

## ~PERFECTION (3230)

[Hebrew, *ka-lal'*, *Sha-lam'*, *ta-mam'*, Greek, *te-lei-o'tes*]

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- The thought of perfection is expressed through Hebrew terms drawn from such verbs as *ka-lal'*, perfect.
- In the heart of the seas are your territories. Your own builders have **perfected** your prettiness. (**Ezekiel 27:4**)
- *Sha-lam'*, **come to completion**
- No more will your sun set, nor will your moon go on the wane, for Yehowah himself will become for you an indefinitely lasting light, and the days of your mourning will have **come to completion**. (**Isaiah 60:20**)
- And *ta-mam'*, **be completed, come to perfection**
- But you are the same, and your own years will not be **completed**. (**Psalms 102:27**)
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- In the **Christian Greek Scriptures** the words *te'lei-os*, **adjective**, *te-lei-o'tes*, **noun**, and *te-lei-o'o*, **verb**, are used similarly, conveying such ideas as bringing to completeness or full measure
- As for that which fell among the thorns, these are the ones that have heard, but, by being carried away by anxieties and riches

and pleasures of this life, they are completely choked and bring nothing to **perfection**. (Luke 8:14)

- And yet he really said to me; My undeserved kindness is sufficient for you, for my power is being **made perfect** in weakness. Most gladly, therefore, will I rather boast as respects my weaknesses, that the power of the Christ may like a tent remain over me. (2 Corinthians 12:9)
- But let endurance have its work **complete**, that you may be **complete** and sound in all respects, not lacking in anything. (James 1:4)
- Being full grown, adult, or mature.
- Brothers, do not become young children in powers of understanding, but be babes as to badness, yet **become full-grown** in powers of understanding. (1 Corinthians 14:20)
- But solid food belongs to mature people, to those who through use have their perceptive powers trained to distinguish both right and wrong. (Hebrews 5:14)
- Having attained the appropriate or appointed end, purpose, or goal.
- After this, when Jesus knew that by now all things had been accomplished, in order, that the scripture might be **accomplished** he said; I am thirsty. (John 19:28)
- Not that I have already received it or am already made **perfect**, but I am pursuing to see if I may also lay hold on that for which I have also been laid hold on by Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:12)

## •• Importance Of Correct Viewpoint

- For correct Bible understanding one must not make the common error of thinking that everything called, **perfect**, is so in an **absolute** sense, that is, to an infinite degree, without limitation.
- **Perfection** in this absolute sense distinguishes only the Creator, Yehowah God. Because of this Jesus could say of his Father; Nobody is good, except one, God.

- Jesus said to him; Why do you call me good? Nobody is good, except one, God. (**Mark 10:18**)
- Yehowah is incomparable in his excellence, worthy of all praise, supreme in his superb qualities and powers, so that his name alone is unreachably high.
- Praise Yah, you people! Praise Yehowah from the heavens, praise him in the heights. (**Psalms 148:1**)
- Praise him, all you his angels. Praise him, all you his army. (**Psalms 148:2**)
- Praise him, you sun and moon. Praise him, all you stars of light. (**Psalms 148:3**)
- Praise him, you heavens of the heavens, and you waters that are above the heavens. (**Psalms 148:4**)
- Let them praise the name of Yehowah, for he himself commanded, and they were created. (**Psalms 148:5**)
- And he keeps them standing forever, to time indefinite. A regulation he has given, and it will not pass away. (**Psalms 148:6**)
- Praise Yehowah from the earth, you sea monsters and all you watery deeps. (**Psalms 148:7**)
- You fire and hail, snow and thick smoke, you tempestuous wind, accomplishing his word. (**Psalms 148:8**)
- You mountains and all you hills, you fruit trees and all you cedars. (**Psalms 148:9**)
- You wild animals and all you domestic animals, you creeping things and winged birds. (**Psalms 148:10**)
- You kings of the earth and all you national groups, you princes and all you judges of the earth. (**Psalms 148:11**)
- You young men and also you virgins, you old men together with boys. (**Psalms 148:12**)

- **Let them praise the name of Yehowah, for his name alone is unreachably high. His dignity is above earth and heaven. (Psalms 148:13)**
- **I shall carry my knowledge from far off, and to meters fashioner I shall ascribe righteousness. (Job 36:3)**
- **For my words are for a fact no falsehood, the One perfect in knowledge is with you. (Job 36:4)**
- **Behold! God is more exalted than we can know, in number his years are beyond searching. (Job 36:26)**
- **Do you know about the poisonings of the cloud, the wonderful works of the One perfect in knowledge? (Job 37:16)**
- **As for the Almighty, we have not found him out, he is exalted in power, and justice and abundance of righteousness he will not belittle. (Job 37:23)**
- **Therefore let men fear him. He does not regard any who are wise in their own heart. (Job 37:24)**
- **All day long I will bless you, and I will praise your name to time indefinite, even forever. (Psalms 145:2)**
- **Yehowah is great and very much to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. (Psalms 145:3)**
- **Generation after generation will commend your works, and about your mighty acts they will tell. (Psalms 145:4)**
- **The glorious splendor of your dignity and the matters of your wonderful works I will make my concern. (Psalms 145:5)**
- **And they will talk about the strength of your own fear-inspiring things, and as for your greatness, I will declare it. (Psalms 145:6)**
- **With the mention of the abundance of your goodness they will bubble over, and because of your righteousness they will cry out joyfully. (Psalms 145:7)**
- **Yehowah is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and great in loving-kindness. (Psalms 145:8)**

- **Yehowah is good to all, and his mercies are over all his works. (Psalms 145:9)**
- **All your works will laud you, O Yehowah, and your loyal ones will bless you. (Psalms 145:10)**
- **The praise of Yehowah my mouth will speak, and let all flesh bless his holy name to time indefinite, even forever. (Psalms 145:21)**
- **Moses extolled God's perfection, saying; For I shall declare the name of Yehowah. Do you attribute greatness to our God! The Rock, perfect is his activity, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness, with whom there is no injustice, righteous and upright is he.**
- **For I shall declare the name of Yehowah. Do you attribute greatness to our God! (Deuteronomy 32:3)**
- **The Rock, perfect is his activity, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness, with whom there is no injustice, Righteous and upright is he. (Deuteronomy 32:4)**
- **All of God's ways, words, and Law are perfect, refined, free from flaw or defect.**
- **As for the true God, perfect is his way, the saying of Yehowah is a refined one. A shield he is to all those taking refuge in him. (Psalms 18:30)**
- **The Law of Yehowah is perfect, bringing back the soul. The reminder of Yehowah is trustworthy, making the inexperienced one wise. (Psalms 19:7)**
- **Every good gift and every perfect present is from above, for it comes down from the Father of the celestial lights, and with him there is not a variation of the turning of the shadow. (James 1:17)**
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- There is never any just cause for objection, criticism, or faultfinding regarding Him or his activity, rather, praise is always due Him.
- Look! God himself acts exaltedly with his power, who is an instructor like him? (**Job 36:22**)
- Who has called his way to account against him, and who has said; You have committed unrighteousness? (**Job 36:23**)
- Remember that you should magnify his activity of which men have sung. (**Job 36:24**)

### · Other Perfection Relative

- **Perfection** of any other person or thing, then, is **relative**, not absolute.
- To all **perfection** I have seen an end. Your commandment is very broad. (**Psalms 119:96**)
- That is, a thing is **perfect** according to, or in relation to, the purpose or end for which it is appointed by its designer or producer, or the use to which it is to be put by its receiver or user.
- The very meaning of **perfection** requires that there be **someone** who decides when, **completion**, **has been reached**, **what the standards of excellence are**, **what requirements are to be satisfied**, and **what details are essential**.
- Ultimately, God the Creator is the final Arbiter of **perfection**, the Standard-Setter, in accord with his own righteous purposes and interests.
- And quit being fashioned after this system of things, but be transformed by making your mind over, that you may prove to yourselves the good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (**Romans 12:2**)

### See Also YEHOWAH (A God of moral standards)

- As an illustration, the planet Earth was one of God's creations, and at the end of six creative day of work toward it, God pronounced the results very good.

- **After that God saw everything he had made and, look! It was very good. And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, a sixth day. (Genesis 1:31)**
- **It met his supreme standards of excellence, hence it was perfect. Yet he thereafter assigned man to subdue it, evidently in the sense of cultivating the earth and making the whole planet, and not just Eden, a garden of God.**
- **Further, God blessed them and God said to them; Be fruitful and become many and fill the earth and subdue it, and have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and every living creature that is moving upon the earth. (Genesis 1:28)**
- **Further, Yehowah God planted a garden in Eden, toward the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. (Genesis 2:8)**
- **The tent, or tabernacle, built in the wilderness at God's command and according to his specifications served as a type or small-scale prophetic model of a greater and more perfect tent, Yehowah's heavenly residence into which Christ Jesus entered as High Priest.**
- **However, when Christ came as a High Priest of the good things that have come to pass, through the greater and more perfect tent not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. (Hebrews 9:11)**
- **He entered, no, not with the blood of goats and of young bulls, but with his own blood, once for all time into the holy place and obtained an everlasting deliverance for us. (Hebrews 9:12)**
- **For if the blood of goats and of bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who have been defiled sanctifies to the extent of cleanness of the flesh. (Hebrews 9:13)**
- **How much more will the blood of the Christ, who through an everlasting spirit offered himself without blemish to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works that we may render sacred service to the living God? (Hebrews 9:14)**
- **Therefore it was necessary that the typical representations of the things in the heavens should be cleansed by these means, but the**

- heavenly things themselves with sacrifices that are better than such sacrifices. (**Hebrews 9:23**)
- 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**)
  - The earthly tent was perfect in that it satisfied God's requirements, served its appointed end. Yet when God's purpose concerning it was accomplished, it ceased to be used and passed out of existence. The **perfection** of that which it represented was of a far higher type, being heavenly, eternal.
  - The city of Jerusalem with its hill of Zion was called the **perfection** of prettiness.
  - At you all those passing along on the road have clapped their hands. They have whistled and kept wagging their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, saying; Is this the city of which they used to say; It is the **perfection** of prettiness, an exultation for all the earth? (**Lamentations 2:15**)
  - Out of Zion, the **perfection** of prettiness, God himself has beamed forth. (**Psalms 50:2**)
  - This does not mean that every minute aspect of the city's physical appearance was supremely attractive, but rather, it relates to its use by God, the city's beauty resulting from the splendor that he conferred upon it, making it the capital of his anointed kings and the site of his temple.
  - And for you a name began to go forth among the nations because of your prettiness, for it was perfect because of my splendor that I placed upon you, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (**Ezekiel 16:14**)
  - The wealthy commercial city of Tyre is portrayed as a ship whose builders, those working in behalf of the city's material interests, had **perfected** its prettiness, filling it with luxury products of many lands.
  - And you must say to Tyre, O you who are dwelling at the entrances of the sea, the tradeswoman of the peoples for many islands, this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; O Tyre, you yourself have said; I am perfect in prettiness. (**Ezekiel**



**27:3)**

- **In the heart of the seas are your territories. Your own builders have perfected your prettiness. (Ezekiel 27:4)**
- **Out of juniper timbers from Senir they built for you all the planks. A cedar from Lebanon they took to make a mast upon you. (Ezekiel 27:5)**
- **Out of massive trees from Bashan they made your oars. Your prow they made with ivory in cypress wood, from the islands of Kittim. (Ezekiel 27:6)**
- **Linen in various colors from Egypt your cloth expanse happened to be, in order for it to serve as your sail. Blue thread and wool dyed reddish purple from the islands of Elishah are what your deck covering proved to be. (Ezekiel 27:7)**
- **The inhabitants of Sidon and of Arvad themselves became rowers for you. Your skilled ones, O Tyre, happened to be in you, they were your sailors. (Ezekiel 27:8)**
- **Even old men of Gebal and her skilled ones happened to be in you as caulkers for your seams. All the ships of the sea and their mariners themselves proved to be in you, in order to exchange articles of merchandise. (Ezekiel 27:9)**
- **Persians and Ludim and men of Put, they happened to be in your military force, your men of war. Shield and helmet they hung up in you. They were the ones that caused your splendor. (Ezekiel 27:10)**
- **The sons of Arvad, even your military force, were upon your walls all around, and valorous men were the ones that happened to be in your own towers. Their circular shields they hung up on your walls all around. They themselves perfected your prettiness. (Ezekiel 27:11)**
- **Tarshish was your merchant because of the abundance of all sorts of valuable things. For its silver, iron, tin and lead, your stores were given. (Ezekiel 27:12)**
- **Javan, Tubal and Meshech themselves were your traders. For the souls of mankind and articles of copper your articles of exchange**

were given. ([Ezekiel 27:13](#))

