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**Test 10**

## An Open Letter from the Staff...

God is a generic term that means the Creator God to most readers of the Bible. The nature of this Creator God is very misunderstood by almost all the inhabitants of this earth -- including those who use the Bible as their authority.

Most of the billion and one half Asians know nothing of the Creator God. The same can be said for most of the nearly one billion people in India, and most of Africa. This is understandable since most of these peoples have their own religions, their own sacred scriptures, and their own multiplicity of gods, none of which is the Creator God of the Bible.

What is surprising is that even in the Israelite countries, where the Bible is prominent, there is still much confusion and misinformation on the nature of the deity that is worshiped. Is there one God, or are there two Gods (Twinity), three Gods, or a three-in-one God (Trinity)? And where do Yeshua the Messiah and the holy spirit fit in?

And can God die? How many students of the Bible have ever faced this question? Is there really any reason to consider the mortality of Almighty God? It almost seems absurd to even consider the question of the death of the Creator God. The answer seems so obvious as to be foolish to even think about such a thing.

The problem is that there are some who think Yeshua the Messiah (Jesus Christ, to most) pre-existed his humanity. They think that his pre-existence was as the God of the Old Testament -- the Creator God, the God of the Twelve Tribes of Israel, the YEHOVAH of the Ten Commandments.

They think that this God became a human being, Yeshua, who eventually died. In other words, they think that GOD DIED. They think that YEHOVAH, the Creator God of Genesis 1 must have died. So it becomes relevant to ask -- can God really die?

What does the Bible really say? Why are there so many different conclusions about the nature of God -- all supposedly based on the same scriptures?

Lesson 40, and subsequent lessons, tackle these questions and show the TRUTH about the nature of YEHOVAH God and His Messiah!



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### About Our Cover...

Pictured on our Test 10 cover is a composite of the cover photos used in the preceding four lessons. Each picture is a reminder of the marvelous Bible Truths you studied with each lesson.

## What Is the Worst Sin We Can Commit?

THE other day this question came to my mind: "What is the greatest possible sin anyone could commit?"

Certainly a lack of gratitude is one of the most prevalent, if not the most terrible, of sins. Few have learned to really appreciate what they have. Most are prone to accept the good things by taking them for granted, failing to give thanks. We gripe about our complaints more than we count our blessings.

But now the question came to me: "What is the WORST of all sins? The most awful sin that can be committed is, perhaps, one of the very LAST that most people would name. Because the governments of men punish murder with capital punishment, many would suppose murder to be the capital sin. But there is a GREATER sin.

The question and answer came to me in a very pleasant and enjoyable manner. I was reading, in the Fenton translation, **I Chronicles 29**, beginning **verse 10**. The people of Israel, at King David's request, had contributed liberally for the building of YEHOVAH God's Temple which was to be erected by Solomon. David, deeply moved by their generosity, was inspired to an emotional expression of gratefulness, combined with a vision of the greatness, the majesty and glory of YEHOVAH God. He was publicly expressing his heart-touched gratitude and praise. David was exultant. This is what he was saying, before all the people:

"Blessed be You, the EVER-LIVING -- the God of our Father Israel -- from Eternity to Eternity! With You LORD, is Greatness, and Power, and beauty, and splendour, and glory! For all the Heavens and the Earth are Yours, LORD! And Headship of all!"

As I read David's words of gratitude and praise, my mind seemed to catch the resplendent vision of the GREATNESS, the supreme universe-ruling POWER, the awesome BEAUTY, the SPLENDOR, the matchless GLORY of the

Almighty GOD! Words are inadequate to describe! We would have to magnify superlatives, and then multiply them!

And we mortals are so insignificant, so feeble, so weak, so vile by comparison. King David continued:

"Therefore, our GOD, we all thank and praise Your Majestic Name, for who am I, and who are my people, that we are able freely to give like this? For all comes from You."

Every good thing comes from YEHOVAH GOD! He is Creator, Sustainer, Ruler. His Glory is beyond human imagination. His is the perfect, holy, and righteous character. He IS, and is the very source of, LOVE, WISDOM, GOODNESS, MIGHT and POWER. He sustains and controls and directs every power and force and energy, ruling the vast UNIVERSE!

And yet, He, so great, so mighty, so glorious, is extremely mindful of each one of us! He loves us so very much He CHOSE Yeshua the Messiah, who became His only begotten Son, to pay the penalty, in our stead, of our folly -- our sins. He raised the Messiah from the dead, BORN again by his resurrection, and gave to him POWER and GLORY, making him, the risen ever-living MESSIAH, the Judge and High Priest over the Supreme Government of the limitless UNIVERSE!

