

~FLESH (1090)

[Hebrew, *ba-sar'*, Greek, *sarx*]

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• The Hebrew *ba-sar'* and the Greek *sarx* primarily refer to the soft substance of a physical body, whether of man, beast, bird, or fish, more specifically, the parts composed chiefly of muscle and fat.

• The Bible points out that the flesh of the various kinds of living things differs.

• Not all **flesh** is the same **flesh**, but there is one of mankind, and there is another **flesh** of cattle, and another **flesh** of birds, and another of fish. (1 Corinthians 15:39)

• This has been found to be the case by researchers, they have noted that the chemical composition and cellular structure of the **flesh** of mankind, beasts, birds, and fish vary greatly.

• Yehowah God the Creator is responsible for the existence of all **flesh** and for its life. He is referred to in the Bible as Yehowah the God of the spirits, including the life-force, of all sorts of **flesh**.

• Let Yehowah the God of the spirits of all sorts of **flesh** appoint over the assembly a man (Numbers 27:16)

• And as for me, here I am bringing the deluge of waters upon the earth to bring to ruin all **flesh** in which the force of life is active from under the heavens. Everything that is in the earth will expire. (Genesis 6:17)

• He states that the soul, life, of the **fleshly** creature is in the blood.

• For the soul of the **flesh** is in the blood, and I myself have put it upon the altar for you to make atonement for your souls, because it is the blood that makes atonement by the soul in it. (Leviticus 17:11)

- That is why I have said to the sons of Israel; No soul of you must eat blood and no alien resident who is residing as an alien in your midst should eat blood. ([Leviticus 17:12](#))
- As for any man of the sons of Israel or some alien resident who is residing as an alien in your midst who in hunting catches a wild beast or a fowl that may be eaten, he must in that case pour its blood out and cover it with dust. ([Leviticus 17:13](#))
- For the soul of every sort of **flesh** is its blood by the soul in it. Consequently I said to the sons of Israel; You must not eat the blood of any sort of flesh, because the soul of every sort of flesh is its blood. Anyone eating it will be cut off. ([Leviticus 17:14](#))
- Originally, vegetation and fruit, and not **flesh**, were given man as his diet. But after the Flood, God added animal flesh, commanding, however, that, flesh with its soul its blood you must not eat.
- Every moving animal that is alive may serve as food for you. As in the case of green vegetation, I do give it all to you. ([Genesis 9:3](#))
- Only **flesh** with its soul, its blood, you must not eat. ([Genesis 9:4](#))
- Cannibalism, the eating of human **flesh**, naturally repugnant to the human mind, was abhorred by God and his ancient covenant people Israel.
- Then you will have to eat the fruit of your belly, the **flesh** of your sons and your daughters, whom Yehowah your God has given you, because of the tightness and stress with which your enemy will hem you in. ([Deuteronomy 28:53](#))
- As for the very delicate and dainty man among you, his eye will be evil-inclined toward his brother and his cherished wife and the remainder of his sons whom he has remaining. ([Deuteronomy 28:54](#))
- So as not to give one of them any of the **flesh** of his sons that he will eat, because he has nothing at all remaining to him because of the tightness and stress with which your enemy will hem you in within all your gates. ([Deuteronomy 28:55](#))

- **As for the delicate and dainty woman among you who never attempted to set the sole of her foot upon the earth for being of dainty habit and for delicateness, her eye will be evil-inclined toward her cherished husband and her son and her daughter. (Deuteronomy 28:56)**
- **Even toward her afterbirth that comes out from between her legs and toward her sons whom she proceeded to bear, because she will eat them in secrecy for the want of everything because of the tightness and stress with which your enemy will hem you in within your gates. (Deuteronomy 28:57)**
- **And the king went on to say to her; What is the matter with you? So she said; This very woman said to me; Give your son that we may eat him today, and my own son we shall eat tomorrow. (2 Kings 6:28)**
- **Accordingly we boiled my son and ate him. Then I said to her on the next day; Give your son that we may eat him. But she hid her son. (2 Kings 6:29)**
- **And it came about that as soon as the king heard the woman's words, he immediately ripped his garments apart, and as he was passing along upon the wall, the people got to see, and, look! Sackcloth was underneath upon his flesh. (2 Kings 6:30)**
- **Neither could they eat the flesh of an animal torn by a wild beast, or one that died of itself. These would be detestable, besides not being properly drained of blood.**
- **And you should prove yourselves holy men to me, and you must not eat flesh in the field that is something torn by a wild beast. You should throw it to the dogs. (Exodus 22:31)**
- **As for any soul that eats a body already dead or something torn by a wild beast, whether a native or an alien resident, he must in that case wash his garments and bathe in water and be unclean until the evening, and he must be clean. (Leviticus 17:15)**
- **But if he will not wash them and will not bathe his flesh, he must then answer for his error. (Leviticus 17:16)**
- **You must not eat any body already dead. To the alien resident who is inside your gates you may give it, and he must eat it, or**

there may be a selling of it to a foreigner, because you are a holy people to Yehowah your God. You must not boil a kid in its mother's milk. ([Deuteronomy 14:21](#))