- From the house of Togarmah there were horses and steeds and mules, for which your stores were given. ([Ezekiel 27:14](#))
- The sons of Dedan were your traders, many islands were merchants in your employ, horns of ivory and ebony they have paid back as gift to you. ([Ezekiel 27:15](#))
- Edom was your merchant because of the abundance of your works. For turquoise, wool dyed reddish purple and material of various colors and fine fabric and corals and rubies, your stores were given in exchange. ([Ezekiel 27:16](#))
- Judah and the land of Israel themselves were your traders. For the wheat of Minnith and special foodstuff and honey and oil and balsam, your articles of exchange were given. ([Ezekiel 27:17](#))
- Damascus was your merchant in the abundance of your works, because of the abundance of all your valuable things, with the wine of Helbon and the wool of reddish gray. ([Ezekiel 27:18](#))
- Vedan and Javan from Uzal, for your stores they gave. Iron in wrought works, cassia and cane, for your articles of exchange they proved to be. ([Ezekiel 27:19](#))
- Dedan was your trader in garments of woven material for riding. ([Ezekiel 27:20](#))
- The Arabs and all the chieftains of Kedar themselves were merchants in your employ. In male lambs and rams and he-goats, in them they were your merchants. ([Ezekiel 27:21](#))
- The traders of Sheba and Raamah themselves were your traders, for the finest of all sorts of perfumes and for all sorts of precious stones and gold, your stores were given. ([Ezekiel 27:22](#))
- Haran and Canneh and Eden, the traders of Sheba, Asshur and Chilmad were your traders. ([Ezekiel 27:23](#))
- They were your traders in gorgeous garments, in wraps of blue material and material of various colors and in carpets of two-colored stuff, in ropes twined and solidly made, in your trading center. ([Ezekiel 27:24](#))

- The ships of Tarshish were your caravans for your articles of exchange, so that you get filled and become very glorious in the heart of the open sea. ([Ezekiel 27:25](#))
- Thus, in each case the context must be considered to determine in what sense or relation **perfection** is meant.

### •• **Perfection Of The Mosaic Law**

- The Law given to Israel through Moses included among its provisions the establishment of a priesthood and the offering of various animal sacrifices. Though from God, and hence **perfect**, neither the Law, its priesthood, nor the sacrifices brought **perfection** to those under the Law, as the inspired apostle shows.
- 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 the Law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in besides of a better hope did, through which we are drawing near to God. ([Hebrews 7:19](#))
- 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](#))
- Rather than bring freedom from sin and death, it actually made sin more evident.
- Therefore by works of Law no flesh will be declared righteous before him, for by Law is the accurate knowledge of sin. ([Romans 3:20](#))
- What, then, shall we say? Is the Law sin? Never may that become so! Really I would not have come to know sin if it had not been for the Law, and, for example, I would not have known covetousness if the Law had not said; You must not covet. ([Romans 7:7](#))

- But sin, receiving an inducement through the commandment, worked out in me covetousness of every sort, for apart from Law sin was dead. (**Romans 7:8**)
- In fact, I was once alive apart from Law, but when the commandment arrived, sin came to life again, but I died. (**Romans 7:9**)
- And the commandment which was to life, this I found to be to death. (**Romans 7:10**)
- For sin, receiving an inducement through the commandment, seduced me and killed me through it. (**Romans 7:11**)
- Wherefore, on its part, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. (**Romans 7:12**)
- Did, then, what is good become death to me? Never may that happen! But sin did, that it might be shown as sin working out death for me through that which is good, that sin might become far more sinful through the commandment. (**Romans 7:13**)
- All these divine provisions, nevertheless, served the purpose assigned them by God, the Law acted as a tutor to lead men to Christ, forming a **perfect** shadow of the good things to come.
- Why, then, the Law? It was added to make transgressions manifest, until the seed should arrive to whom the promise had been made, and it was transmitted through angels by the hand of a mediator. (**Galatians 3:19**)
- Now there is no mediator where only one person is concerned, but God is only one. (**Galatians 3:20**)
- Is the Law, therefore, against the promises of God? May that never happen! For if a Law had been given that was able to give life, righteousness would actually have been by means of Law. (**Galatians 3:21**)
- But the Scripture delivered up all things together to the custody of sin, that the promise resulting from faith toward Jesus Christ might be given to those exercising faith. (**Galatians 3:22**)
- However, before the faith arrived, we were being guarded under

- law, being delivered up together into custody, looking to the faith that was destined to be revealed. (**Galatians 3:23**)
- **Consequently the Law has become our tutor leading to Christ, that we might be declared righteous due to faith. (**Galatians 3:24**)**
  - **But now that the faith has arrived, we are no longer under a tutor. (**Galatians 3:25**)**
  - **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**)**
  - **Hence, when Paul speaks of an incapability on the part of the Law, while it was weak through 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**)**
  - **He is evidently referring to the inability of the fleshly Jewish High Priest, who was appointed by the Law to be in charge of the sacrificial arrangements and who entered the Most Holy on Atonement Day with sacrificial blood, to save completely those whom he served, as;**
  - **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**)**
  - **Certainly, then, there occurs a setting aside of the preceding commandment on account of its weakness and ineffectiveness. (**Hebrews 7:18**)**
  - **For the Law made nothing **perfect**, but the bringing in besides of a better hope did, through which we are drawing near to God. (**Hebrews 7:19**)**
  - **Also, to the extent that it was not without a sworn oath. (**Hebrews 7:20**)**

- For there are indeed men that have become priests without a sworn oath, but there is one with an oath sworn by the One who said respecting him; Yehowah has sworn, and he will feel no regret; You are a priest forever. ([Hebrews 7:21](#))
- To that extent also Jesus has become the one given in pledge of a better covenant. ([Hebrews 7:22](#))
- Furthermore, many had to become priests in succession because of being prevented by death from continuing as such. ([Hebrews 7:23](#))
- But he because of continuing alive forever has his priesthood without any successors. ([Hebrews 7:24](#))
- Consequently he is able also to save completely those who are approaching God through him, because he is always alive to plead for them. ([Hebrews 7:25](#))
- 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](#))
- He does not need daily, as those High Priests do, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, for this he did once for all time when he offered himself up. ([Hebrews 7:27](#))
- 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](#))
- **Although the offering of sacrifices through the Aaronic priesthood maintained a right standing for the people before God, it did not completely or perfectly relieve them of consciousness of sin.**
- **The apostle refers to this in saying that the atonement sacrifices could not make those who approach **perfect**, that is, as regards their conscience.**
- 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**)
- This very tent is an illustration for the appointed time that is now here, and in keeping with it both gifts and sacrifices are offered. However, these are not able to make the man doing sacred service perfect as respects his conscience. (**Hebrews 9:9**)
- **The High Priest was unable to provide the ransom price needed for a true redemption from sin. Only Christ's enduring priestly service and effective sacrifice do accomplish this.**
- How much more will the blood of the Christ, who through an everlasting spirit offered himself without blemish to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works that we may render sacred service to the living God? (**Hebrews 9:14**)
- But this man offered one sacrifice for sins perpetually and sat down at the right hand of God. (**Hebrews 10:12**)
- From then on awaiting until his enemies should be placed as a stool for his feet. (**Hebrews 10:13**)
- For it is by one sacrificial offering that he has made those who are being sanctified perfect perpetually. (**Hebrews 10:14**)
- Moreover, the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us, for after it has said. (**Hebrews 10:15**)
- This is the covenant that I shall covenant toward them after those days, says Yehowah. I will put my Laws in their hearts, and in their minds I shall write them. (**Hebrews 10:16**)
- It says afterwards; And I shall by no means call their sins and

- their lawless deeds to mind anymore. (**Hebrews 10:17**)
- Now where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer an offering for sin. (**Hebrews 10:18**)
  - 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**)
  - And since we have a great priest over the house of God. (**Hebrews 10:21**)
  - Let us approach with true hearts in the full assurance of faith, having had our hearts sprinkled from a wicked conscience and our bodies bathed with clean water. (**Hebrews 10:22**)
  - The Law was, **holy, good, fine**.
  - Wherefore, on its part, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. (**Romans 7:12**)
  - However, if what I do not wish is what I do, I agree that the Law is fine. (**Romans 7:16**)
  - And anyone who could fully live up to this **perfect** Law would prove himself a **perfect** man, worthy of life.
  - And you must keep my statutes and my judicial decisions, which if a man will do, he must also live by means of them. I am Yehowah. (**Leviticus 18:5**)
  - For Moses writes that the man that has done the righteousness of the Law will live by it. (**Romans 10:5**)
  - Now the Law does not adhere to faith, but he that does them shall live by means of them. (**Galatians 3:12**)
  - For this very reason the Law brought condemnation, rather than life, not because the Law was not good but because of the **imperfect, sinful** nature of those under it.
  - Did, then, what is good become death to me? Never may that



- happen! But sin did, that it might be shown as sin working out death for me through that which is good, that sin might become far more sinful through the commandment. (**Romans 7:13**)
- For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am fleshly, sold under sin. (**Romans 7:14**)
  - For what I am working out I do not know. For what I wish, this I do not practice, but what I hate is what I do. (**Romans 7:15**)
  - However, if what I do not wish is what I do, I agree that the Law is fine. (**Romans 7:16**)
  - For all those who depend upon works of Law are under a curse, for it is written: Cursed is every one that does not continue in all the things written in the scroll of the Law in order to do them. (**Galatians 3:10**)
  - Moreover, that by Law no one is declared righteous with God is evident, because the righteous one will live by reason of faith. (**Galatians 3:11**)
  - Now the Law does not adhere to faith, but he that does them shall live by means of them. (**Galatians 3:12**)
  - Why, then, the Law? It was added to make transgressions manifest, until the seed should arrive to whom the promise had been made, and it was transmitted through angels by the hand of a mediator. (**Galatians 3:19**)
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  - Is the Law, therefore, against the promises of God? May that never happen! For if a Law had been given that was able to give life, righteousness would actually have been by means of Law. (**Galatians 3:21**)
  - But the Scripture delivered up all things together to the custody of sin, that the promise resulting from faith toward Jesus Christ might be given to those exercising faith. (**Galatians 3:22**)
  - The perfect Law made their **imperfection** and sinfulness especially evident.

- **Now we know that all the things the Law says it addresses to those under the Law, so that every mouth may be stopped and all the world may become liable to God for punishment. (Romans 3:19)**
- **Therefore by works of Law no flesh will be declared righteous before him, for by Law is the accurate knowledge of sin. (Romans 3:20)**
- **Why, then, the Law? It was added to make transgressions manifest, until the seed should arrive to whom the promise had been made, and it was transmitted through angels by the hand of a mediator. (Galatians 3:19)**
- **But the Scripture delivered up all things together to the custody of sin, that the promise resulting from faith toward Jesus Christ might be given to those exercising faith. (Galatians 3:22)**
- **The Law in this respect also served to identify Jesus as the Messiah, for he alone was able to keep the Law in every respect, proving himself a perfect man.**
- **Who of you convicts me of sin? If I speak truth, why is it you do not believe me? (John 8:46)**
- **The one who did not know sin he made to be sin for us, that we might become God's righteousness by means of him. (2 Corinthians 5:21)**
- **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)**

## ·· **The Bible's Perfection**

- **The Sacred Scriptures constitute a perfect message from God, refined, pure, and true.**
- **The sayings of Yehowah are pure sayings, as silver refined in a smelting furnace of earth, clarified seven times. (Psalms 12:6)**
- **Your saying is very much refined, and your own servant loves it. (Psalms 119:140)**

- **The substance of your word is truth, and every righteous judicial decision of yours is to time indefinite. (Psalms 119:160)**
- **Every saying of God is refined. He is a shield to those taking refuge in him. (Proverbs 30:5)**
- **Sanctify them by means of the truth, your word is truth. (John 17:17)**
- **Though thousands of years of copying have evidently brought some variations from the original writings, these variations are admittedly very minor, so that, even if our present copies and translations are not absolutely flawless, the divine message conveyed is.**
- **Individuals may find the Bible a more difficult book to read than many, one requiring greater effort and concentration, they may find much they do not understand. Some critical persons may insist that, to be perfect, the Bible should be free of even superficial differences or what appear, according to their standards, to be inconsistencies.**
- **None of these things, however, detract from the perfection of the Sacred Scriptures. For the real gauge of its perfection is its measuring up to the standards of excellence set by Yehowah God, its accomplishing the end or purpose that he, as its true Author, appointed for it, as well as its being free from falsehood, as the published Word of the God of truth.**
- **The apostle Paul points up the perfection of the holy writings in saying;**
- **And that from infancy you have known the holy writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through the faith in connection with Christ Jesus. (2 Timothy 3:15)**
- **All Scripture is inspired of God and beneficial for teaching, for reproving, for setting things straight, for disciplining in righteousness. (2 Timothy 3:16)**
- **That the man of God may be fully competent, completely equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:17)**