More than that, through the Messiah, YEHOVAH God has made it possible for us to also be begotten of the glorious GOD Himself!

Through the living Messiah we may receive the very spirit -- the LIFE -- the divine NATURE of YEHOVAH GOD! Thus we become co-heirs WITH the Messiah, that we, too, may be BORN by a resurrection as very SONS of YEHOVAH GOD. Yeshua the Messiah was made the FIRSTBORN of many brethren! He, the Messiah, already has INHERITED -- and we through him may become joint HEIRS to later inherit all that is YEHOVAH God's -- the UNIVERSE ENTIRETY!

Can your mind grasp it? ALL THAT IS YEHOVAH'S, WE MAY SHARE!

A portion of this we may imbibe, drink

in, be filled with and enjoy **HERE AND NOW**, even in this temporary life! Every good thing **COMES FROM YEHOVAH GOD!**

Even now, in this frail human life, we may receive from Him guidance and wisdom, protection from physical harm, healing when ill, peace of mind, deliverance from trouble, and all the attributes of His character -- His divine, **FAITH, PATIENCE, ASSURANCE, GOODNESS, POWER** to overcome.

From Him, and from Him alone, we may drink in real happiness and joy! From Him we may receive the knowledge of the **TRUE VALUES** -- we may know the **PURPOSE** of life -- the **WAY** to every good thing. We may receive every good and perfect gift that comes down from above!

All this we may freely have -- according as we **YIELD** our wills to Him and to His will as He reveals it in His Word -- according as we yield to harmonious contact and relationship with Him!

It is a personal, intimate relationship. It is a perfect father-and-son relationship, such as we seldom experience in our carnality with our human fathers. The carnal-minded son may within his nature harbor an innate spirit of antagonism toward his human father. But the very conversion which establishes the father-and-son relationship with the heavenly Father surrenders totally and crushes out that hostile attitude toward **YEHOVAH God**. We come to love and reverence and adore Him.

But now consider what this contact with the living God means. He is the **Great GOD** -- Creator -- above all! He governs the universe. His power is supreme over all force and energy. His knowledge is infinite, his wisdom perfect. Not only does He reveal to His begotten sons His great **PURPOSE** and Plan, and His laws and ways that lead to peace, happiness, prosperity, and joy through His written Word (which only the begotten spirit-led can understand) -- through our worship and prayer contact He actually intervenes **INDIVIDUALLY**, on behalf of each one **PERSONALLY**.

Thus He guides His begotten sons in specific incidents, problems, and experiences. He actually works out circumstances in our behalf. He gives us, when we ask Him, grace and favor in the eyes of those with whom we must deal in the world -- causing even our enemies to be at peace with us. He delivers us from trials, temptations and troubles. He heals us when sick. He sets an angel to guard and protect us from physical harm. He prospers those who rely on Him and obey Him.

Every good thing comes from Him. He richly lavishes upon us His grace, blesses us with every spiritual blessing within the heavenly sphere!

Think of all the blessings for here and now! Think of the **ABUNDANT LIVING** He bestows on His obedient and trusting sons! Think of the indescribable **GLORY** and **POWER**, together with eternal joyful life, we may inherit in the World Tomorrow -- for all eternity!

Now what would be the worst, the most terrible sin one could possibly commit? I think it is self-evident. It is to have another god before the true living **GOD!**

Whatever occupies your interest more than **YEHOVAH God** and His Word is the idol you are putting before Him. None can be truly converted -- actually **BEGOTTEN** of **YEHOVAH God** -- until whatever is his **IDOL** has been smashed, and torn root and branch from his affection and mind and heart.

**WHAT'S YOURS?** What do you seek first -- pleasures, the television screen, your wife, husband, children? What is it that **YOU** **JUST** can't **GIVE UP**? You'll **HAVE** to give it up, you know -- or you **ARE COMMITTING THE MOST AWFUL SIN IT IS POSSIBLE TO COMMIT!** It is the sin that shuts you off from that personal **CONTACT** with **YEHOVAH GOD!**

**YEHOVAH** tells us that His ear is not deaf that He cannot hear our petitions; His arm is not short that it cannot respond -- but **OUR SINS** have separated between Him and us, that He

WILL NOT hear!

You have to be willing to FORSAKE ALL, as Peter did, and follow the Messiah, or remain cut OFF from YEHOVAH God!

Our physical surroundings in this world are sordid, gloomy, dark, and it's a cold, cold world! Yet we may freely imbibe, drink in, be filled with and ENJOY here and now a share of the matchless BEAUTY, the SPLENDOR, the GLORY and the HAPPINESS that belongs to and comes from the living GOD!