- God commanded that, before eating the **flesh** of an animal, his people were to pour out its blood on the ground and cover it with dust, being careful not to eat the blood, on pain of death.
- Simply be firmly resolved not to eat the blood, because the blood is the soul and you must not eat the soul with the **flesh**. ([Deuteronomy 12:23](#))
- You must not eat it. You should pour it out upon the ground as water. ([Deuteronomy 12:24](#))
- You must not eat it, in order, that it may go well with you and your sons after you, because you will do what is right in Yehowah's eyes. ([Deuteronomy 12:25](#))
- Any soul who eats any blood, that soul must be cut off from his people. ([Leviticus 7:27](#))
- The older men of the early Christian congregation restated this prohibition, forbidding the eating of animals strangled or not drained of blood. They additionally forbade eating meat as part of a communion offering to idols, a common practice among pagans in those days.
- Hence my decision is not to trouble those from the nations who are turning to God. ([Acts of Apostles 15:19](#))
- But to write them to abstain from things polluted by idols and from fornication and from what is strangled and from blood. ([Acts of Apostles 15:20](#))
- For the Holy Spirit and we ourselves have favored adding no further burden to you, except these necessary things. ([Acts of Apostles 15:28](#))
- To keep abstaining from things sacrificed to idols and from blood and from things strangled and from fornication. If you carefully keep yourselves from these things, you will prosper. Good health to you! ([Acts of Apostles 15:29](#))

- The eating of **flesh** by Christians is proper, but the apostle Paul pointed out that **flesh** is not absolutely essential to man as food when he said that if his eating of meat was a source of stumbling to other Christians, he would never again eat **flesh** at all.
- It is well not to eat **flesh** or to drink wine or do anything over which your brother stumbles. (**Romans 14:21**)
- Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat **flesh** at all, that I may not make my brother stumble. (**1 Corinthians 8:13**)
- The **fleshly** body given to man was to be regarded as inviolate and not to be deliberately mistreated or mutilated, either by the person himself or by another.
- And you must not make cuts in your **flesh** for a deceased soul, and you must not put tattoo marking upon yourselves. I am Yehowah. (**Leviticus 19:28**)
- Sons you are of Yehowah your God. You must not make cuttings upon yourselves or impose baldness on your foreheads for a dead person. (**Deuteronomy 14:1**)
- One who strikes a man so that he actually dies is to be put to death without fail. (**Exodus 21:12**)
- But where one does not lie in wait and the true God lets it occur at his hand, then I must fix for you a place where he can flee. (**Exodus 21:13**)
- And in case a man becomes heated against his fellow to the point of killing him with craftiness, you are to take him even from being at my altar to die. (**Exodus 21:14**)
- And one who strikes his father and his mother is to be put to death without fail. (**Exodus 21:15**)
- And one who kidnaps a man and who actually sells him or in whose hand he has been found is to be put to death without fail. (**Exodus 21:16**)
- And one who calls down evil upon his father and his mother is to be put to death without fail. (**Exodus 21:17**)

- And in case men should get into a quarrel and one does strike his fellow with a stone or a hoe and he does not die but must keep to his bed. (**Exodus 21:18**)
- If he gets up and does walk about out of doors upon some support of his, then the one who struck him must be free from punishment, he will make compensation only for the time lost from that one's work until he gets him completely healed. (**Exodus 21:19**)
- And in case a man strikes his slave man or his slave girl with a stick and that one actually dies under his hand, that one is to be avenged without fail. (**Exodus 21:20**)
- However, if he lingers for a day or two days, he is not to be avenged, because he is his money. (**Exodus 21:21**)
- And in case men should struggle with each other and they really hurt a pregnant woman and her children do come out but no fatal accident occurs, he is to have damages imposed upon him without fail according to what the owner of the woman may lay upon him, and he must give it through the justices. (**Exodus 21:22**)
- But if a fatal accident should occur, then you must give soul for soul. (**Exodus 21:23**)
- Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot. (**Exodus 21:24**)
- Branding for branding, wound for wound, blow for blow. (**Exodus 21:25**)
- And in case a man should strike the eye of his slave man or the eye of his slave girl and he really ruins it, he is to send him away as one set free in compensation for his eye. (**Exodus 21:26**)
- And if it should be the tooth of his slave man or the tooth of his slave girl that he knocks out, he is to send him away as one set free in compensation for his tooth. (**Exodus 21:27**)