- **What the Hebrew Scriptures did for the nation of Israel when they observed them, what the completed Scriptures did for the Christian congregation in the **First Century**, and what the Bible can do for persons in the present, is convincing proof of its qualities as an ideal instrument of God to accomplish his purpose.**
- **For the speech about the torture stake is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is God's power. (**1 Corinthians 1:18**)**
- **The whole tenor of the Scriptures, including the teachings of God's Son, is to the effect that the gaining of understanding of God's purposes, the doing of his will, and the attaining of salvation to life are dependent primarily upon the individuals heart.**
- **But Yehowah said to Samuel; Do not look at his appearance and at the height of his stature, for I have rejected him. For not the way man sees is the way God sees, because mere man sees what appears to the eyes, but as for Yehowah, he sees what the heart is. (**1 Samuel 16:7**)**
- **And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father and serve him with a complete heart and with a delightful soul, for all hearts Yehowah is searching, and every inclination of the thoughts he is discerning. If you search for him, he will let himself be found by you, but if you leave him, he will cast you off forever. (**1 Chronicles 28:9**)**
- **More than all else that is to be guarded, safeguard your heart, for out of it are the sources of life. (**Proverbs 4:23**)**
- **Every way of a man is upright in his own eyes, but Yehowah is making an estimate of hearts. (**Proverbs 21:2**)**
- **This people honors me with their lips, yet their heart is far removed from me. (**Matthew 15:8**)**
- **A sower went out to sow his seed. Well, as he was sowing, some of it fell alongside the road and was trampled down, and the birds of heaven ate it up. (**Luke 8:5**)**
- **Some other landed upon the rock-mass, and, after sprouting, it dried up because of not having moisture. (**Luke 8:6**)**

- **Some other fell among the thorns, and the thorns that grew up with it choked it off. (Luke 8:7)**
- **Some other fell upon the good soil, and, after sprouting, it produced fruit a hundredfold. As he told these things, he proceeded to call out; Let him that has ears to listen, listen. (Luke 8:8)**
- **But his disciples began to ask him what this illustration might mean. (Luke 8:9)**
- **He said; To you it is granted to understand the sacred secrets of the kingdom of God, but for the rest it is in illustrations, in order, that, though looking, they may look in vain and, though hearing, they may not get the meaning. (Luke 8:10)**
- **Now the illustration means this. The seed is the word of God. (Luke 8:11)**
- **Those alongside the road are the ones that have heard, then the Devil comes and takes the word away from their hearts in order, that they may not believe and be saved. (Luke 8:12)**
- **Those upon the rock-mass are the ones who, when they hear it, receive the word with joy, but these have no root, they believe for a season, but in a season of testing they fall away. (Luke 8:13)**
- **As for that which fell among the thorns, these are the ones that have heard, but, by being carried away by anxieties and riches and pleasures of this life, they are completely choked and bring nothing to **perfection**. (Luke 8:14)**
- **As for that on the fine soil, these are the ones that, after hearing the word with a fine and good heart, retain it and bear fruit with endurance. (Luke 8:15)**
- **For with the heart one exercises faith for righteousness, but with the mouth one makes public declaration for salvation. (Romans 10:10)**
- **The Bible is unique in its ability to discern thoughts and intentions of the heart, revealing what the person really is.**

- **For the word of God is alive and exerts power and is sharper than any two-edged sword and pierces even to the dividing of soul and spirit, and of joints and their marrow, and is able to discern thoughts and intentions of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)**
- **And there is not a creature that is not manifest to his sight, but all things are naked and openly exposed to the eyes of him with whom we have an accounting. (Hebrews 4:13)**
- **It is clear from the Scriptures that God has not made knowledge of himself something to be acquired without effort.**
- **My son, if you will receive my sayings and treasure up my own commandments with yourself. (Proverbs 2:1)**
- **So as to pay attention to wisdom with your ear, that you may incline your heart to discernment. (Proverbs 2:2)**
- **If, moreover, you call out for understanding itself and you give forth your voice for discernment itself. (Proverbs 2:3)**
- **If you keep seeking for it as for silver, and as for hid treasures you keep searching for it. (Proverbs 2:4)**
- **In that case you will understand the fear of Yehowah, and you will find the very knowledge of God. (Proverbs 2:5)**
- **For Yehowah himself gives wisdom, out of his mouth there are knowledge and discernment. (Proverbs 2:6)**
- **And for the upright ones he will treasure up practical wisdom, for those walking in integrity he is a shield. (Proverbs 2:7)**
- **By observing the paths of judgment, and he will guard the very way of his loyal ones. (Proverbs 2:8)**
- **In that case you will understand righteousness and judgment and uprightness, the entire course of what is good. (Proverbs 2:9)**
- **When wisdom enters into your heart and knowledge itself becomes pleasant to your very soul. (Proverbs 2:10)**
- **Thinking ability itself will keep guard over you, discernment itself**

- will safeguard you. (**Proverbs 2:11**)
- To deliver you from the bad way, from the man speaking perverse things. (**Proverbs 2:12**)
  - From those leaving the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness. (**Proverbs 2:13**)
  - From those who are rejoicing in doing bad, who are joyful in the perverse things of badness. (**Proverbs 2:14**)
  - And now, O sons, listen to me, yes, happy are the ones that keep my very ways. (**Proverbs 8:32**)
  - Listen to discipline and become wise, and do not show any neglect. (**Proverbs 8:33**)
  - Happy is the man that is listening to me by keeping awake at my doors day by day, by watching at the posts of my entrances. (**Proverbs 8:34**)
  - For the one finding me will certainly find life, and gets goodwill from Yehowah. (**Proverbs 8:35**)
  - But the one missing me is doing violence to his soul, all those intensely hating me are the ones that do love death. (**Proverbs 8:36**)
  - Search for Yehowah, you people, while he may be found. Call to him while he proves to be near. (**Isaiah 55:6**)
  - Let the wicked man leave his way, and the harmful man his thoughts, and let him return to Yehowah, who will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will forgive in a large way. (**Isaiah 55:7**)
  - For the thoughts of you people are not my thoughts, nor are my ways your ways, is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Isaiah 55:8**)
  - For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. (**Isaiah 55:9**)
  - For just as the pouring rain descends, and the snow, from the

- heavens and does not return to that place, unless it actually saturates the earth and makes it produce and sprout, and seed is actually given to the sower and bread to the eater. (**Isaiah 55:10**)
- So my word that goes forth from my mouth will prove to be. It will not return to me without results, but it will certainly do that in which I have delighted, and it will have certain success in that for which I have sent it. (**Isaiah 55:11**)
  - Keep on asking, and it will be given you. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and it will be opened to you. (**Matthew 7:7**)
  - For everyone asking receives, and everyone seeking finds, and to everyone knocking it will be opened. (**Matthew 7:8**)
  - It is also evident that God has caused his purposes to be revealed to humble ones and hidden from haughty ones, because to do thus came to be the way approved by him.
  - At that time Jesus said in response; I publicly praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and intellectual ones and have revealed them to babes. (**Matthew 11:25**)
  - Yes, O Father, because to do thus came to be the way approved by you. (**Matthew 11:26**)
  - All things have been delivered to me by my Father, and no one fully knows the Son but the Father, neither does anyone fully know the Father but the Son and anyone to whom the Son is willing to reveal him. (**Matthew 11:27**)
  - So the disciples came up and said to him; Why is it you speak to them by the use of illustrations? (**Matthew 13:10**)
  - In reply he said; To you it is granted to understand the sacred secrets of the kingdom of the heavens, but to those people it is not granted. (**Matthew 13:11**)
  - For whoever has, more will be given him and he will be made to abound, but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. (**Matthew 13:12**)



- **This is why I speak to them by the use of illustrations, because, looking, they look in vain, and hearing, they hear in vain, neither do they get the sense of it. (Matthew 13:13)**
- **And toward them the prophecy of Isaiah is having fulfillment, which says, By hearing, you will hear but by no means get the sense of it, and, looking, you will look but by no means see. (Matthew 13:14)**
- **For the heart of this people has grown unreceptive, and with their ears they have heard without response, and they have shut their eyes, that they might never see with their eyes and hear with their ears and get the sense of it with their hearts and turn back, and I heal them. (Matthew 13:15)**
- **Now we speak wisdom among those who are mature, but not the wisdom of this system of things nor that of the rulers of this system of things, who are to come to nothing. (1 Corinthians 2:6)**
- **But we speak God's wisdom in a sacred secret, the hidden wisdom, which God foreordained before the systems of things for our glory. (1 Corinthians 2:7)**
- **This wisdom not one of the rulers of this system of things came to know, for if they had known it they would not have impaled the glorious Lord. (1 Corinthians 2:8)**
- **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)**
- **For it is to us God has revealed them through his spirit, for the spirit searches into all things, even the deep things of God. (1 Corinthians 2:10)**
- **For who among men knows the things of a man except the spirit of man that is in him? So, too, no one has come to know the things of God, except the spirit of God. (1 Corinthians 2:11)**
- **Now we received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is from God, that we might know the things that have been kindly given us by God. (1 Corinthians 2:12)**

- **These things we also speak, not with words taught by human wisdom, but with those taught by the spirit, as we combine spiritual matters with spiritual words. (1 Corinthians 2:13)**
- **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)**
- **However, the spiritual man examines indeed all things, but he himself is not examined by any man. (1 Corinthians 2:15)**
- **For who has come to know the mind of Yehowah, that he may instruct him? But we do have the mind of Christ. (1 Corinthians 2:16)**
- **However, the undeserved kindness which he gives is greater. Hence it says; God opposes the haughty ones, but he gives undeserved kindness to the humble ones. (James 4:6)**
- **So, the fact that individuals whose hearts do not respond to the Bible's message can find things in the Scriptures that, in their opinion, justify their rejection of its message, its reproof, and its discipline does not show any **imperfection** on the part of the Bible.**
- **Rather, it illustrates the Scriptural points just made and hence demonstrates the **perfection** of the Bible in the view of its Author, whose view alone is decisive.**
- **And Yehowah says; For the reason that this people have come near with their mouth, and they have glorified me merely with their lips, and they have removed their heart itself far away from me, and their fear toward me becomes mens commandment that is being taught. (Isaiah 29:13)**
- **Therefore here I am, the One that will act wonderfully again with this people, in a wonderful manner and with something wonderful, and the wisdom of their wise men must perish, and the very understanding of their discreet men will conceal itself. (Isaiah 29:14)**
- **And Jesus said; For this judgment I came into this world, that those not seeing might see and those seeing might become blind. (John 9:39)**

- They now arranged for a day with him, and they came in greater numbers to him in his lodging place. And he explained the matter to them by bearing thorough witness concerning the kingdom of God and by using persuasion with them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening. (**Acts of Apostles 28:23**)
- And some began to believe the things said, others would not believe. (**Acts of Apostles 28:24**)
- So, because they were at disagreement with one another, they began to depart, while Paul made this one comment; The Holy Spirit aptly spoke through Isaiah the prophet to your forefathers. (**Acts of Apostles 28:25**)
- Saying; Go to this people and say; By hearing, you will hear but by no means understand, and, looking, you will look but by no means see. (**Acts of Apostles 28:26**)
- For the heart of this people has grown unreceptive, and with their ears they have heard without response, and they have shut their eyes, that they should never see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn back, and I should heal them. (**Acts of Apostles 28:27**)
- And just as they did not approve of holding God in accurate knowledge, God gave them up to a disapproved mental state, to do the things not fitting. (**Romans 1:28**)
- The things relating to God's Word and way that the worldly-wise deem **foolish** or **weak** are proved by time and test to be of superior wisdom and strength compared to the theories, philosophies, and reasonings of human detractors.
- For both the Jews ask for signs and the Greeks look for wisdom. (**1 Corinthians 1:22**)
- But we preach Christ impaled, to the Jews a cause for stumbling but to the nations foolishness. (**1 Corinthians 1:23**)
- However, to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (**1 Corinthians 1:24**)

- **Because a foolish thing of God is wiser than men, and a weak thing of God is stronger than men. (1 Corinthians 1:25)**
- **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)**
- **Faith remains an essential requirement for the understanding and appreciation of God's perfect Word. The individual may feel that certain details and explanations should be in the Bible, revealing why, in specific cases, God gave approval or disapproval or why he took a particular course of action, the individual also may feel that other details found in the Bible are superfluous.**
- **Yet he should realize that if the Bible conformed to human standards or criteria, such as his own, this would not prove it divinely perfect. Exposing the falsity of such an attitude, Yehowah declares the superiority of his thoughts and ways to those of human's, and he assures that his word will have certain success in the fulfillment of his purpose.**
- **For the thoughts of you people are not my thoughts, nor are my ways your ways, is the utterance of Yehowah. (Isaiah 55:8)**
- **For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:9)**
- **For just as the pouring rain descends, and the snow, from the heavens and does not return to that place, unless it actually saturates the earth and makes it produce and sprout, and seed is actually given to the sower and bread to the eater. (Isaiah 55:10)**
- **So my word that goes forth from my mouth will prove to be. It will not return to me without results, but it will certainly do that in which I have delighted, and it will have certain success in that for which I have sent it. (Isaiah 55:11)**
- **To time indefinite, O Yehowah, your word is stationed in the**

heavens. (**Psalms 119:89**)

- That is what **perfection** means, as the definitions in the initial portion of this article show.

