

Christmas Special  
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**Luke 2:10, “Then the angelic messenger said to them, ‘Do not be afraid, Pay attention, for I bring you good news of great joy which will be to all people.**

**Luke 2:11, “ ‘For today the Savior is born to you in the city of David, He is Messiah the Lord.**

**Luke 2:12, “ ‘And this will be the sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloths, lying in a manger.’ ”**

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**Luke 2:13, “And suddenly there was with the angel messenger a multitude of the heavenly army praising God and saying:**

**Luke 2:14, “ ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!’ ”**

**Job 25:4, “How then can man be righteous before God?”**

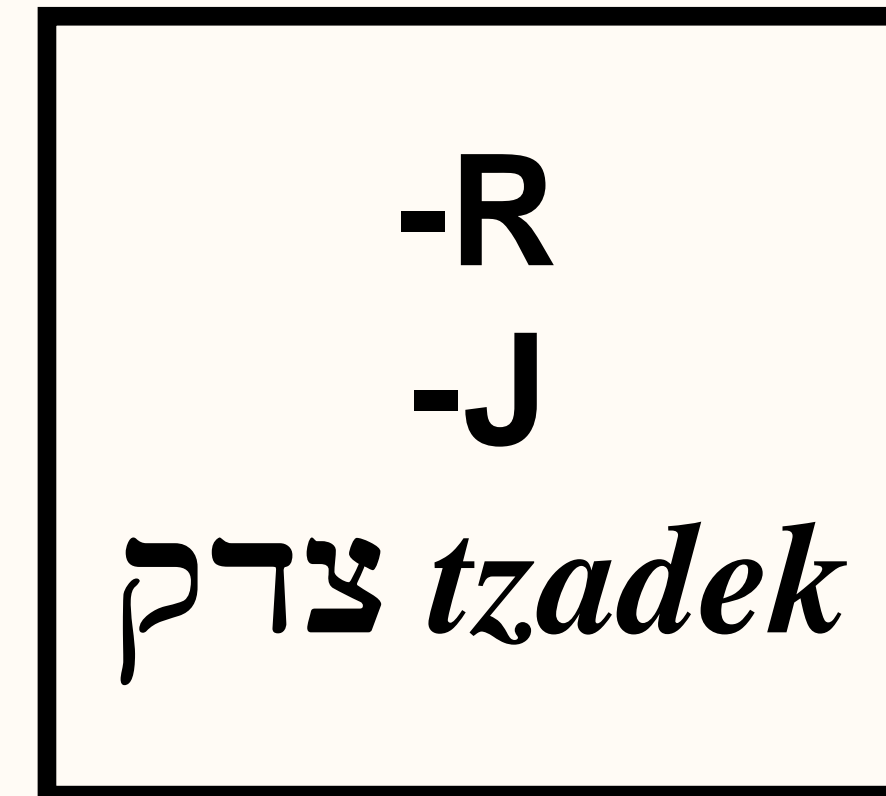
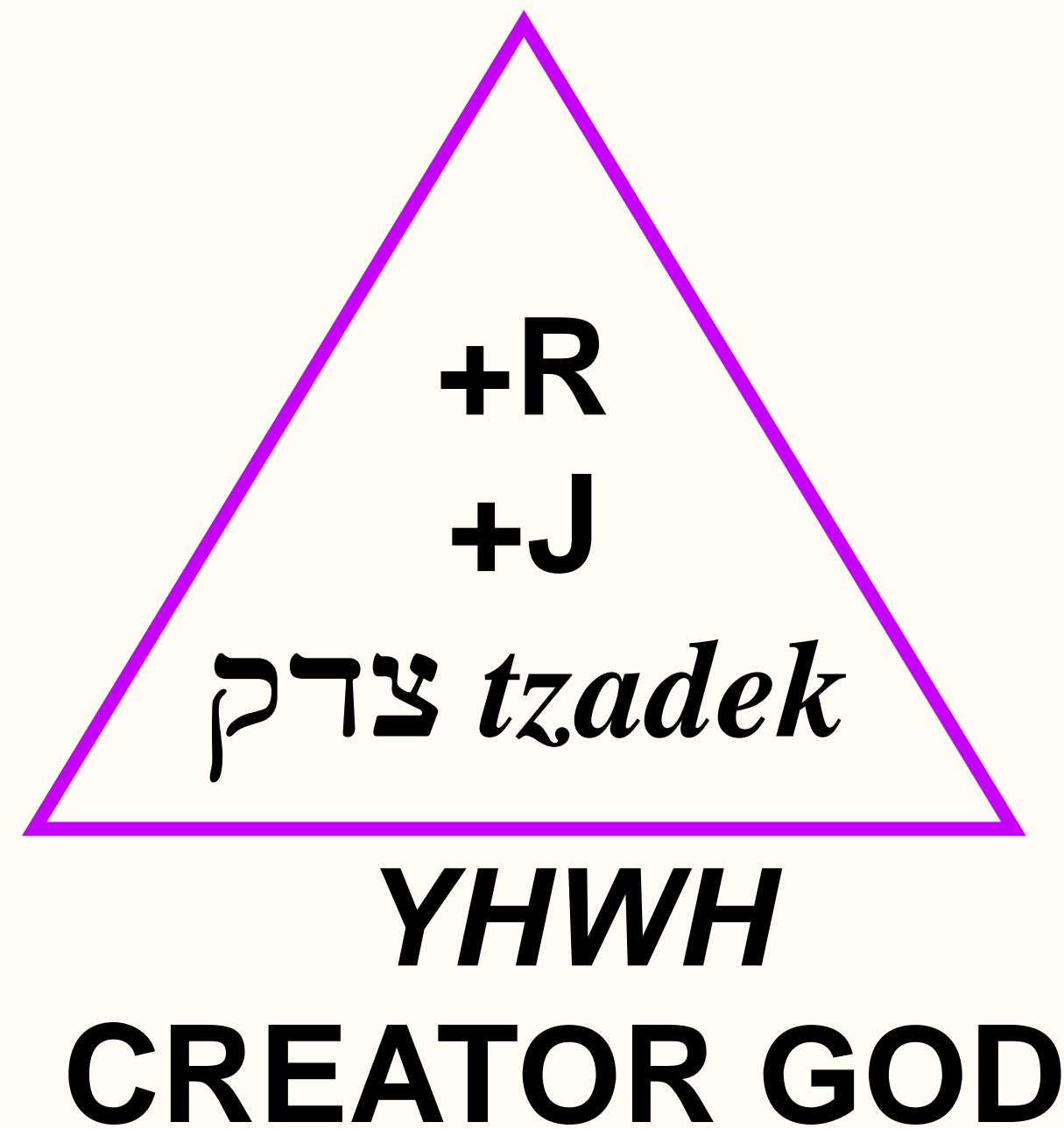
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# The Problem



