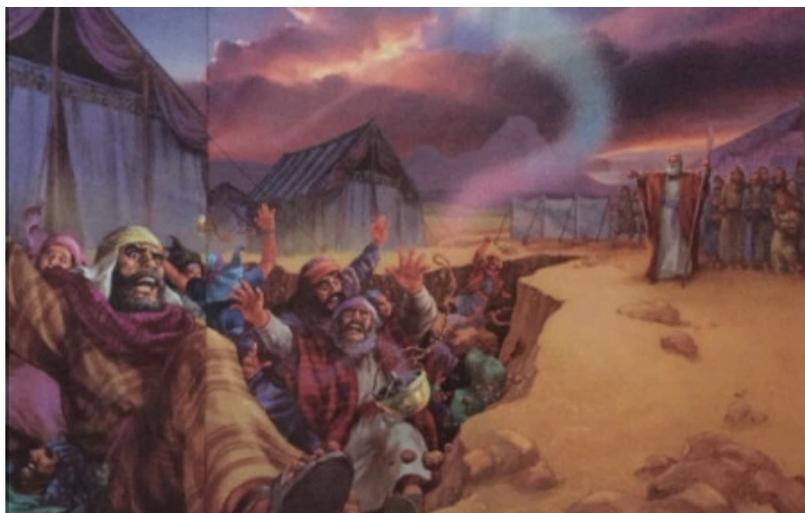


## Its Personal



*Moses said, “**By this you shall know that the LORD has sent me to do all these deeds; for this is not my doing.** 29 “If these men die the death of all men or if they suffer the fate of all men, then the LORD has not sent me. 30 “But if the LORD brings about an entirely new thing and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that is theirs, and they descend alive into Sheol, then you will understand that **these men have spurned the LORD.**” (Num 16:28-30)*

The Creator takes all behavior **personally**. It was hard for the ancient Israelites to see this. Are we doing any better today?

Just before the incident cited above dealing with Korah’s rebellion against Moses and Aaron, which really was against God personally, another incident of complaining against Moses and Aaron was taken **personally** by God after the Israelites heard the report about giants in the promised land.

**Num 14:2,11**

*2 All the sons of Israel grumbled **against Moses and Aaron**; and the whole congregation said to them, “Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! 11 The LORD said to Moses, “How long will this people **spurn Me**? And how long will they not believe **in Me**, **despite all the signs which I have performed in their midst?**”*

Those ancient Israelites were **personal** eyewitnesses to some awesome miracles – the ten plagues, the crossing of the Red Sea, and the complete destruction of Pharaoh’s army!

Why could they not see and be thankful that a Divine Being – a **Personal** God – was in charge of their lives – not just Moses and Aaron – and could defeat any enemy opposing them?

Will we do any better TODAY, when we **personally** witness the awesome miracles that are prophesied to occur as the fulfillments of Holydays 2 and 3 in the very near future – BEFORE the return of the Messiah on Holyday 4, the Feast of Trumpets?

How can we prepare our hearts and minds to keep our behavior on a **personal basis** with Our Creator, so that we can see and honor His interventions in our lives, as He tries to form us into His image and likeness spiritually?

**Firstly**, we can realize that each of us has **personally** and **literally** received “**the spirit in man**” directly from “The Father of us all”, as is states in Malachi 2:10.

**Mal 2:10**

*10 “**Do we not all have one father? Has not one God created us?** Why do we deal treacherously each against his brother so as to profane the covenant of our fathers?”*

**Eccl 12:7**

*7 then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and **the spirit will return to God who gave it.***

**1 Cor 2:11**

*11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the **spirit of the man which is in him**? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.*

So, each one of us has had, from our very inception and conception, a direct **personal** connection to a Divine Entity – The Creator of all things – who calls Himself a “**Father**” in order to help us understand that there exists a very **personal**, special and unique **love relationship** with each us that He has created to be like Him – an I AM THAT I AM.

**Secondly**, we can realize that this very **personal** Being, does take all of our behavior **personally**. Besides the verses in the Old Testament that support this assertion, there are many verses in the New Testament that also support this important aspect about the impact of our daily conduct.

**Mt 25:40**

*40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, **ye have done it unto me.***

**Lk 10:16**

*16 “The one who listens to you listens to **Me**, and the one who rejects you rejects **Me**; and he who rejects Me rejects **the One who sent Me.**”*

**Jn 13:20**

20 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send **receives Me**; and he who receives Me receives **Him who sent Me.**”

King David recorded for our benefit this aspect of **sinning directly against God**, when he had an affair that involved murdering another man.

**Ps 51:4**

4 **Against You, You only, I have sinned** And done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak And blameless when You judge.

The “**You only**” aspect is stressed here because, in a very literal sense, the I AM that is present in each man and woman is in a direct connection to the I AM THAT I AM. So every attack on one’s “I AM” is a direct attack upon THE “I AM THAT I AM”!

All of these verses show that there is an emphasis being placed on the **personal impact** of our sins upon **the Christ** of the New Testament, and upon **The Father** as “Him who sent Me”.

Moreover, this aspect is further emphasized by the fact that this Christ of the New Testament is **the Same Being** who was the God of the Old Testament, and His position on this issue remains unchanged.

**1 Cor 10:4**

4 and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and **the rock was Christ.**

So, if from the above, we can see that our behavior **personally impacts** both The Father and The Son, then **how much more**

**careful** should we be about what we think, say, and do to others every day of our lives here on this earth?

**Behavior matters!** God takes what we say and do to others *personally* – **as if we did it to Him!**

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