## ·· **Perfection And Free Will**

- The foregoing information aids in understanding how perfect creatures of God could become disobedient. To view this as incompatible with **perfection** is to ignore the meaning of the term, substituting a personal concept that goes contrary to fact.
- God's intelligent creatures are granted free moral agency, the privilege and responsibility of making a personal decision as to the course they will take.
- I do take the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you today, that I have put life and death before you, the blessing and the malediction, and you must choose life in order, that you may keep alive, you and your offspring. (**Deuteronomy 30:19**)
- By loving Yehowah your God, by listening to his voice and by sticking to him, for he is your life and the length of your days, that you may dwell upon the ground that Yehowah swore to your forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to give to them. (**Deuteronomy 30:20**)
- Now if it is bad in your eyes to serve Yehowah, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve, whether the gods that your forefathers who were on the other side of the River served or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are dwelling. But as for me and my household, we shall serve Yehowah. (**Joshua 24:15**)
- It is evident that this was the case with the first human pair, so that their devotion to God could be subject to test.
- And Yehowah God proceeded to take the man and settle him in the garden of Eden to cultivate it and to take care of it. (**Genesis 2:15**)
- And Yehowah God also laid this command upon the man; From every tree of the garden you may eat to satisfaction. (**Genesis 2:16**)

- **But as for the tree of the knowledge of good and bad you must not eat from it, for in the day you eat from it you will positively die. (Genesis 2:17)**
- **At this the woman said to the serpent; Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat. (Genesis 3:2)**
- **But as for eating of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, God has said; You must not eat from it, no, you must not touch it that you do not die. (Genesis 3:3)**
- **As their Maker, Yehowah knew what he wanted of them, and from the Scriptures it is clear that he wanted, not an automatic, virtually mechanical obedience, but worship and service that sprang from hearts and minds motivated by genuine love.**
- **See, I do put before you today life and good, and death and bad. (Deuteronomy 30:15)**
- **If you will listen to the commandments of Yehowah your God, which I am commanding you today, so as to love Yehowah your God, to walk in his ways and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judicial decisions, then you will be bound to keep alive and to multiply, and Yehowah your God must bless you in the land to which you are going to take possession of it. (Deuteronomy 30:16)**
- **And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father and serve him with a complete heart and with a delightful soul, for all hearts Yehowah is searching, and every inclination of the thoughts he is discerning. If you search for him, he will let himself be found by you, but if you leave him, he will cast you off forever. (1 Chronicles 28:9)**
- **And I well know, O my God, that you are an examiner of the heart, and that it is in rectitude that you take pleasure. I, for my part, in the uprightness of my heart have voluntarily offered all these things, and now your people who are on hand here I have enjoyed seeing make offerings voluntarily to you. (1 Chronicles 29:17)**
- **Nevertheless, the hour is coming, and it is now, when the true worshipers will worship the Father with spirit and truth, for,**

indeed, the Father is looking for suchlike ones to worship him.  
([John 4:23](#))

- God is a Spirit, and those worshiping him must worship with spirit and truth. ([John 4:24](#))
- If Adam and his wife had **lacked** the ability to choose in this matter, they would not have met God's requirements, they would not have been complete, **perfect**, according to his standards.
- It must be remembered that **perfection** as it relates to human's is a **relative perfection**, limited to the human sphere. Though created **perfect**, Adam could not go beyond the limits assigned him by his Creator, he could not eat dirt, gravel, or wood without suffering ill effects, if he tried to breathe water instead of air, he would drown.
- Similarly, if he allowed his mind and heart to feed on wrong thoughts, this would lead to entertaining wrong desires and finally bring sin and death.
- But each one is tried by being drawn out and enticed by his own desire. ([James 1:14](#))
- Then the desire, when it has become fertile, gives birth to sin, in turn, sin, when it has been accomplished, brings forth death. ([James 1:15](#))
- And God went on to say; Here I have given to you all vegetation bearing seed which is on the surface of the whole earth and every tree on which there is the fruit of a tree bearing seed. To you let it serve as food. ([Genesis 1:29](#))
- But in reply he said; It is written: Man must live, not on bread alone, but on every utterance coming forth through Yehowah's mouth. ([Matthew 4:4](#))
- That the creatures individual will and choice are determining factors readily becomes evident. If we were to insist that a perfect man could not take a wrong course where a moral issue was involved, should we not also logically argue that an **imperfect** creature could not take a **right** course where such moral issue was involved?
- Yet some imperfect creatures **do** take a right course on moral issues involving obedience to God, even choosing to suffer persecution

rather than change from such a course, while at the same time others deliberately engage in doing what they know is wrong.

- Thus not all wrong actions can be excused by human **imperfection**. The individuals will and choice are deciding factors. In the same way, it was not human perfection alone that would guarantee right action by the first man but, rather, the exercise of his own free will and choice as motivated by love for his God and for what was right.
- More than all else that is to be guarded, safeguard your heart, for out of it are the sources of life. (**Proverbs 4:23**)

### · The First Sinner And The King Of Tyre

- Human sin and **imperfection** were, of course, preceded by sin and imperfection in the spirit realm, as Jesus words at;
- You are from your father the Devil, and you wish to do the desires of your father. That one was a manslayer when he began, and he did not stand fast in the truth, because truth is not in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks according to his own disposition, because he is a liar and the father of the lie. (**John 8:44**)
- And the account in of (**Genesis Chapter 3**) reveal. The dirge recorded at,
- Son of man, lift up a dirge concerning the king of Tyre, and you must say to him, This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; You are sealing up a pattern, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. (**Ezekiel 28:12**)
- In Eden, the garden of God, you proved to be. Every precious stone was your covering, ruby, topaz and jasper, chrysolite, onyx and jade, sapphire, turquoise and emerald, and of gold was the workmanship of your settings and your sockets in you. In the day of your being created they were made ready. (**Ezekiel 28:13**)
- You are the anointed cherub that is covering, and I have set you. On the holy mountain of God you proved to be. In the midst of fiery stones you walked about. (**Ezekiel 28:14**)
- You were faultless in your ways from the day of your being created until unrighteousness was found in you. (**Ezekiel 28:15**)



- **Because of the abundance of your sales goods they filled the midst of you with violence, and you began to sin. And I shall put you as profane out of the mountain of God, and I shall destroy you, O cherub that is covering, from the midst of the fiery stones. (Ezekiel 28:16)**
- **Your heart became haughty because of your beauty. You brought your wisdom to ruin on account of your beaming splendor. Onto the earth I will throw you. Before kings I will set you, for them to look upon you. (Ezekiel 28:17)**
- **Owing to the abundance of your errors, because of the injustice of your sales goods, you have profaned your sanctuaries. And I shall bring forth a fire from the midst of you. It is what must devour you. And I shall make you ashes upon the earth before the eyes of all those seeing you. (Ezekiel 28:18)**
- **As for all those knowing you among the peoples, they will certainly stare in amazement at you. Sudden terrors are what you must become, and you will be no more to time indefinite. (Ezekiel 28:19)**
- **Though directed to the human king of Tyre, evidently parallels the course taken by the spirit son of God who first sinned. The pride of the king of Tyre, his making himself a god, his being called a cherub, and the reference to Eden, the garden of God, certainly correspond to Biblical information concerning Satan the Devil, who became puffed up with pride, is linked to the serpent in Eden, and is called the god of this system of things.**
- **Not a newly converted man, for fear that he might get puffed up with pride and fall into the judgment passed upon the Devil. (1 Timothy 3:6)**
- **Now the serpent proved to be the most cautious of all the wild beasts of the field that Yehowah God had made. So it began to say to the woman; Is it really so that God said you must not eat from every tree of the garden? (Genesis 3:1)**
- **At this the woman said to the serpent; Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat. (Genesis 3:2)**
- **But as for eating of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of**

- the garden, God has said; You must not eat from it, no, you must not touch it that you do not die. (**Genesis 3:3**)
- At this the serpent said to the woman; You positively will not die. (**Genesis 3:4**)
  - For God knows that in the very day of your eating from it your eyes are bound to be opened and you are bound to be like God, knowing good and bad. (**Genesis 3:5**)
  - And Yehowah God proceeded to say to the serpent; Because you have done this thing, you are the cursed one out of all the domestic animals and out of all the wild beasts of the field. Upon your belly you will go and dust is what you will eat all the days of your life. (**Genesis 3:14**)
  - And I shall put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the head and you will bruise him in the heel. (**Genesis 3:15**)
  - So down the great dragon was hurled, the original serpent, the one called Devil and Satan, who is misleading the entire inhabited earth, he was hurled down to the earth, and his angels were hurled down with him. (**Revelation 12:9**)
  - Among whom the god of this system of things has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, that the illumination of the glorious Good News about the Christ, who is the image of God, might not shine through. (**2 Corinthians 4:4**)
  - The anonymous king of Tyre, residing in the city claiming to be **perfect** in prettiness, was himself full of wisdom and **perfect**, adjective related to Hebrew *ka-lal'* in beauty, and faultless, Hebrew, *ta-mim'*, in his ways from his creation onward until unrighteousness was found in him.
  - And you must say to Tyre, O you who are dwelling at the entrances of the sea, the tradeswoman of the peoples for many islands, this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; O Tyre, you yourself have said; I am perfect in prettiness. (**Ezekiel 27:3**)
  - Son of man, lift up a dirge concerning the king of Tyre, and you must say to him, This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; You are sealing up a pattern, full of wisdom and perfect in

beauty. (**Ezekiel 28:12**)

- You were faultless in your ways from the day of your being created until unrighteousness was found in you. (**Ezekiel 28:15**)
- The first or direct application of the dirge in Ezekiel may be to the line of Tyrian rulers rather than to any one specific king. The prophecy directed against the anonymous, king of Babylon at;
- That you must raise up this proverbial saying against the king of Babylon and say; How has the one driving others to work come to a stop, the oppression come to a stop! (**Isaiah 14:4**)
- Yehowah has broken the rod of the wicked ones, the staff of the ruling ones. (**Isaiah 14:5**)
- The one striking peoples in fury with a stroke incessantly, the one subduing nations in sheer anger with a persecution without restraint. (**Isaiah 14:6**)
- The whole earth has come to rest, has become free of disturbance. People have become cheerful with joyful cries. (**Isaiah 14:7**)
- Even the juniper trees have also rejoiced at you, the cedars of Lebanon, saying; Ever since you have lain down, no woodcutter comes up against us. (**Isaiah 14:8**)
- Even Sheol underneath has become agitated at you in order to meet you on coming in. At you it has awakened those impotent in death, all the goatlike leaders of the earth. It has made all the kings of the nations get up from their thrones. (**Isaiah 14:9**)
- All of them speak up and say to you; Have you yourself also been made weak like us? Is it to us that you have been made comparable? (**Isaiah 14:10**)
- Down to Sheol your pride has been brought, the din of your stringed instruments. Beneath you, maggots are spread out as a couch, and worms are your covering. (**Isaiah 14:11**)
- O how you have fallen from heaven, you shining one, son of the dawn! How you have been cut down to the earth, you who were disabling the nations! (**Isaiah 14:12**)

- **As for you, you have said in your heart, To the heavens I shall go up. Above the stars of God I shall lift up my throne, and I shall sit down upon the mountain of meeting, in the remotest parts of the north. (Isaiah 14:13)**
- **I shall go up above the high places of the clouds, I shall make myself resemble the Most High. (Isaiah 14:14)**
- **However, down to Sheol you will be brought, to the remotest parts of the pit. (Isaiah 14:15)**
- **Those seeing you will gaze even at you, they will give close examination even to you, saying; Is this the man that was agitating the earth, that was making kingdoms rock. (Isaiah 14:16)**
- **That made the productive land like the wilderness and that overthrew its very cities, that did not open the way homeward even for his prisoners? (Isaiah 14:17)**
- **All other kings of the nations, yes, all of them, have lain down in glory, each one in his own house. (Isaiah 14:18)**
- **But as for you, you have been thrown away without a burial place for you, like a detested sprout, clothed with killed men stabbed with the sword that are going down to the stones of a pit, like a carcass trodden down. (Isaiah 14:19)**
- **You will not become united with them in a grave, because you brought your own land to ruin, you killed your own people. To time indefinite the offspring of evildoers will not be named. (Isaiah 14:20)**
- **In that case, the reference may be to the early course of friendship and cooperation followed by the Tyrian rulership during the reigns of Kings David and Solomon, when Tyre even contributed toward the building of Yehowah's temple on Mount Moriah.**
- **At first, therefore, there was no fault to be found in the official Tyrian attitude toward Yehowah's people Israel.**
- **And Hiram the king of Tyre proceeded to send his servants to Solomon, for he had heard that it was he that they had anointed**