Each Human Being

**Isa. 64:6, “All of us have become like something unclean, and all our righteous acts are like a polluted garment; all of us wither like a leaf, and our iniquities carry us away like the wind.” [HCSB]**

**1. God created each of us to have a personal, intimate relationship with Him.**



**a. He created us “in His image and likeness” in order that we might have a personal, intimate relationship with Him.**

**Genesis 1:27, “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”**

**The Creator God created us for a personal relationship with Him, for He is a personal God.**

**He demonstrates His omniscient intellect in the design of His creation.**

**He demonstrates His love toward mankind continuously.**

**Jer. 31:3, “The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: ‘Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.’ ”**

**b. God is the Creator of the heavens, the earth, and all that is in them, especially Israel!**

**Exodus. 20:11, “For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.”**

**Isaiah 43:15, “I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.”**

**Isaiah 45:12, “I have made the earth, and created man on it. I—My hands—stretched out the heavens, and all their host I have commanded.”**

**Isa. 44:24, “Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and He who formed you from the womb: ‘I am the LORD, who makes all things, Who stretches out the heavens all alone, Who spreads abroad the earth by Myself;’”**

**Isa. 45:6, “That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting that there is none besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other;”**



**c. God wants us to know Him personally.**

**Jeremiah 24:7, “Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the LORD; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart.”**

**d. God is perfect righteousness [+R].**

**Numbers. 23:19, “God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?”**

**Psalm 111:3, “His work is honorable and glorious, and His righteousness endures forever.”**

**2. God cannot have a personal relationship with us after Adam's sin, because we are sinful and separated from Him.**

**a. We are all sinful.**

**Ecclesiastes 7:20, “For there is not a just [צַדִּיק, *tzaddiq* “righteous”] man on earth who does good and does not sin.”**