·· Kinship

- Kinship is expressed by the term, **flesh**. Eve bore the closest possible kinship to Adam in that she was, as he said; Bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh.
- Then the man said; This is at last bone of my bones and **flesh** of my **flesh**. This one will be called Woman, because from man this one was taken. (**Genesis 2:23**)
- After that Laban said to him; You are indeed my bone and my **flesh**. So he dwelt with him a full month. (**Genesis 29:14**)
- Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and do not let our hand be upon him. After all, he is our brother, our **flesh**. So they listened to their brother. (**Genesis 37:27**)
- In time all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said; Look! We ourselves are your bone and your **flesh**. (**2 Samuel 5:1**)
- The close relationship of man and wife is forcefully stated. They must become one **flesh**.
- That is why a man will leave his father and his mother and he must stick to his wife and they must become one **flesh**. (**Genesis 2:24**)
- And said; For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother and will stick to his wife, and the two will be one **flesh**? (**Matthew 19:5**)
- So that they are no longer two, but one **flesh**. Therefore, what God has yoked together let no man put apart. (**Matthew 19:6**)
- Paul calls Jesus one who sprang from the seed of David according to the **flesh**.
- Concerning his Son, who sprang from the seed of David according to the **flesh**. (**Romans 1:3**)

.. The Person, Humankind, Fleshly Creation

- An extension of the idea that **flesh** composes the visible, tangible parts of the body, is the use of the word **flesh** to refer in a general way to the whole body.

- For the soul of every sort of **flesh** is its blood by the soul in it. Consequently I said to the sons of Israel; You must not eat the blood of any sort of **flesh**, because the soul of every sort of flesh is its blood. Anyone eating it will be cut off. (**Leviticus 17:14**)
- And it came about that as soon as Ahab heard these words, he proceeded to rip his garments apart and to put sackcloth upon his **flesh**, and he went on a fast and kept lying down in sackcloth and walking despondently. (**1 Kings 21:27**)
- Finally he went up and lay down upon the child and put his own mouth upon his mouth and his own eyes upon his eyes and his own palms upon his palms and kept bent over him, and gradually the child's **flesh** grew warm. (**2 Kings 4:34**)
- It is also used to refer to the person, or individual, as a human of **flesh**.
- For I know that in me, that is, in my **flesh**, there dwells nothing good, for ability to wish is present with me, but ability to work out what is fine is not present. (**Romans 7:18**)
- For I want you to realize how great a struggle I am having in behalf of you and of those at Laodicea and of all those who have not seen my face in the **flesh**. (**Colossians 2:1**)
- For though I am absent in the **flesh**, all the same I am with you in the spirit, rejoicing and beholding your good order and the firmness of your faith toward Christ. (**Colossians 2:5**)
- All humankind, especially from the viewpoint of God the Spirit, are described as **flesh**.
- So God saw the earth and, look! It was ruined, because all **flesh** had ruined its way on the earth. (**Genesis 6:12**)
- For as fire Yehowah himself will for a fact take up the controversy, yes, with his sword, against all **flesh**, and the slain of Yehowah will certainly become many. (**Isaiah 66:16**)
- And all **flesh** will see the saving means of God. (**Luke 3:6**)
- And at times the animal creation is included.

- And those going in, male and female of every sort of **flesh**, went in, just as God had commanded him. After that Yehowah shut the door behind him. (**Genesis 7:16**)
- So all **flesh** that was moving upon the earth expired, among the flying creatures and among the domestic animals and among the wild beasts and among all the swarms that were swarming upon the earth, and all mankind. (**Genesis 7:21**)
- The Bible often makes a contrast of **flesh** with God the Spirit, emphasizing particularly the relative insignificance of man.
- After that Yehowah said; My spirit shall not act toward man indefinitely in that he is also **flesh**. Accordingly his days shall amount to a hundred and twenty years. (**Genesis 6:3**)
- With him there is an arm of **flesh**, but with us there is Yehowah our God to help us and to fight our battles. And the people began to brace themselves upon the words of Hezekiah the king of Judah. (**2 Chronicles 32:8**)
- In union with God I shall praise his word. In God I have put my trust. I shall not be afraid. What can **flesh** do to me? (**Psalms 56:4**)
- Yehowah in his superior position nevertheless recognizes and accordingly takes this fact into account in dealing with mankind with surpassing loving-kindness and merciful long-suffering.
- And he kept remembering that they were **flesh**, that the spirit is going forth and does not come back. (**Psalms 78:39**)
- As a father shows mercy to his sons, Yehowah has shown mercy to those fearing him. (**Psalms 103:13**)
- For he himself well knows the formation of us, remembering that we are dust. (**Psalms 103:14**)
- As for mortal man, his days are like those of green grass, like a blossom of the field is the way he blossoms forth. (**Psalms 103:15**)
- For, all **flesh** is like grass, and all its glory is like a blossom of grass, the grass becomes withered, and the flower falls off. (**1**