- as king in place of his father, for a lover of David Hiram had always proved to be. (**1 Kings 5:1**)
- In turn Solomon sent to Hiram, saying; (**1 Kings 5:2**)
  - You yourself well know that David my father was not able to build a house to the name of Yehowah his God because of the warfare with which they surrounded him, until Yehowah put them under the soles of his feet. (**1 Kings 5:3**)
  - And now Yehowah my God has given me rest all around. There is no resister, and there is nothing bad happening. (**1 Kings 5:4**)
  - And here I am thinking of building a house to the name of Yehowah my God, just as Yehowah promised to David my father, saying; Your son whom I shall put upon your throne in place of you, he is the one that will build the house to my name. (**1 Kings 5:5**)
  - And now command that they cut for me cedars from Lebanon, and my servants themselves will prove to be with your servants, and the wages of your servants I shall give to you according to all that you may say, for you yourself well know that there is among us no one knowing how to cut trees like the Sidonians. (**1 Kings 5:6**)
  - And it came about that as soon as Hiram heard the words of Solomon, he began to rejoice greatly, and he went on to say; Blessed is Yehowah today in that he has given David a wise son over this numerous people! (**1 Kings 5:7**)
  - Accordingly Hiram sent to Solomon, saying; I have heard what you sent to me. For my part, I shall do all your delight in the matter of timbers of cedar trees and timbers of juniper trees. (**1 Kings 5:8**)
  - My servants themselves will bring them down out of Lebanon to the sea, and I, for my part, shall put them in log rafts to go by sea clear to the place that you will send me notice of, and I shall certainly have them broken up there, and you, for your part, will carry them, and you, for your part, will do my delight by giving the food for my household. (**1 Kings 5:9**)
  - So Hiram became a giver of timbers of cedar trees and timbers of

- juniper trees to Solomon according to all his delight. (1 Kings 5:10)**
- **And Solomon, for his part, gave Hiram twenty thousand cor measures of wheat as food supplies for his household and twenty cor measures of beaten-out oil. That was what Solomon kept giving Hiram year by year. (1 Kings 5:11)**
  - **And Yehowah, for his part, gave Solomon wisdom, just as he had promised him, and there came to be peace between Hiram and Solomon, and both of them proceeded to conclude a covenant. (1 Kings 5:12)**
  - **And King Solomon kept bringing up those conscripted for forced labor out of all Israel, and those conscripted for forced labor amounted to thirty thousand men. (1 Kings 5:13)**
  - **And he would send them to Lebanon in shifts of ten thousand a month. For a month they would continue in Lebanon, for two months at their homes, and Adoniram was over those conscripted for forced labor. (1 Kings 5:14)**
  - **And Solomon came to have seventy thousand burden bearers and eighty thousand cutters in the mountain. (1 Kings 5:15)**
  - **Besides Solomon's princely deputies who were over the work, three thousand three hundred foremen over the people who were active in the work. (1 Kings 5:16)**
  - **Accordingly the king commanded that they should quarry great stones, expensive stones, to lay the foundation of the house with hewn stones. (1 Kings 5:17)**
  - **So Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders and the Gebalites did the cutting, and they kept preparing the timbers and the stones to build the house. (1 Kings 5:18)**
  - **And it came about at the end of twenty years, in which Solomon built the two houses, the house of Yehowah and the house of the king. (1 Kings 9:10)**
  - **Hiram the king of Tyre had himself assisted Solomon with timbers of cedar trees and timbers of juniper trees and with gold as much as he delighted in, that at that time King Solomon**

proceeded to give to Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. (**1 Kings 9:11**)

- In the meantime Hiram sent to the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold. (**1 Kings 9:14**)
- Further, Solomon sent to Hiram the king of Tyre, saying; Just as you dealt with David my father and you kept sending him cedarwood to build himself a house in which to dwell. (**2 Chronicles 2:3**)
- Here I am building a house to the name of Yehowah my God to sanctify it to him, to burn perfumed incense before him, with the constant layer bread and burnt offerings in the morning and in the evening, on the Sabbaths and on the new moons and at the festival seasons of Yehowah our God. To time indefinite this will be upon Israel. (**2 Chronicles 2:4**)
- And the house that I am building will be great, for our God is greater than all the other gods. (**2 Chronicles 2:5**)
- And who could retain power to build him a house? For the heavens and the heaven of the heavens cannot contain him, and who am I that I should build him a house except for making sacrificial smoke before him? (**2 Chronicles 2:6**)
- And now send me a skillful man to work in gold and in silver and in copper and in iron and in wool dyed reddish purple and crimson and blue thread, and knowing how to cut engravings, along with the skillful ones that are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father has prepared. (**2 Chronicles 2:7**)
- And send me timbers of cedar, juniper and algum from Lebanon, for I myself well know that your servants are experienced at cutting down the trees of Lebanon, and here my servants are together with your servants. (**2 Chronicles 2:8**)
- Even for preparing timbers for me in great number, for the house that I am building will be great, yes, in a wonderful way. (**2 Chronicles 2:9**)
- And, look! To the gatherers of wood, the cutters of the trees, I do give wheat as food for your servants, twenty thousand cors,

and barley twenty thousand cors, and wine twenty thousand baths, and oil twenty thousand baths. (2 Chronicles 2:10)

- At that Hiram the king of Tyre said the word in writing and sent it to Solomon. Because Yehowah loved his people he has constituted you king over them. (2 Chronicles 2:11)
- And Hiram went on to say; Blessed be Yehowah the God of Israel, who made the heavens and the earth, because he has given to David the king a wise son, experienced in discretion and understanding, who will build a house to Yehowah and a house for his kingship. (2 Chronicles 2:12)
- And now I do send a skillful man, experienced in understanding, belonging to Hiram-abi. (2 Chronicles 2:13)
- The son of a woman of the sons of Dan but whose father was a man of Tyre, experienced, to work in gold and in silver, in copper, in iron, in stones and in timbers, in wool dyed reddish purple, in blue thread and in fine fabric and in crimson and at cutting every sort of engraving and at designing every sort of device that may be given to him along with your own skillful men and the skillful men of my lord David your father. (2 Chronicles 2:14)
- And now the wheat and the barley, the oil and the wine that my lord has promised, let him send to his servants. (2 Chronicles 2:15)
- As for ourselves, we shall cut down trees from Lebanon according to all your need, and we shall bring them to you as rafts by sea to Joppa, and you, for your part, will take them up to Jerusalem. (2 Chronicles 2:16)
- Later kings, however, departed from this **faultless** course, and Tyre came in for condemnation by God's prophets Joel and Amos, as well as Ezekiel.
- And, also, what do you have to do with me, O Tyre and Sidon and all you regions of Philistia? Is it the treatment that you are giving me as a reward? And if you are giving such treatment to me, swiftly, speedily I shall pay back your treatment upon your heads. (Joel 3:4)
- Because you men have taken my own silver and my own gold,



and you have brought my own desirable good things into your temples. (Joel 3:5)

- And the sons of Judah and the sons of Jerusalem you have sold to the sons of the Greeks, for the purpose of removing them far from their own territory. (Joel 3:6)
- Here I am arousing them to come from the place where you have sold them, and I will pay back your treatment upon your own heads. (Joel 3:7)
- And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the sons of Judah, and they must sell them to the men of Sheba, to a nation far away, for Yehowah himself has spoken it. (Joel 3:8)
- This is what Yehowah has said; On account of three revolts of Tyre, and on account of four, I shall not turn it back, on account of their handing over a complete body of exiles to Edom, and because they did not remember the covenant of brothers. (Amos 1:9)
- And I will send a fire onto the wall of Tyre, and it must devour her dwelling towers. (Amos 1:10)
- Aside from the evident similarity of the course of the king of Tyre with that of God's principal Adversary, the prophecy illustrates again how **perfection** and **faultlessness** can be used in limited senses.

#### • Imperfect Servants Of God Termed Faultless

- Righteous Noah proved himself **faultless** among his contemporaries.
- This is the history of Noah. Noah was a righteous man. He proved himself **faultless** among his contemporaries. Noah walked with the true God. (Genesis 6:9)
- Job was **blameless** and upright.
- 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)

- Similar expressions are made regarding other servants of God. Since all were descendants of the sinner Adam and hence sinners, it is clear that such men were, **faultless** and **blameless** in the sense of measuring up fully to God's requirements for them, requirements that took into account their **imperfection** and disability.
- He has told you, O earthling man, what is good. And what is Yehowah asking back from you but to exercise justice and to love kindness and to be modest in walking with your God? (**Micah 6:8**)
- Even as a potter would not expect the same quality when molding a vase from common clay as he would when forming one from special refined clay, so Yehowah's requirements take into consideration the weakness of imperfect human's.
- He has not done to us even according to our sins, nor according to our errors has he brought upon us what we deserve. (**Psalms 103:10**)
- For as the heavens are higher than the earth, this loving-kindness is superior toward those fearing him. (**Psalms 103:11**)
- As far off as the sunrise is from the sunset, so far off from us he has put our transgressions. (**Psalms 103:12**)
- 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**)
- And now, O Yehowah, you are our Father. We are the clay, and you are our Potter, and all of us are the work of your hand. (**Isaiah 64:8**)
- Though committing errors and wrongs because of their fleshly **imperfection**, such faithful men nevertheless manifested a **complete Hebrew, *sha-lem'*** heart toward Yehowah.
- And it came about in the time of Solomon's growing old that his wives themselves had inclined his heart to follow other gods, and his heart did not prove to be **complete** with Yehowah his God like the heart of David his father. (**1 Kings 11:4**)

- **And the high places he did not remove. Nevertheless, Asa's heart itself proved to be **complete** with Yehowah all his days. (1 Kings 15:14)**
- **I beseech you, O Yehowah, remember, please, how I have walked before you in truthfulness and with a **complete** heart, and what was good in your eyes I have done. And Hezekiah began to weep profusely. (2 Kings 20:3)**
- **For, as regards Yehowah, his eyes are roving about through all the earth to show his strength in behalf of those whose heart is complete toward him. You have acted foolishly respecting this, for from now on there will exist wars against you. (2 Chronicles 16:9)**
- **Thus, within the limits possible for them to attain, their devotion was complete, sound, satisfying the divine requirements in their case. Since God the Judge was pleased with their worship, no human or spirit creature could rightly find fault with their service to Him.**
- **They both were righteous before God because of walking blamelessly in accord with all the commandments and legal requirements of Yehowah. (Luke 1:6)**
- **By faith Abel offered God a sacrifice of greater worth than Cain, through which faith he had witness borne to him that he was righteous, God bearing witness respecting his gifts, and through it he, although he died, yet speaks. (Hebrews 11:4)**
- **By faith Enoch was transferred so as not to see death, and he was nowhere to be found because God had transferred him, for before his transference he had the witness that he had pleased God well. (Hebrews 11:5)**
- **Moreover, without faith it is impossible to please him well, for he that approaches God must believe that he is and that he becomes the rewarder of those earnestly seeking him. (Hebrews 11:6)**
- **By faith Noah, after being given divine warning of things not yet beheld, showed godly fear and constructed an ark for the saving of his household, and through this faith he condemned the world, and he became an heir of the righteousness that is according to faith. (Hebrews 11:7)**

- **By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed in going out into a place he was destined to receive as an inheritance, and he went out, although not knowing where he was going. (Hebrews 11:8)**
- **By faith he resided as an alien in the land of the promise as in a foreign land, and dwelt in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the very same promise. (Hebrews 11:9)**
- **For he was awaiting the city having real foundations, the builder and maker of which city is God. (Hebrews 11:10)**
- **By faith also Sarah herself received power to conceive seed, even when she was past the age limit, since she esteemed him faithful who had promised. (Hebrews 11:11)**
- **Hence also from one man, and him as good as dead, there were born children just as the stars of heaven for multitude and as the sands that are by the seaside, innumerable. (Hebrews 11:12)**
- **In faith all these died, although they did not get the fulfillment of the promises, but they saw them afar off and welcomed them and publicly declared that they were strangers and temporary residents in the land. (Hebrews 11:13)**
- **For those who say such things give evidence that they are earnestly seeking a place of their own. (Hebrews 11:14)**
- **And yet, if they had indeed kept remembering that place from which they had gone forth, they would have had opportunity to return. (Hebrews 11:15)**
- **But now they are reaching out for a better place, that is, one belonging to heaven. Hence God is not ashamed of them, to be called upon as their God, for he has made a city ready for them. (Hebrews 11:16)**
- **Who are you to judge the house servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for Yehowah can make him stand. (Romans 14:4)**

