**.
- They both were righteous before God because of walking **blamelessly** in accord with all the commandments and legal requirements of Yehowah. (**Luke 1:6**)
- As respects zeal, persecuting the congregation, as respects righteousness that is by means of Law, one who proved himself **blameless**. (**Philippians 3:6**)
- For if that first covenant had been **faultless**, no place would have been sought for a second. (**Hebrews 8:7**)

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- When used in describing human's, the term **blameless** must always be viewed as relative, not absolute. Suffering Job drew wrong conclusions about Yehowah, including how the Almighty regarded **blameless** ones.
- If I were in the right, my own mouth would pronounce me wicked, were I **blameless**, then he would declare me crooked. (**Job 9:20**)
- Were I **blameless**, I would not know my soul, I would refuse my life. (**Job 9:21**)
- One thing there is. That is why I do say; One **blameless**, also a

wicked one, he is bringing to their end. (**Job 9:22**)

- Zechariah, the father of John the Baptizer, manifested lack of faith in Yehowah's declaration through the angel Gabriel.
- And Zechariah said to the angel; How am I to be sure of this? For I am aged and my wife is well along in years. (**Luke 1:18**)
- In reply the angel said to him; I am Gabriel, who stands near before God, and I was sent forth to speak with you and declare the Good News of these things to you. (**Luke 1:19**)
- But, look! You will be silent and not able to speak until the day that these things take place, because you **did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their appointed time.** (**Luke 1:20**)
- Still, Job and Zechariah were said to be **blameless**, for they measured up to what Yehowah expected of human's who, though faithful, were marred by imperfection.
- There happened to be a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man proved to be **blameless** and upright, and fearing God and turning aside from bad. (**Job 1:1**)
- They both were righteous before God because of walking **blamelessly** in accord with all the commandments and legal requirements of Yehowah. (**Luke 1:6**)
- From the standpoint of his Jewish contemporaries, Paul was **blameless** before he became a disciple of Jesus Christ. He did what the Law commanded, fulfilling the obligations placed upon him and refraining from what was forbidden.
- As respects zeal, persecuting the congregation, as respects righteousness that is by means of Law, one who proved himself **blameless.** (**Philippians 3:6**)
- But Paul did not then enjoy a **blameless** standing before Yehowah. He was **guilty of grave sin as a persecutor of Christ's brothers and was a blasphemer and an insolent man.**
- Although formerly I was **a blasphemer and a persecutor and an insolent man.** Nevertheless, I was shown mercy, because I was ignorant and acted with a lack of faith. (**1 Timothy 1:13**)

- Faithful and deserving of full acceptance is the saying that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of these I am foremost. (**1 Timothy 1:15**)
- The Most High takes pleasure in those whose conduct is a reflection of their spiritual soundness, their purity, their **blamelessness**.
- Those crooked at heart are something detestable to Yehowah, but the one's **blameless** in their way are a pleasure to him. (**Proverbs 11:20**)
- So it is vital that Christians live in a manner that is **blameless**, free from justifiable censure.
- That you may come to be **blameless** and innocent, children of God without a blemish in among a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you are shining as illuminators in the world. (**Philippians 2:15**)
- May the very God of peace sanctify you completely. And sound in every respect may the spirit and soul and body of you brothers be preserved in a **blameless** manner at the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. (**1 Thessalonians 5:23**)