Peter 1:24)

- But the saying of Yehowah endures forever. Well, this is the saying; this which has been declared to you as Good News. (**1 Peter 1:25**)
- The word **flesh** may also refer to a part of the body, particularly the male genital organ.
- Speak to the sons of Israel, and you must say to them, In case any man has a running discharge occur from his genital organ, his discharge is unclean. (**Leviticus 15:2**)
- States; In case any man has a running discharge occur from his genital organ, literally, his **flesh**, his discharge is unclean.
- And you must get circumcised in the **flesh** of your foreskins, and it must serve as a sign of the covenant between me and you. (**Genesis 17:11**)
- And make drawers of linen for them to cover the naked **flesh**. From the hips and to the thighs they are to extend. (**Exodus 28:42**)
- Therefore keep bearing in mind that formerly you were people of the nations as to **flesh**. Uncircumcision you were called by that which is called circumcision made in the flesh with hands. (**Ephesians 2:11**)
- Furthermore, though you were dead in your trespasses and in the uncircumcised state of your **flesh**, God made you alive together with him. He kindly forgave us all our trespasses (**Colossians 2:13**)

.. Spiritual Bodies

- The apostle Paul declares that, if there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual one.
- It is sown a physical body, it is raised up a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual one. (**1 Corinthians 15:44**)

- This is corroborated by the apostle Peter when he tells persons of **fleshly**, human nature, called to be joint heirs with Christ, that they are to become partakers of divine nature, namely, spirit life in the invisible heavens.
- Through these things he has freely given us the precious and very grand promises, that through these you may become sharers in divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world through lust. (2 Peter 1:4)
- This requires a change in organism, for **flesh** and blood cannot inherit God's kingdom, neither does corruption inherit incorruption.
- However, this I say; brothers, that **flesh** and blood cannot inherit God's kingdom, neither does corruption inherit incorruption. (1 Corinthians 15:50)
- Look! I tell you a sacred secret; We shall not all fall asleep in death, but we shall all be changed. (1 Corinthians 15:51)
- In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, during the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised up incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (1 Corinthians 15:52)
- For this which is corruptible must put on incorruption, and this which is mortal must put on immortality. (1 Corinthians 15:53)
- But when this which is corruptible puts on incorruption and this which is mortal puts on immortality, then the saying will take place that is written: Death is swallowed up forever. (1 Corinthians 15:54)

•• Jesus Christ's Fleshly Body

- Jesus, who was the Word of God, out of heaven, divested himself of spirit nature and became **flesh**.
- In the beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god. (John 1:1)
- The first man is out of the earth and made of dust, the second man is out of heaven. (1 Corinthians 15:47)
- Keep this mental attitude in you that was also in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 2:5)

- Who, although he was existing in God's form, gave no consideration to a seizure, namely, that he should be equal to God. **(Philippians 2:6)**
- No, but he emptied himself and took a **slaves form** and came to be in **the likeness of men**. **(Philippians 2:7)**
- More than that, when he found himself in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient as far as death, yes, death on a torture stake. **(Philippians 2:8)**
- So the Word **became flesh** and resided among us, and we had a view of his glory, a glory such as belongs to an only-begotten son from a father, and he was full of undeserved kindness and truth. **(John 1:14)**
- Indeed, the sacred secret of this godly devotion is admittedly great; He was made manifest in **flesh**, was declared righteous in spirit, appeared to angels, was preached about among nations, was believed upon in the world, was received up in glory. **(1 Timothy 3:16)**
- That in being born as a human he was no spirit and that he did not merely assume a **fleshly** body, as angels had done in the past
- Afterward Yehowah appeared to him among the big trees of Mamre, while he was sitting at the entrance of the tent about the heat of the day. **(Genesis 18:1)**
- When he raised his eyes, then he looked and there three men were standing some distance from him. When he caught sight of them he began running to meet them from the entrance of the tent and proceeded to bow down to the earth. **(Genesis 18:2)**
- Then he said; Yehowah, if, now, I have found favor in your eyes, please do not pass by your servant. **(Genesis 18:3)**
- Now the two angels arrived at Sodom by evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot caught sight of them, then he got up to meet them and bowed down with his face to the earth. **(Genesis 19:1)**