**See Also Yehowah (Why he can deal with imperfect human's)**

- **The Christian Greek Scriptures recognize the inherent imperfection of mankind descended from Adam.**

- For we all stumble many times. If anyone does not stumble in word, this one is a perfect man, able to bridle also his whole body. (**James 3:2**)
- Shows that a person would be a **perfect** man, able to bridle his whole body, if he could bridle his tongue and not stumble in word, but in this we all stumble many times.
- But the tongue, not one of mankind can get it tamed. An unruly injurious thing, it is full of death-dealing poison. (**James 3:8**)
- Nevertheless, certain relative **perfections** are set forth as attainable by sinful human's. Jesus told his followers; You must accordingly be **perfect**, as your heavenly Father is **perfect**.
- You must accordingly be **perfect**, as your heavenly Father is **perfect**. (**Matthew 5:48**)
- Here his reference was to the matter of love and generosity. He showed that merely to love those loving you constituted an incomplete, defective love, hence his followers should **perfect** their love or bring it to full measure by loving their enemies also, thereby following God's example.
- You heard that it was said; You must love your neighbor and hate your enemy. (**Matthew 5:43**)
- However, I say to you; Continue to love your enemies and to pray for those persecuting you. (**Matthew 5:44**)
- That you may prove yourselves sons of your Father who is in the heavens, since he makes his sun rise upon wicked people and good and makes it rain upon righteous people and unrighteous. (**Matthew 5:45**)
- For if you love those loving you, what reward do you have? Are not also the tax collectors doing the same thing? (**Matthew 5:46**)
- And if you greet your brothers only, what extraordinary thing are you doing? Are not also the people of the nations doing the same thing? (**Matthew 5:47**)

- **Similarly, the young man who questioned Jesus on the way to gain everlasting life was shown that his worship, which already included obedience to the Laws commandments, was still lacking in vital points. If he wanted to be **perfect** he must bring his worship to full development**
- **As for that which fell among the thorns, these are the ones that have heard, but, by being carried away by anxieties and riches and pleasures of this life, they are completely choked and bring nothing to **perfection**. (Luke 8:14)**
- **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)**
- **By fulfilling these aspects.**
- **Jesus said to him; If you want to be perfect, go sell your belongings and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven, and come be my follower. (Matthew 19:21)**
- **And quit being fashioned after this system of things, but be transformed by making your mind over, that you may prove to yourselves the good and acceptable and **perfect** will of God. (Romans 12:2)**
- **The apostle John shows that God's love is made **perfect** in Christians who remain in union with Him, observing the word of his Son and loving one another.**
- **But whoever does observe his word, truthfully in this person the love of God has been made **perfect**. By this we have the knowledge that we are in union with him. (1 John 2:5)**
- **Beloved ones, if this is how God loved us, then we are ourselves under obligation to love one another. (1 John 4:11)**
- **At no time has anyone beheld God. If we continue loving one another, God remains in us and his love is made **perfect** in us. (1 John 4:12)**
- **By this we gain the knowledge that we are remaining in union with him and he in union with us, because he has imparted his**

spirit to us. (1 John 4:13)

- In addition, we ourselves have beheld and are bearing witness that the Father has sent forth his Son as Savior of the world. (1 John 4:14)
- Whoever makes the confession that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, God remains in union with such one and he in union with God. (1 John 4:15)
- And we ourselves have come to know and have believed the love that God has in our case. God is love, and he that remains in love remains in union with God and God remains in union with him. (1 John 4:16)
- This is how love has been made **perfect** with us, that we may have freeness of speech in the day of judgment, because, just as that one is, so are we ourselves in this world. (1 John 4:17)
- There is no fear in love, but **perfect** love throws fear outside, because fear exercises a restraint. Indeed, he that is under fear has not been made perfect in love. (1 John 4:18)
- Such perfect love casts out fear, grants freeness of speech. Here the context shows that John is speaking of freeness of speech toward God, as in prayer.
- By this we shall know that we originate with the truth, and we shall assure our hearts before him. (1 John 3:19)
- As regards whatever our hearts may condemn us in, because God is greater than our hearts and knows all things. (1 John 3:20)
- Beloved ones, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have freeness of speech toward God. (1 John 3:21)
- And whatever we ask we receive from him, because we are observing his commandments and are doing the things that are pleasing in his eyes. (1 John 3:22)
- Let us, therefore, approach with freeness of speech to the throne of undeserved kindness, that we may obtain mercy and find undeserved kindness for help at the right time. (Hebrews 4:16)

- **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)**
- **And since we have a great priest over the house of God. (Hebrews 10:21)**
- **Let us approach with true hearts in the full assurance of faith, having had our hearts sprinkled from a wicked conscience and our bodies bathed with clean water. (Hebrews 10:22)**
- **The one in whom God's love reaches full expression can approach his heavenly Father in confidence, not feeling condemned in his heart as if hypocritical or disapproved.**
- **He knows he is observing God's commandments and that he is doing what pleases his Father, and he is therefore free in his expressions and petitions to Yehowah. He does not feel as if under restriction by God as to what he is privileged to say or to ask for.**
- **And the cloud turned away from over the tent, and, look! Miriam was struck with leprosy as white as snow. Then Aaron turned toward Miriam, and, look! She was struck with leprosy. (Numbers 12:10)**
- **Immediately Aaron said to Moses; Excuse me, my lord! Do not, please, attribute to us the sin in which we have acted foolishly and which we have committed! (Numbers 12:11)**
- **Please, do not let her continue like someone dead, whose flesh at the time of his coming out of his mothers womb is half eaten off! (Numbers 12:12)**
- **And Moses began to cry out to Yehowah, saying; O God, please! Heal her, please! (Numbers 12:13)**
- **Then Yehowah said to Moses; Were her father to spit directly in her face, would she not be humiliated seven days? Let her be quarantined seven days outside the camp, and afterward let her be received in. (Numbers 12:14)**
- **Accordingly Miriam was quarantined outside the camp seven**



- days, and the people did not pull away until Miriam was received in. (**Numbers 12:15**)
- 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**)
  - Look! I have become of little account. What shall I reply to you? My hand I have put over my mouth. (**Job 40:4**)
  - Once have I spoken, and I will not answer, and twice, and I will add nothing. (**Job 40:5**)
  - Do let us search out our ways and explore them, and do let us return clear to Yehowah. (**Lamentations 3:40**)
  - Let us raise our heart along with our palms to God in the heavens. (**Lamentations 3:41**)
  - We ourselves have transgressed, and we have behaved rebelliously. You yourself have not forgiven. (**Lamentations 3:42**)
  - You have blocked approach with anger, and you keep pursuing us. You have killed; You have shown no compassion. (**Lamentations 3:43**)
  - You have blocked approach to yourself with a cloud mass, that prayer may not pass through. (**Lamentations 3:44**)
  - You husbands, continue dwelling in like manner with them according to knowledge, assigning them honor as to a weaker vessel, the feminine one, since you are also heirs with them of the undeserved favor of life, in order for your prayers not to be hindered. (**1 Peter 3:7**)
  - No morbid fear inhibits him, he does not come to the day of judgment conscious of some black mark against him or desirous of hiding certain things.
  - But there is a certain fearful expectation of judgment and there

is a fiery jealousy that is going to consume those in opposition.  
([Hebrews 10:27](#))

- It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.  
([Hebrews 10:31](#))
- As a child does not fear to ask his loving parents for anything, so the Christian in whom love is fully developed is sure that no matter what it is that we ask according to his will, he hears us.
- Further, if we know he hears us respecting whatever we are asking, we know we are to have the things asked since we have asked them of him.
- And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that, no matter what it is that we ask according to his will, he hears us. ([1 John 5:14](#))
- Further, if we know he hears us respecting whatever we are asking, we know we are to have the things asked since we have asked them of him. ([1 John 5:15](#))
- Thus, this **perfect** love does not cast out fear of every kind. It does not eliminate the reverential and filial fear of God, born of deep respect for his position, power, and justice.
- He has sent redemption itself to his people. To time indefinite he has commanded his covenant. His name is holy and fear-inspiring. ([Psalms 111:9](#))
- The fear of Yehowah is the beginning of wisdom. All those doing them have a good insight. His praise is standing forever. ([Psalms 111:10](#))
- By faith Noah, after being given divine warning of things not yet beheld, showed godly fear and constructed an ark for the saving of his household, and through this faith he condemned the world, and he became an heir of the righteousness that is according to faith. ([Hebrews 11:7](#))
- Neither does it do away with the normal fear that causes a person, where possible, to avoid danger or to protect his life, nor with the fear caused by sudden alarm.

- **Then David rose up and continued running away on account of Saul on that day, and at length came to Achish the king of Gath. (1 Samuel 21:10)**
- **And the servants of Achish began to say to him; Is not this David the king of the land? Was it not to this one that they kept responding with dances, saying; (1 Samuel 21:11)**
- **Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his tens of thousands?**
- **And David began to take these words to his heart, and he became very much afraid on account of Achish the king of Gath. (1 Samuel 21:12)**
- **So he disguised his sanity under their eyes and began acting insane in their hand and kept making cross marks on the doors of the gate and let his saliva run down upon his beard. (1 Samuel 21:13)**
- **Finally Achish said to his servants; Here you see a man behaving crazy. Why should you bring him to me? (1 Samuel 21:14)**
- **In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king was guarding the city of the Damascenes to seize me. (2 Corinthians 11:32)**
- **But through a window in the wall I was lowered in a wicker basket and escaped his hands. (2 Corinthians 11:33)**
- **Indeed at this my heart begins to tremble, and it leaps up from its place. (Job 37:1)**
- **Listen attentively, you men, to the rumbling of his voice, and the growling that goes forth from his mouth. (Job 37:2)**
- **Under the whole heavens he lets it loose, and his lightning is to the extremities of the earth. (Job 37:3)**
- **After it a sound roars, he thunders with the sound of his superiority, and he does not hold them back when his voice is heard. (Job 37:4)**
- **God thunders with his voice in a wonderful way, doing great things that we cannot know. (Job 37:5)**

- **I heard, and my belly began to be agitated, at the sound my lips quivered, rottenness began to enter into my bones, and in my situation I was agitated, that I should quietly wait for the day of distress, for his coming up to the people, that he may raid them. (Habakkuk 3:16)**
- **Yet, as for me, I will exult in Yehowah himself. I will be joyful in the God of my salvation. (Habakkuk 3:18)**
- **Also, full unity is achieved through the perfect bond of love, causing true Christians to be perfected into one.**
- **But, besides all these things, clothe yourselves with love, for it is a perfect bond of union. (Colossians 3:14)**
- **I in union with them and you in union with me, in order, that they may be perfected into one, that the world may have the knowledge that you sent me forth and that you loved them just as you loved me. (John 17:23)**
- **Obviously the perfection of this unity is also relative and does not mean that all differences of personality, such as individual abilities, habits, and conscience, are eliminated. When attained, however, its fullness does lead to unified action, belief, and teaching.**
- **Now may the God who supplies endurance and comfort grant you to have among yourselves the same mental attitude that Christ Jesus had. (Romans 15:5)**
- **That with one accord you may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 15:6)**
- **Now I exhort you, brothers, through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that you should all speak in agreement, and that there should not be divisions among you, but that you may be fitly united in the same mind and in the same line of thought. (1 Corinthians 1:10)**
- **Earnestly endeavoring to observe the oneness of the spirit in the uniting bond of peace. (Ephesians 4:3)**
- **Only behave in a manner worthy of the Good News about the Christ, in order, that, whether I come and see you or be absent, I**

may hear about the things which concern you, that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one soul striving side by side for the faith of the Good News. (**Philippians 1:27**)

## •• The Perfection Of Christ Jesus

- Jesus was born as a **perfect** human holy, sinless.
- So the angel said to her; Have no fear, Mary, for you have found favor with God. (**Luke 1:30**)
- And, look! You will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son, and you are to call his name Jesus. (**Luke 1:31**)
- This one will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and Yehowah God will give him the throne of David his father. (**Luke 1:32**)
- And he will rule as king over the house of Jacob forever, and there will be no end of his kingdom. (**Luke 1:33**)
- But Mary said to the angel; How is this to be, since I am having no intercourse with a man? (**Luke 1:34**)
- 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**)
- 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**)
- His physical **perfection**, of course, was not infinite but was within the human sphere, he experienced human limitations, he became tired, thirsty, and hungry, he was mortal.
- So, after they had dismissed the crowd, they took him in the boat, just as he was, and there were other boats with him. (**Mark 4:36**)
- Now a great violent windstorm broke out, and the waves kept dashing into the boat, so that the boat was close to being swamped. (**Mark 4:37**)