**Psa. 14:2, “The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God.**

**Psa. 14:3, “They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one.”**

**Isaiah 64:6,**

**“But we [the prophet Isaiah includes himself] are all like an unclean thing,**

**And all our righteousnesses [צְדָקָה *tzedaqah*] are like filthy rags;**

**We all fade as a leaf,**

**And our iniquities,**

**like the wind,**

**Have taken us away.”**



**b. The consequence for our sin is death, which is separation from God. Not a physical death, but a spiritual separation from God, which then eventually resulted in physical death.**

**Gen. 2:17, “but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”**

**Gen. 3:24, “So He drove out the man; and He placed an army of cherubs at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.”**

**Ezekiel 18:20, “The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son.”**

**Isaiah 59:1, “Behold, the LORD’S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear.**

**Isaiah 59:2, “But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.”**

### **3. God does not accept our own efforts to remove our sin.**

**Isaiah 64:6, “But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses [צְדָקָה *tzedakah*] are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.”**

**Even our good deeds, our best righteousness, are filthy and unclean before a Righteous God.**

**Jeremiah 2:22, “ ‘For though you wash yourself with lye,  
and use much soap, yet your iniquity is marked before Me,’  
says the Lord GOD.”**



**4. Because God loves us, He Himself provided the way for our sins to be removed.**

**a. God loves us.**

**Jeremiah 31:3, “The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: ‘Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.’ ”**

**4. Because God loves us, He Himself provided the way for our sins to be removed.**

**b. God Himself provided the way for our sins to be totally removed, forgiven, and forgotten.**

**Isaiah 43:25, “I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins.”**

## **5. God's provision required a blood sacrifice.**

**Leviticus 17:11, “ ‘For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement [cleansing] for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement [a cleansing for sin] for the soul.’ ”**

**6. Animal sacrifices provided only a temporary atonement (cleansing) for our sin. Thus, animal sacrifices were substitutes for the one bringing the sacrifice. But these were temporary, requiring an annual repetition on the Day of Atonement. But these sacrifices were designed by God to picture the need for a substitute, a human sacrifice that would permanently pay for all sin.**

**Leviticus 16:34, “ ‘This shall be an everlasting statute for you, to make cleansing for the children of Israel, for all their sins, once a year.’ And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.”**

**Isa. 53:6, “All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**

**Isa. 53:7, “He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.”**

**Isa. 53:10, “Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You [YHWH] make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.”**

**Gen. 22:13, “Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering as a substitute of his son, Isaac.”**

**Gen. 22:14, “And Abraham called the name of the place, **The–LORD–Will–Provide**; as it is said to this day, ‘In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided.’ ”**

**7. God provided a permanent removal of our sin through the promised Messiah who died as a substitute sacrifice for the sins of the world.**



a. **The Messiah died in our place (Isa. 53:4–6; 11–12).**

**Isa. 53:4, “Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.**

**Isa. 53:5, “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.**

**Isa. 53:6, “All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”**

**Isa. 53:11**, “He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous [צַדִּיק *tzaddiq* righteous] Servant shall make righteous [*tzaddaq*] many, for He [the righteous Servant] shall bear their iniquities.

**Isa. 53:12**, “Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.”

**b. The Messiah rose from the dead (Isa. 53:10, 12; Psa. 16:10).**

**Isa. 53:10, “Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.”**

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**Psalm 16:10, “For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.”**

**8. If all of our righteousnesses are as filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6) and we are all sinners, separated by our sins from God, how does anyone obtain righteousness that God accepts?**

**a. As with Abraham, God declares us righteous when we believe in His provision.**

**Genesis 15:6, “And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness [צַדִּיק *tzaddiq* righteous].”**

**Habakkuk 2:4, “Behold the proud, his soul is not upright in him; But the righteous [צַדִּיק *tzaddiq* righteous] shall live by his faith.” [RD]**

**Isa. 53:10, “Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.**

**Isa. 53:11, “He [the LORD] shall see the labor of His [the Servant’s] soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous [צַדִּיק *tzaddiq* righteous] Servant shall make righteous [*tzaddaq*] many, for He [the righteous Servant] shall bear their iniquities.”**



**b. As with Moses and David, God wants us to believe in the Messiah.**

**Deut. 18:15, “The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear,”**

**Psalm 2:7, “I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You.’ ”**

**Psa. 2:12, “Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.”**

**9. The Messiah is *Yeshua* (Jesus) of Nazareth who fulfilled many more than one hundred Messianic prophecies in the Hebrew Bible.**

**Won't you trust in *Yeshua* today for righteousness, forgiveness, and eternal life?**