- And it came about when Joshua happened to be by Jericho that he proceeded to raise his eyes and look, and there, there was a man standing in front of him with his drawn sword in his hand. So Joshua walked up to him and said to him; Are you for us or for our adversaries? (**Joshua 5:13**)
- To this he said; No, but I, as prince of the army of Yehowah I have now come. With that Joshua fell on his face to the earth and prostrated himself and said to him; What is my lord saying to his servant? (**Joshua 5:14**)
- In turn the prince of the army of Yehowah said to Joshua; Draw your sandals from off your feet, because the place on which you are standing is holy. At once Joshua did so. (**Joshua 5:15**)
- Is attested to by the apostle John, who says that one is antichrist who denies that Jesus Christ came in the **flesh**.
- You gain the knowledge of the inspired expression from God by this. Every inspired expression that confesses Jesus Christ as having come in the **flesh** originates with God. (**1 John 4:2**)
- But every inspired expression that does not confess Jesus does not originate with God. Furthermore, this is the antichrists inspired expression which you have heard was coming, and now it is already in the world. (**1 John 4:3**)
- In order to provide the ransom for mankind and thereby to help those who would be his associates in the heavenly calling, the Word **became flesh**, being born all human, no incarnation.
- Therefore, since the young children are sharers of blood and **flesh**, he also **similarly partook of the same things**, that through his death he might bring to nothing the one having the means to cause death, that is, the Devil. (**Hebrews 2:14**)
- And that he might emancipate all those who for fear of death were subject to slavery all through their lives. (**Hebrews 2:15**)
- For he is really not assisting angels at all, but he is assisting Abraham's seed. (**Hebrews 2:16**)
- His earthly sojourn was spoken of as the days of his **flesh**.

- In the days of his **flesh** Christ offered up supplications and also petitions to the One who was able to save him out of death, with strong outcries and tears, and he was favorably heard for his godly fear. (**Hebrews 5:7**)
- The bread that I shall give is my **flesh** in behalf of the life of the world, Jesus said. He went on to state that those hoping to remain in union with him must eat his **flesh** and drink his blood. Not appreciating the spiritual, symbolic significance of his words, some construed the statement as cannibalistic and were shocked.
- This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that anyone may eat of it and not die. (**John 6:50**)
- I am the living bread that came down from heaven, if anyone eats of this bread he will live forever. For a fact, the bread that I shall give is my **flesh** in behalf of the life of the world. (**John 6:51**)
- Therefore the Jews began contending with one another, saying; How can this man give us his **flesh** to eat? (**John 6:52**)
- Accordingly Jesus said to them; Most truly I say to you, unless you eat the **flesh** of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in yourselves. (**John 6:53**)
- He that feeds on my **flesh** and drinks my blood has everlasting life, and I shall resurrect him at the last day. (**John 6:54**)
- For my **flesh** is true food, and my blood is true drink. (**John 6:55**)
- He that feeds on my **flesh** and drinks my blood remains in union with me, and I in union with him. (**John 6:56**)
- Just as the living Father sent me forth and I live because of the Father, he also that feeds on me, even that one will live because of me. (**John 6:57**)
- This is the bread that came down from heaven. It is not as when your forefathers ate and yet died. He that feeds on this bread will live forever. (**John 6:58**)
- These things he said as he was teaching in public assembly at Capernaum. (**John 6:59**)

- Therefore many of his disciples, when they heard this, said; This speech is shocking! Who can listen to it? ([John 6:60](#))
- During Jesus earthly ministry, although he knew that he would be put to death as the ransom sacrifice, his **flesh** rested in hope. This was because of his knowledge that his Father would resurrect him, that his sacrifice would successfully serve the ransom purpose, and that his flesh would not see corruption.
- On this account my heart became cheerful and my tongue rejoiced greatly. Moreover, even my **flesh** will reside in hope. ([Acts of Apostles 2:26](#))
- He saw beforehand and spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he forsaken in Hades nor did his **flesh** see corruption. ([Acts of Apostles 2:31](#))
- Yehowah God evidently disposed of Jesus **fleshly** body in his own way, possibly disintegrating it into the atoms of which it was constituted.
- But they found the stone rolled away from the memorial tomb. ([Luke 24:2](#))
- And when they entered they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ([Luke 24:3](#))
- Moreover, certain women from among us also astonished us, because they had been early to the memorial tomb ([Luke 24:22](#))
- But did not find his body and they came saying they had also seen a supernatural sight of angels, who said he is alive. ([Luke 24:23](#))
- Therefore she ran and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple, for whom Jesus had affection, and she said to them; They have taken away the Lord out of the memorial tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him. ([John 20:2](#))
- Jesus did not take back his **fleshly** body and thereby cancel out the ransom for which it was given. The apostle Peter testifies that Christ went into heaven, the realm of spirits, not **flesh**, he being put to death in the **flesh**, but being made alive in the spirit.