- **But he was in the stern, sleeping upon a pillow. So they woke him up and said to him; Teacher, do you not care that we are about to perish? (Mark 4:38)**
- **With that he roused himself and rebuked the wind and said to the sea; Hush! Be quiet! And the wind abated, and a great calm set in. (Mark 4:39)**
- **In fact, Jacob's fountain was there. Now Jesus, tired out from the journey, was sitting at the fountain just as he was. The hour was about the sixth. (John 4:6)**
- **A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her; Give me a drink. (John 4:7)**
- **After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, then he felt hungry. (Matthew 4:2)**
- **But Jesus let out a loud cry and expired. (Mark 15:37)**
- **But Pilate wondered whether he was already dead, and, summoning the army officer, he asked him whether he had already died. (Mark 15:44)**
- **So after making certain from the army officer, he granted the corpse to Joseph. (Mark 15:45)**
- **Yehowah God's purpose was to use his Son as his High Priest in behalf of mankind. Though a perfect man, Jesus had to be **made perfect**, Greek, *te-lei-o'o*, for such a position, completely filling the requirements his Father set, being brought to the appointed end or goal.**
- **The requirements called for his becoming like his brothers in all respects, enduring suffering, learning obedience under test, even as his brothers or footstep followers would. Thus he would be able to sympathize with our weaknesses, as one who has been tested in all respects like ourselves, but without sin.**
- **For it was fitting for the one for whose sake all things are and through whom all things are, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the Chief Agent of their salvation perfect through sufferings. (Hebrews 2:10)**

- **For both he who is sanctifying and those who are being sanctified all stem from one, and for this cause he is not ashamed to call them brothers. (Hebrews 2:11)**
- **As he says; I will declare your name to my brothers, in the middle of the congregation I will praise you with song. (Hebrews 2:12)**
- **And again; I will have my trust in him. And again; Look! I and the young children, whom Yehowah gave me. (Hebrews 2:13)**
- **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)**
- **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 in that he himself has suffered when being put to the test, he is able to come to the aid of those who are being put to the test. (Hebrews 2:18)**
- **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)**
- **Let us, therefore, approach with freeness of speech to the throne of undeserved kindness, that we may obtain mercy and find undeserved kindness for help at the right time. (Hebrews 4:16)**
- **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)**

- **Although he was a Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. (Hebrews 5:8)**
- **And after he had been made perfect he became responsible for everlasting salvation to all those obeying him. (Hebrews 5:9)**
- **Because he has been specifically called by God a High Priest according to the manner of Melchizedek. (Hebrews 5:10)**
- **Additionally, following his death as a perfect sacrifice and his resurrection, he would have to receive immortal spirit life in the heavens, thus being **perfected forever** for his priestly office.**
- **Because he has been specifically called by God a High Priest according to the manner of Melchizedek. (Hebrews 5:10)**
- **However, when Christ came as a High Priest of the good things that have come to pass, through the greater and more perfect tent not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. (Hebrews 9:11)**
- **He entered, no, not with the blood of goats and of young bulls, but with his own blood, once for all time into the holy place and obtained an everlasting deliverance for us. (Hebrews 9:12)**
- **For if the blood of goats and of bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who have been defiled sanctifies to the extent of cleanness of the flesh. (Hebrews 9:13)**
- **How much more will the blood of the Christ, who through an everlasting spirit offered himself without blemish to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works that we may render sacred service to the living God? (Hebrews 9:14)**
- **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)**
- **In a similar way, all those who will serve with Christ as underpriests will be made **perfect**, that is, be brought to the heavenly goal they seek and to which they are called.**
- **Why, for that matter, I do indeed also consider all things to be**



- loss on account of the excelling value of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord. On account of him I have taken the loss of all things and I consider them as a lot of refuse, that I may gain Christ (**Philippians 3:8**)
- And be found in union with him, having, not my own righteousness, which results from law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness that issues from God on the basis of faith. (**Philippians 3:9**)
  - So as to know him and the power of his resurrection and a sharing in his sufferings, submitting myself to a death like his. (**Philippians 3:10**)
  - To see if I may by any means attain to the earlier resurrection from the dead. (**Philippians 3:11**)
  - Not that I have already received it or am already made perfect, but I am pursuing to see if I may also lay hold on that for which I have also been laid hold on by Christ Jesus. (**Philippians 3:12**)
  - Brothers, I do not yet consider myself as having laid hold on it, but there is one thing about it. Forgetting the things behind and stretching forward to the things ahead. (**Philippians 3:13**)
  - I am pursuing down toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God by means of Christ Jesus. (**Philippians 3:14**)
  - But you have approached a Mount Zion and a city of the living God, heavenly Jerusalem, and myriads of angels. (**Hebrews 12:22**)
  - In general assembly, and the congregation of the firstborn who have been enrolled in the heavens, and God the Judge of all, and the spiritual lives of righteous ones who have been made perfect. (**Hebrews 12:23**)
  - Happy and holy is anyone having part in the first resurrection, over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of the Christ, and will rule as kings with him for the thousand years. (**Revelation 20:6**)

·· **The Perfecter Of Our Faith**

- **Jesus is called, the Chief Agent, Chief Leader, and **Perfecter** of our faith.**
- **As we look intently at the Chief Agent and Perfecter of our faith, Jesus. For the joy that was set before him he endured a torture stake, despising shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (**Hebrews 12:2**)**
- **True, long before the coming of Jesus Christ, Abraham's faith was **perfected** by his works of faith and obedience, so that he gained God's approval and became party with God in an oath-bound covenant.**
- **Was not Abraham our father declared righteous by works after he had offered up Isaac his son upon the altar? (**James 2:21**)**
- **You behold that his faith worked along with his works and by his works his faith was perfected. (**James 2:22**)**
- **And the scripture was fulfilled which says; Abraham put faith in Yehowah, and it was counted to him as righteousness, and he came to be called, Yehowah's friend. (**James 2:23**)**
- **And Yehowah's angel proceeded to call to Abraham the second time out of the heavens. (**Genesis 22:15**)**
- **And to say; By myself I do swear, is the utterance of Yehowah, that by reason of the fact that you have done this thing and you have not withheld your son, your only one. (**Genesis 22:16**)**
- **I shall surely bless you and I shall surely multiply your seed like the stars of the heavens and like the grains of sand that are on the seashore, and your seed will take possession of the gate of his enemies. (**Genesis 22:17**)**
- **And by means of your seed all nations of the earth will certainly bless themselves due to the fact that you have listened to my voice. (**Genesis 22:18**)**
- **But the faith of all those men of faith living prior to Jesus earthly ministry was incomplete, or imperfect, in the sense of their not understanding the then unfulfilled prophecies regarding him as God's Seed and Messiah.**
- **Concerning this very salvation a diligent inquiry and a careful**

- search were made by the prophets who prophesied about the undeserved kindness meant for you. ([1 Peter 1:10](#))
- They kept on investigating what particular season or what sort of season the spirit in them was indicating concerning Christ when it was bearing witness beforehand about the sufferings for Christ and about the glories to follow these. ([1 Peter 1:11](#))
  - It was revealed to them that, not to themselves, but to you, they were ministering the things that have now been announced to you through those who have declared the Good News to you with Holy Spirit sent forth from heaven. Into these very things angels are desiring to peer. ([1 Peter 1:12](#))
  - By his birth, ministry, death, and resurrection to heavenly life, these prophecies came to fulfillment, and the faith about Christ had a strengthened foundation, one filled out with historical facts. Thus, faith in this perfected sense arrived through Christ Jesus
  - Consequently the Law has become our tutor leading to Christ, that we might be declared righteous due to faith. ([Galatians 3:24](#))
  - But now that the faith has arrived, we are no longer under a tutor. ([Galatians 3:25](#))
  - Who thereby proved to be the, **leader, AT, pioneer, Mo, or Chief Agent** of our faith. He continued to be the **Perfecter** of the faith of his followers from his heavenly position, by pouring down Holy Spirit on them at Pentecost and by imparting revelations that progressively filled out and developed their faith.
  - This Jesus God resurrected, of which fact we are all witnesses. ([Acts of Apostles 2:32](#))
  - Therefore because he was exalted to the right hand of God and received the promised Holy Spirit from the Father, he has poured out this which you see and hear. ([Acts of Apostles 2:33](#))
  - While God joined in bearing witness with signs as well as portents and various powerful works and with distributions of Holy Spirit according to his will? ([Hebrews 2:4](#))
  - A revelation by Jesus Christ, which God gave him, to show his

slaves the things that must shortly take place. And he sent forth his angel and presented it in signs through him to his slave John. **(Revelation 1:1)**

- Who bore witness to the word God gave and to the witness Jesus Christ gave, even to all the things he saw. **(Revelation 1:2)**
- I, Jesus, sent my angel to bear witness to you people of these things for the congregations. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright morning star. **(Revelation 22:16)**
- So faith follows the thing heard. In turn the thing heard is through the word about Christ. **(Romans 10:17)**

### •• Not Made Perfect Apart From Us

- After reviewing the record of faithful men of the pre-Christian period from Abel onward, the apostle says none of these got the fulfillment of the promise, as God foresaw something better for us, in order, that they might not be made perfect apart from us.
- And yet all these, although they had witness borne to them through their faith, did not get the fulfillment of the promise. **(Hebrews 11:39)**
- As God foresaw something better for us, in order, that they might not be made perfect apart from us. **(Hebrews 11:40)**
- The **us** here clearly refers to anointed Christians.
- Has at the end of these days spoken to us by means of a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the systems of things. **(Hebrews 1:2)**
- That is why it is necessary for us to pay more than the usual attention to the things heard by us, that we may never drift away. **(Hebrews 2:1)**
- For if the word spoken through angels proved to be firm, and every transgression and disobedient act received a retribution in harmony with justice. **(Hebrews 2:2)**
- How shall we escape if we have neglected a salvation of such greatness in that it began to be spoken through our Lord and was

- verified for us by those who heard him. ([Hebrews 2:3](#))
- **While God joined in bearing witness with signs as well as portents and various powerful works and with distributions of Holy Spirit according to his will? ([Hebrews 2:4](#))**
  - **Partakers of the heavenly calling,**
  - **Consequently, holy brothers, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the apostle and High Priest whom we confess, Jesus. ([Hebrews 3:1](#))**
  - **For whom Christ inaugurated a new and living way into the holy place of God's heavenly presence.**
  - **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](#))**
  - **That heavenly calling includes service as heavenly priests of God and of Christ during Christ's Thousand Year Reign. Power of judging, is also granted them.**
  - **And I saw thrones, and there were those who sat down on them, and power of judging was given them. Yes, I saw the souls of those executed with the ax for the witness they bore to Jesus and for speaking about God, and those who had worshiped neither the wild beast nor its image and who had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand. And they came to life and ruled as kings with the Christ for a thousand years. ([Revelation 20:4](#))**
  - **The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. ([Revelation 20:5](#))**
  - **Happy and holy is anyone having part in the first resurrection, over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of the Christ, and will rule as kings with him for the thousand years. ([Revelation 20:6](#))**

- **Logically, then, the heavenly life and privileges that the called ones receive is the something better that God foresaw for such anointed Christians.**
- **As God foresaw something better for us, in order, that they might not be made **perfect** apart from us. (**Hebrews 11:40**)**
- **The revealing of them as they go into action from heaven with Christ to destroy the wicked system, however, is to open the way for bringing liberation from enslavement to corruption for those of creation reaching out for the glorious freedom of the children of God.**
- **For the eager expectation of the creation is waiting for the revealing of the sons of God. (**Romans 8:19**)**
- **For the creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will but through him that subjected it, on the basis of hope. (**Romans 8:20**)**
- **That the creation itself also will be set free from enslavement to corruption and have the glorious freedom of the children of God. (**Romans 8:21**)**
- **For we know that all creation keeps on groaning together and being in pain together until now. (**Romans (8:22)**)**
- **Women received their dead by resurrection, but other men were tortured because they would not accept release by some ransom, in order, that they might attain a better resurrection. (**Hebrews 11:35**)**
- **Shows that faithful men of pre-Christian times maintained integrity under suffering in order, that they might attain a better resurrection, evidently one better than that of the dead referred to at the start of the verse, persons who were resurrected only to die again.**
- **And it came about after these things that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick, and his sickness came to be so severe that there was no breath left in him. (**1 Kings 17:17**)**
- **At this she said to Elijah; What do I have to do with you, O man of the true God? You have come to me to bring my error to mind and to put my son to death. (**1 Kings 17:18**)**

