

Psalm 119:174

I long for Your **Yeshua**, Adonai, and Your **Torah** is my delight.

The Oneness of God

#1

We worship and serve the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He is One and the only True God. He is the Eternal Living God, Creator and Sovereign of Everything, and He alone is to be feared. We are commanded to love our God with all our heart, all our soul and all our resources.

#**2**

The Word of God

The Torah is the Bible's foundation and expresses God's will and character to mankind for all time. The Tanach continues to reveal and clarify His will by providing the experiences of people over many centuries who interacted with God and His Torah. The Apostolic Writings provide the historical accounts of Yeshua's life and ministry, commentary on how to live out the Torah, and a history of the redeemed community after Yeshua's departure.

#3 Yeshua – Messiah and Savior

God sent His only begotten Son, Yeshua the Messiah, to live as a Torah-observant Jew, keeping the Torah perfectly as an example for us. He is the Passover Lamb of God. He was put to death, arose on the third day, ascended into Heaven, will return as King, and through Him alone salvation is provided to all.

#4 Holiness

We are called to be a people set apart from the world to The Lord.

#5 Righteousness

Mature believers display righteousness.

Gentile Inclusion

#6

Yeshua is the promised Messiah. Through Him, believing Gentiles are adopted into Israel. As such, they are full heirs to the promises and covenants of Israel along with all of their accompanying obligations and rewards.

#7

The Sabbath & Holy Days

The Sabbath and Holy Days are God's appointed times and are to be remembered, observed, guarded and set apart by all of His people.

#8

Resurrection & Judgment

God will physically resurrect the dead to life, and every person will give an account for his life and be rewarded or punished by God in perfect justice. (Borrowed from Dennis Prager's book *Exodus: God, Slavery, and Freedom*)

Do all believers in one God believe in the same God? *Or...*

Do they all believe in this God the Torah introduced to the world?

The statement, "I believe in God", tells us nothing about a person's beliefs or about the god in whom he or she believes.

Three questions you need to answer:

- 1. Do you believe in the God known as the "God of Israel"?
- 2. Does the god you believe in judge the moral behavior of every human being and by the same moral standard?
- 3. Do you believe in the God who gave the Ten Commandments?

John 5:28-29

"Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice and will come forth; those who did the **good deeds** to a resurrection of life, those who committed the **evil deeds** to a resurrection of judgment."

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Messiah, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, **whether good or evil**.

John 8:28-29

Yeshua therefore said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and **I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me**. And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for **I always do the things that are pleasing to Him**."

John 6:38

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but **the will of Him who sent Me**."

John 14:10

"Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you **I do not speak on My own initiative**, but **the Father abiding in Me does His works**."

John 12:44-45, 49

And Yeshua cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, does not believe in Me but in Him who sent Me. **He who** sees Me sees the One who sent Me...For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak.

Isaiah 45:5-7

I am Adonai, and there is nothing else; besides Me there is no God. I will gird you, though you have not known Me; That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun That there is nothing besides Me. I am Adonai, and there is nothing else, the One forming light and creating darkness, causing well-being and creating evil; I am Adonai who does all these.

Psalm 119:91

They stand this day according to Your ordinances, for **all things are Your servants**.

Deuteronomy 4:35,39

"To you it was shown that you might know that Adonai, He is God; **there is nothing else besides Him**... Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that Adonai, **He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is nothing else**.

The God of the Torah

The Most Important Idea in History (Borrowed from Dennis Prager's book <u>Exodus: God, Slavery, and Freedom</u>)

The God introduced by the Torah...

1. ...is the first god in history to have been entirely above and beyond nature.

a. This made moral and scientific progress possible.

b. Humans should not be ruled by their own nature.

2. ...brought about universal morality into the world.

a. Only if a moral God is universal, is morality universal.

- 3. ...means morality is real.
- 4. ...morally judges every human being.
- 5. ...gives humanity hope.
- 6. ...introduced holiness, elevating human beings from animals to creatures created in the divine image.
- 7. ...gives every individual unprecedented self-worth.

a. Since all humans are created in God's image, each of us is infinitely valuable.

8. ...is necessary for human brotherhood.

a. We all have the same Father!

9. ...began the long journey to belief in human equality.

10. ... is incorporeal.

a. This opened the human mind to abstract thought.

11. ...teaches us the physical is not the only reality.

a. Thus the possibility of a soul and afterlife.

- 12. ...means there is ultimate meaning to existence and to each of our lives.
- 13. ...gives human beings free will.
 - a. Only if we have a non-material soul can we rise above our genes and our environment and act autonomously.
- 14. ...teaches might is not right.
- 15. ...made human moral progress possible.