- **Why, even Christ died once for all time concerning sins, a righteous person for unrighteous ones, that he might lead you to God, he being put to death in the **flesh**, but being made alive in the spirit. (1 Peter 3:18)**

- **Before his ascension to heaven Christ, as a mighty, immortal spirit person, did materialize various **fleshly** bodies to suit the occasion, for the purpose of giving to his disciples visible, palpable evidence of his resurrection.**

- **And they said to her; Woman, why are you weeping? She said to them; They have taken my Lord away, and I do not know where they have laid him. (John 20:13)**

- **After saying these things, she turned back and viewed Jesus standing, but she did not discern it was Jesus. (John 20:14)**

- **Jesus said to her; Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for? She, imagining it was the gardener, said to him; Sir, if you have carried him off, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away. (John 20:15)**

- **Jesus said to her; Mary! Upon turning around, she said to him, in Hebrew; Rabboni! Which means; Teacher! (John 20:16)**

- **Jesus said to her; Stop clinging to me. For I have not yet ascended to the Father. But be on your way to my brothers and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father and to my God and your God. (John 20:17)**

- **Consequently the other disciples would say to him; We have seen the Lord! But he said to them; Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails and stick my finger into the print of the nails and stick my hand into his side, I will certainly not believe. (John 20:25)**

- **Well, eight days later his disciples were again indoors, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and he stood in their midst and said; May you have peace. (John 20:26)**

- **Next he said to Thomas; Put your finger here, and see my hands, and take your hand and stick it into my side, and stop being**

unbelieving but become believing. (John 20:27)

- After these things Jesus manifested himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias, but he made the manifestation in this way. (John 21:1)
- However, just as it was getting to be morning, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not, of course, discern that it was Jesus. (John 21:4)
- Now as they were conversing and discussing, Jesus himself approached and began walking with them. (Luke 24:15)
- But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. (Luke 24:16)
- In Paul's letter to the Hebrews the curtain in the sanctuary before the Most Holy, which represented heaven itself, is shown to have been symbolic, representing Jesus **flesh**, for before he sacrificed his fleshly body, the way to life in heaven was not open.
- For Christ entered, not into a holy place made with hands, which is a copy of the reality, but into heaven itself, now to appear before the person of God for us. (Hebrews 9:24)
- Therefore, brothers, since we have boldness for the way of entry into the holy place by the blood of Jesus. (Hebrews 10:19)
- Which he inaugurated for us as a new and living way through the curtain, that is, his **flesh**. (Hebrews 10:20)

•• Man In His Imperfection

- **Flesh** is often used in the Bible to represent man in his imperfect state, conceived in sin as an offspring of rebellious Adam.
- Look! With error I was brought forth with birth pains, and in sin my mother conceived me. (Psalms 51:5)
- That is why, just as through one man sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned. (Romans 5:12)
- Yes, among them we all at one time conducted ourselves in harmony with the desires of our **flesh**, doing the things willed by

the flesh and the thoughts, and we were naturally children of wrath even as the rest. ([Ephesians 2:3](#))

- In human's who are trying to serve God, the spirit, impelling force emanating from the figurative heart, is eager, but the **flesh** is weak.
- Keep on the watch and pray continually, that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit, of course, is eager, but the **flesh** is weak. ([Matthew 26:41](#))
- Within these servants of God there is a constant conflict, God's Holy Spirit is a force for righteousness, but the sinful **flesh** continually wars against the spirit's influence and exerts pressure to induce the individual to perform the works of the flesh.
- For I know that in me, that is, in my **flesh**, there dwells nothing good, for ability to wish is present with me, but ability to work out what is fine is not present. ([Romans 7:18](#))
- For the good that I wish I do not do, but the bad that I do not wish is what I practice. ([Romans 7:19](#))
- If, now, what I do not wish is what I do, the one working it out is no longer I, but the sin dwelling in me. ([Romans 7:20](#))
- For the **flesh** is against the spirit in its desire, and the spirit against the **flesh**, for these are opposed to each other, so that the very things that you would like to do you do not do. ([Galatians 5:17](#))
- The works of sinful **flesh** are contrasted with the fruitage of the spirit, at
- Now the works of the **flesh** are manifest, and they are fornication, uncleanness, loose conduct. ([Galatians 5:19](#))
- Idolatry, practice of spiritism, enmities, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, contentions, divisions, sects. ([Galatians 5:20](#))
- Envy, drunken bouts, revelries, and things like these. As to these things I am forewarning you, the same way as I did forewarn you, that those who practice such things will not inherit God's kingdom. ([Galatians 5:21](#))