- **But he said to her; Give me your son. Then he took him from her bosom and carried him up to the roof chamber, where he was dwelling, and laid him upon his own couch. (1 Kings 17:19)**
- **And he began calling to Yehowah and saying; O Yehowah my God, is it also upon the widow with whom I am residing as an alien that you must bring injury by putting her son to death? (1 Kings 17:20)**
- **And he proceeded to stretch himself upon the child three times and call to Yehowah and say; O Yehowah my God, please, cause the soul of this child to come back within him. (1 Kings 17:21)**
- **Finally Yehowah listened to Elijah's voice, so that the soul of the child came back within him and he came to life. (1 Kings 17:22)**
- **Elijah now took the child and brought him down from the roof chamber into the house and gave him to his mother, and Elijah then said; See, your son is alive. (1 Kings 17:23)**
- **However, the woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son at this appointed time the next year, just as Elisha had spoken to her.**
- **However, the woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son at this appointed time the next year, just as Elisha had spoken to her. (2 Kings 4:17)**
- **And the child kept on growing up, and it came about one day that he went out as usual to his father with the reapers. (2 Kings 4:18)**
- **And he kept saying to his father; My head, O my head! At last he said to the attendant; Carry him to his mother. (2 Kings 4:19)**
- **Accordingly he carried him and brought him to his mother. And he kept sitting upon her knees until noon, and gradually he died. (2 Kings 4:20)**
- **At last Elisha came into the house, and there the boy was dead, being laid upon his couch. (2 Kings 4:32)**
- **Then he came in and closed the door behind them both and began to pray to Yehowah. (2 Kings 4:33)**

- 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)
- Then he began walking again in the house, once this way and once that way, after which he went up and bent over him. And the boy began to sneeze as many as seven times, after which the boy opened his eyes. (2 Kings 4:35)
- He now called Gehazi and said; Call this Shunammite woman. So he called her and she came in to him. Then he said; Lift up your son. (2 Kings 4:36)
- And she proceeded to come in and fall at his feet and bow down to him to the earth, after which she lifted up her son and went out. (2 Kings 4:37)
- For these faithful men of pre-Christian times, therefore, their being made **perfect** must relate to their resurrection, or restoration to life, and thereafter their being set free from enslavement to corruption by the services of the priesthood of Christ Jesus and his underpriests during the Millennial Rule.

### · Mankind's Return To Perfection On Earth

- According to the prayer; Let your will take place, as in heaven, also upon earth, this planet is due to experience the full force and effect of the execution of God's purposes.
- Let your kingdom come. Let your will take place, as in heaven, also upon earth. (Matthew 6:10)
- The wicked system under the control of Satan will be destroyed. All faults and defects will be removed from survivors who continue obediently to demonstrate faith, so that what remains meets God's standards of excellence, completeness, and soundness.
- That this will include **perfection** of earthly conditions and of human creatures is evident from;
- And they sing a new song, saying; You are worthy to take the scroll and open its seals, because you were slaughtered and with your blood you bought persons for God out of every tribe and



- tongue and people and nation. (**Revelation 5:9**)
- **And you made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God, and they are to rule as kings over the earth. (**Revelation 5:10**)**
  - **There it is stated that persons bought for God.**
  - **And I saw, and, look! The Lamb standing upon the Mount Zion, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand having his name and the name of his Father written on their foreheads. (**Revelation 14:1**)**
  - **And they are singing as if a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders, and no one was able to master that song but the hundred and forty-four thousand, who have been bought from the earth. (**Revelation 14:3**)**
  - **Become, a kingdom and priests to our God, and they are to rule as kings over the earth. Under the Law covenant not only did the priests have the duty to represent persons before God in the offering of sacrifices but they also were charged with guarding the physical health of the nation, officiating in the cleansing of those who were defiled, and judging when healing had taken place in cases of leprosy. (**Leviticus Chapters 13-15**) More than this, the priesthood was responsible to aid in the mental and spiritual uplift and health of the people.**
  - **In case a matter for judicial decision should be too extraordinary for you, one in which blood has been shed, in which a legal claim has been raised, or a violent deed has been committed, matters of dispute, inside your gates, you must also rise and go up to the place that Yehowah your God will choose. (**Deuteronomy 17:8**)**
  - **And you must go to the priests, the Levites, and to the judge who will be acting in those days, and you must make inquiry, and they must hand down to you the word of the judicial decision. (**Deuteronomy 17:9**)**
  - **Then you must do in accordance with the word that they will hand down to you from that place which Yehowah will choose, and you must be careful to do according to all that they instruct you. (**Deuteronomy 17:10**)**

- In accordance with the Law that they will point out to you, and according to the judicial decision that they will say to you, you should do. You must not turn aside from the word that they will hand down to you, to the right or to the left. (**Deuteronomy 17:11**)
- And the man who will behave with presumptuousness in not listening to the priest who is standing to minister there to Yehowah your God or to the judge, that man must die, and you must clear out what is bad from Israel. (**Deuteronomy 17:12**)
- And all the people will hear and become afraid, and they will not act presumptuously anymore. (**Deuteronomy 17:13**)
- For the lips of a priest are the ones that should keep knowledge, and the Law is what people should seek from his mouth, for he is the messenger of Yehowah of armies. (**Malachi 2:7**)
- Since the Law had a shadow of the good things to come, it is to be expected that the heavenly priesthood under Christ Jesus functioning during his Thousand Year Reign.
- And I saw thrones, and there were those who sat down on them, and power of judging was given them. Yes, I saw the souls of those executed with the ax for the witness they bore to Jesus and for speaking about God, and those who had worshiped neither the wild beast nor its image and who had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand. And they came to life and ruled as kings with the Christ for a thousand years. (**Revelation 20:4**)
- The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. (**Revelation 20:5**)
- Happy and holy is anyone having part in the first resurrection, over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of the Christ, and will rule as kings with him for the thousand years. (**Revelation 20:6**)
- Will perform similar work.
- 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**)

- **That redeemed mankind will experience the removal of tears, mourning, outcry, pain, and death is guaranteed by the prophetic picture at;**
- **And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea is no more. (**Revelation 21:1**)**
- **I saw also the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God and prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (**Revelation 21:2**)**
- **With that I heard a loud voice from the throne say; Look! The tent of God is with mankind, and he will reside with them, and they will be his peoples. And God himself will be with them. (**Revelation 21:3**)**
- **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**)**
- **And the One seated on the throne said; Look! I am making all things new. Also, he says; Write, because these words are faithful and true. (**Revelation 21:5**)**
- **Through Adam, sin, and consequent suffering and death, entered the human race**
- **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**)**
- **And these are certainly among the former things due to pass away. Death is the wages of sin, and as the last enemy, death is to be brought to nothing through Christ's Kingdom rule.**
- **For the wages sin pays is death, but the gift God gives is everlasting life by Christ Jesus our Lord. (**Romans 6:23**)**
- **For he must rule as king until God has put all enemies under his feet. (**1 Corinthians 15:25**)**

- **As the last enemy, death is to be brought to nothing. (1 Corinthians 15:26)**
- **The sting producing death is sin, but the power for sin is the Law. (1 Corinthians 15:56)**
- **For obedient mankind this means a return to the perfect state enjoyed by man at the beginning of human history in Eden. Thus, human's will be able to enjoy not only **perfection** as to faith and love but perfection as to sinlessness, they will measure up fully and faultlessly to God's righteous standards for human's. The prophecy at;**
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- **And the One seated on the throne said; Look! I am making all things new. Also, he says; Write, because these words are faithful and true. (Revelation 21:5)**
- **Likewise relates to the Thousand Year Reign of Christ, since the New Jerusalem, whose coming down out of heaven is linked with the removal of mankind's afflictions, is shown to be Christ's bride, or glorified congregation, hence those composing the royal priesthood of Christ's Millennial Rule.**
- **And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls which were full of the seven last plagues, and he spoke with me and said; Come here, I will show you the bride, the Lambs wife. (Revelation 21:9)**

- **So he carried me away in the power of the spirit to a great and lofty mountain, and he showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ([Revelation 21:10](#))**
- **Husbands, continue loving your wives, just as the Christ also loved the congregation and delivered up himself for it. ([Ephesians 5:25](#))**
- **That he might sanctify it, cleansing it with the bath of water by means of the word. ([Ephesians 5:26](#))**
- **That he might present the congregation to himself in its splendor, not having a spot or a wrinkle or any of such things, but that it should be holy and without blemish. ([Ephesians 5:27](#))**
- **In this way husbands ought to be loving their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ([Ephesians 5:28](#))**
- **For no man ever hated his own flesh, but he feeds and cherishes it, as the Christ also does the congregation. ([Ephesians 5:29](#))**
- **Because we are members of his body. ([Ephesians 5:30](#))**
- **For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother and he will stick to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. ([Ephesians 5:31](#))**
- **This sacred secret is great. Now I am speaking with respect to Christ and the congregation. ([Ephesians 5:32](#))**
- **But you are, a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for special possession, that you should declare abroad the excellencies; of the one that called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ([1 Peter 2:9](#))**
- **And I saw thrones, and there were those who sat down on them, and power of judging was given them. Yes, I saw the souls of those executed with the ax for the witness they bore to Jesus and for speaking about God, and those who had worshiped neither the wild beast nor its image and who had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand. And they came to life and ruled as kings with the Christ for a thousand years. ([Revelation 20:4](#))**

- The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. (**Revelation 20:5**)
- Happy and holy is anyone having part in the first resurrection, over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of the Christ, and will rule as kings with him for the thousand years. (**Revelation 20:6**)
- Mankind's **perfection** will be relative, limited to the human sphere. Yet it will certainly afford those gaining it the ability to enjoy earthly life to the fullest degree possible. Rejoicing to satisfaction to the full is with Yehowah's face, and God's tenting with mankind shows that obedient mankind is meant, those toward whom Yehowah's face turns with approval.
- You will cause me to know the path of life. Rejoicing to satisfaction is with your face, there is pleasantness at your right hand forever. (**Psalms 16:11**)
- With that I heard a loud voice from the throne say; Look! The tent of God is with mankind, and he will reside with them, and they will be his peoples. And God himself will be with them. (**Revelation 21:3**)
- O Yehowah, who will be a guest in your tent? Who will reside in your holy mountain? (**Psalms 15:1**)
- He who is walking faultlessly and practicing righteousness and speaking the truth in his heart. (**Psalms 15:2**)
- He has not slandered with his tongue. To his companion he has done nothing bad, and no reproach has he taken up against his intimate acquaintance. (**Psalms 15:3**)
- One thing I have asked from Yehowah. It is what I shall look for, that I may dwell in the house of Yehowah all the days of my life, to behold the pleasantness of Yehowah and to look with appreciation upon his temple. (**Psalms 27:4**)
- For he will hide me in his covert in the day of calamity. He will conceal me in the secret place of his tent, high on a rock he will put me. (**Psalms 27:5**)
- I will be a guest in your tent for times indefinite. I will take

refuge in the concealment of your wings. (**Psalm 61:4**)

- And it will certainly occur that from new moon to new moon and from Sabbath to Sabbath all flesh will come in to bow down before me, Yehowah has said. (**Isaiah 66:23**)
- **Perfection** does not mean an end to variety, however, as persons often assume. The animal kingdom, which is the product of Yehowah's **perfect** activity.
- And God went on to say; Let the waters swarm forth a swarm of living souls and let flying creatures fly over the earth upon the face of the expanse of the heavens. (**Genesis 1:20**)
- And God proceeded to create the great sea monsters and every living soul that moves about, which the waters swarmed forth according to their kinds, and every winged flying creature according to its kind. And God got to see that it was good. (**Genesis 1:21**)
- With that God blessed them, saying; Be fruitful and become many and fill the waters in the sea basins, and let the flying creatures become many in the earth. (**Genesis 1:22**)
- And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, a fifth day. (**Genesis 1:23**)
- And God went on to say; Let the earth put forth living souls according to their kinds, domestic animal and moving animal and wild beast of the earth according to its kind. And it came to be so. (**Genesis 1:24**)
- The Rock, perfect is his activity, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness, with whom there is no injustice. Righteous and upright is he. (**Deuteronomy 32:4**)

### •• Contains Enormous Variety

- **Perfection** of the planet Earth is likewise not incompatible with variety, change, or contrast, it allows for the simple and the complex, the plain and the fancy, the sour and the sweet, the rough and the smooth, the meadows and the woods, the mountains and the valleys.

- It embraces the stimulating freshness of early spring, the warmth of summer with its azure-blue skies, the loveliness of autumn colors, the pure beauty of freshly fallen snow.
- For all the days the earth continues, seed sowing and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, will never cease. ([Genesis 8:22](#))
- **Perfect** human's will thus not be stereotypes of identical personality, talents, and abilities. As the initial definitions have shown, this is not a necessary meaning of **perfection**.