- On the other hand, the fruitage of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faith. (**Galatians 5:22**)
- Mildness, self-control. Against such things there is no law. (**Galatians 5:23**)
- The apostle Paul also tells us that the Law given through Moses to Israel was weak through the **flesh**, the imperfect **flesh** of those who were under the Law.
- The Law under which the Aaronic priesthood served was spiritual, from God, but by it fleshly persons sold under sin were condemned, instead of being pronounced righteous.
- For, there being an incapability on the part of the Law, while it was weak through the **flesh**, God, by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and concerning sin, condemned sin in the **flesh**. (**Romans 8:3**)
- For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am **fleshly**, sold under sin. (**Romans 7:14**)
- For the Law appoints men High Priests having weakness, but the word of the sworn oath that came after the Law appoints a Son, who is perfected forever. (**Hebrews 7:28**)
- The High Priests of the **fleshly** line of Aaron assigned by the Law were not able to offer an adequate sacrifice for sin.
- If, then, perfection were really through the Levitical priesthood, for with it as a feature the people were given the Law, what further need would there be for another priest to arise according to the manner of Melchizedek and not said to be according to the manner of Aaron? (**Hebrews 7:11**)
- For since the priesthood is being changed, there comes to be of necessity a change also of the law. (**Hebrews 7:12**)
- For the man respecting whom these things are said has been a member of another tribe, from which no one has officiated at the altar. (**Hebrews 7:13**)
- For it is quite plain that our Lord has sprung up out of Judah, a

tribe about which Moses spoke nothing concerning priests.
([Hebrews 7:14](#))

- Furthermore, many had to become priests in succession because of being prevented by death from continuing as such. ([Hebrews 7:23](#))
- For since the Law has a shadow of the good things to come, but not the very substance of the things, men can never with the same sacrifices from year to year which they offer continually make those who approach perfect. ([Hebrews 10:1](#))
- Otherwise, would the sacrifices not have stopped being offered, because those rendering sacred service who had been cleansed once for all time would have no consciousness of sins anymore? ([Hebrews 10:2](#))
- To the contrary, by these sacrifices there is a reminding of sins from year to year. ([Hebrews 10:3](#))
- For it is not possible for the blood of bulls and of goats to take sins away. ([Hebrews 10:4](#))
- In saying that **flesh** is not under subjection to the Law of God, nor, in fact, can it be, the apostle Paul is not saying that **flesh** in itself must of necessity be corrupt.
- He tells us that Jesus Christ, although partaking of blood and flesh, becoming like his brothers, was guileless, undefiled, separated from the sinners, tested in all respects like ourselves, but without sin.
- Because the minding of the **flesh** means enmity with God, for it is not under subjection to the Law of God, nor, in fact, can it be. ([Romans 8:7](#))
- Therefore, since the young children are sharers of blood and **flesh**, he also similarly partook of the same things, that through his death he might bring to nothing the one having the means to cause death, that is, the Devil. ([Hebrews 2:14](#))
- Consequently he was obliged to become like his brothers in all respects, that he might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, in order to offer propitiatory sacrifice for the sins of the people. ([Hebrews 2:17](#))

- For we have as High Priest, not one who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tested in all respects like ourselves, but without sin. (**Hebrews 4:15**)
- For such a High Priest as this was suitable for us, loyal, guileless, undefiled, separated from the sinners, and become higher than the heavens. (**Hebrews 7:26**)
- Yehowah proved that human **flesh** can be sinless. God, by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful **flesh** and concerning sin, condemned sin in the **flesh**.
- For, there being an incapability on the part of the Law, while it was weak through the **flesh**, God, by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful **flesh** and concerning sin, condemned sin in the **flesh**. (**Romans 8:3**)
- Eventually, through the provision of Christ's sacrifice, all who exercise faith will become perfect, and God's righteous laws will then be kept perfectly by mankind.
- And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. (**Revelation 21:4**)
- One of the temptations that influenced Eve to sin was the desire of the **flesh**. The Devil used it against Christ but failed.
- Because everything in the world, the desire of the **flesh** and the desire of the eyes and the showy display of one's means of life, does not originate with the Father, but originates with the world. (**1 John 2:16**)
- Consequently the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was something to be longed for to the eyes, yes, the tree was desirable to look upon. So she began taking of its fruit and eating it. Afterward she gave some also to her husband when with her and he began eating it. (**Genesis 3:6**)
- Now Jesus, full of Holy Spirit, turned away from the Jordan, and he was led about by the spirit in the wilderness (**Luke 4:1**)
- For forty days, while being tempted by the Devil. Furthermore,

he ate nothing in those days, and so, when they were concluded, he felt hungry. (**Luke 4:2**)

- At this the Devil said to him; If you are a son of God, tell this stone to become a loaf of bread. (**Luke 4:3**)
- But Jesus replied to him; It is written: Man must not live by bread alone. (**Luke 4:4**)
- Jesus followers, by permitting God's spirit to operate freely in their lives and by Yehowah's undeserved kindness, defeat the sinful **flesh**.
- But I say; Keep walking by spirit and you will carry out no **fleshly** desire at all. (**Galatians 5:16**)
- On the other hand, the fruitage of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faith. (**Galatians 5:22**)
- Mildness, self-control. Against such things there is no Law. (**Galatians 5:23**)
- Moreover, those who belong to Christ Jesus impaled the **flesh** together with its passions and desires. (**Galatians 5:24**)
- If we are living by spirit, let us go on walking orderly also by spirit. (**Galatians 5:25**)
- Let us not become egotistical, stirring up competition with one another, envying one another. (**Galatians 5:26**)
- Therefore those in union with Christ Jesus have no condemnation. (**Romans 8:1**)
- For the Law of that spirit which gives life in union with Christ Jesus has set you free from the Law of sin and of death. (**Romans 8:2**)
- For, there being an incapability on the part of the Law, while it was weak through the **flesh**, God, by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh. (**Romans 8:3**)
- That the righteous requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us

who walk, not in accord with the **flesh**, but in accord with the spirit. (**Romans 8:4**)

· No Fight With Those Of Flesh

- It is not **fleshly** reasoning, but Yehowah's spirit, that reveals God's purposes to men of faith and that guides them.
- In response Jesus said to him; Happy you are, Simon son of Jonah, because **flesh** and blood did not reveal it to you, but my Father who is in the heavens did. (**Matthew 16:17**)
- But just as it is written: **Eye** has not seen and **ear** has not heard, neither have there been conceived in the heart of man the things that God has prepared for those who love him. (**1 Corinthians 2:9**)
- But a physical man does not receive the things of the spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot get to know them, because they are examined spiritually. (**1 Corinthians 2:14**)
- In other generations this secret was not made known to the sons of men as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by spirit. (**Ephesians 3:5**)
- Accordingly, Christians do not carry on their Christian warfare according to the **flesh**, and they do not have a fight with persons of **flesh** and blood, neither do they use **fleshly** weapons against anyone. Their fight is against wicked spirit forces in the heavenly places.
- For though we walk in the **flesh**, we do not wage warfare according to what we are in the **flesh**. (**2 Corinthians 10:3**)
- For the weapons of our warfare are not **fleshly**, but powerful by God for overturning strongly entrenched things. (**2 Corinthians 10:4**)
- Because we have a wrestling, not against blood and **flesh**, but against the governments, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the wicked spirit forces in the heavenly places. (**Ephesians 6:12**)
- They trust, not in the arm of **flesh**, but in Yehowah the Spirit.

- This is what Yehowah has said; Cursed is the able-bodied man who puts his trust in earthling man and actually makes **flesh** his arm, and whose heart turns away from Yehowah himself. (Jeremiah 17:5)
- Now Yehowah is the Spirit, and where the spirit of Yehowah is, there is freedom. (2 Corinthians 3:17)
- They are striving, with God's help, to cleanse themselves of every defilement of **flesh** and spirit, and God views and judges them, not according to what they are in the **flesh**, as man often does, but according to what they are spiritually.
- Now to me it is a very trivial matter that I should be examined by you or by a human tribunal. Even I do not examine myself. (1 Corinthians 4:3)
- For I am not conscious of anything against myself. Yet by this I am not proved righteous, but he that examines me is Yehowah. (1 Corinthians 4:4)
- Hence do not judge anything before the due time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring the secret things of darkness to light and make the counsels of the hearts manifest, and then each one will have his praise come to him from God. (1 Corinthians 4:5)
- Consequently from now on we know no man according to the **flesh**. Even if we have known Christ according to the flesh, certainly we now know him so no more. (2 Corinthians 5:16)
- Consequently if anyone is in union with Christ, he is a new creation, the old things passed away, look! New things have come into existence. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- Therefore, since we have these promises, beloved ones, let us cleanse ourselves of every defilement of **flesh** and spirit, perfecting holiness in God's fear. (2 Corinthians 7:1)
- In fact, for this purpose the Good News was declared also to the dead, that they might be judged as to the **flesh** from the standpoint of men but might live as to the spirit from the standpoint of God. (1 Peter 4:6)

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