We may have this in ever-increasing measure. YEHOVAH gives us an "earnest payment" of our potential glorious inheritance HERE AND NOW, in this life! Though this world is unhappy and full of depressing discouragements, we may share the Messiah's glory and peace and happiness and beauty within!

The greatest possible sin is that which shuts you out from the greatest possible acquirement! It is the ULTIMATE!

The most terrible possible PUNISHMENT that could be sentenced and carried out on any human would be to permanently and irrevocably cut one off from all possible access to YEHOVAH GOD!

This world IS cut off from YEHOVAH God -- it has cut itself off! Yet, NOT irrevocably. You may have FREE ACCESS to the Great God -- through Yeshua the Messiah our Lord and High Priest! The WAY is unconditional surrender of your rebellious will to HIS -- to YEHOVAH's WAY -- His right and perfect laws. The WAY, then, is by faith in the Messiah as personal Savior.

Man, without YEHOVAH God, is utterly helpless and doomed. WITH YEHOVAH God, he becomes the recipient of every good and perfect gift from above!

## TEST NUMBER TEN

THIS TENTH examination is given to help you BETTER UNDERSTAND your Bible and EVALUATE your own progress.

You should by all means take this test after finishing the previous four lessons. It is a SIMPLE EXAMINATION covering your studies in this tenth group of four lessons. It's a quick review to help YOU REMEMBER and put to PRACTICAL USE the vital Truth of YEHOVAH God you have learned. It also lets us know of your CONTINUED interest in the study of your Bible.

Notice that there are 42 questions in this test. Also notice that FOUR CHOICES are given under EACH question. These are labeled A, B, C, D. ONLY ONE of these four choices is the CORRECT answer! The other three are FALSE, UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE.

YOU ARE TO SELECT THE ONE RIGHT ANSWER FROM AMONG THESE FOUR CHOICES. You do this by CIRCLING the letter of the answer you feel to be correct.

The correct answers to the first two questions are already circled for you as examples. Repeat this procedure for each question. (Generally speaking, the INCORRECT answers are FALSE ideas which are taught and believed about the subject.)

Notice that the questions are divided into four parts -- each part representing one of the four lessons to this present group. We advise you not to cover more than one lesson at a sitting. Take sufficient time to understand each question. Try to answer as many questions as you can without referring to the lessons. If you find any difficult questions, then REFER TO THE LESSONS. We expect you to do so -- it isn't cheating!

Once you have finished going over the questions and are satisfied with your answers, FILL OUT your ANSWER SHEET by placing an "X" in the box which corresponds to the selection you have chosen to be the correct answer FOR EACH QUESTION. (Notice that

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the first two questions are already marked correctly for you on your answer sheet as examples.) That's all there is to it! It's very simple and fast.

You are to **SEND ONLY THE ANSWER SHEET** in to us when filled out. Handle your answer sheet carefully at all times. A **SMOOTH SHEET** is easier to grade.

We will **CONTINUE** to send you further lessons as long as you sincerely desire to understand more of the Bible. So be sure to **TAKE THIS TEST** and send us your completed answer sheet.

1. The way to exercise the faith of the Messiah is

- A. to step out and put his faith to work in total obedience.
- B. to neglect doing what he commands us to do through his faith.
- C. to make a tentative move and then wait to see if YEHOUVAH God blesses you.
- D. to sit back and do nothing.

2. Abraham's faith

- A. was tested only once.
- B. grew without the need of trials or tests.
- C. was accounted to him for righteousness because he obeyed YEHOUVAH God through faith.
- D. was sufficient without any obedience.

### **Lesson 37**

#### **Management, Labor & Property Rights Under YEHOUVAH's Law**

3. According to the Bible property rights

- A. will be abolished during the Millennium.
- B. will be abolished during the Jubilee year.
- C. are a key factor in YEHOUVAH God's economic policy.
- D. will be vested in the Levites only.

4. What is at the very center and life of an orderly economic system?

- A. A strong credit card system.
- B. The family.
- C. Control of the national wealth by the financiers
- D. A reasonable rate of interest on personal loans.

5. Under YEHOUVAH God's economic system, what will be the criterion of wealth?

- A. Goods.
- B. Gold coins.
- C. Silver coins.
- D. Paper money.

6. What happens during the Jubilee year?

- A. All property returns to the state.
- B. Leases are automatically renewed for another 49 years.
- C. The Federal Reserve Bank releases money for new loans.
- D. All leases expire and the property returns to the family of inheritance.

7. The practice of downsizing and sending jobs offshore

- A. will continue during the Millennium.
- B. releases loan capital that can be used during the Jubilee year.
- C. is a Biblical principle found in the Old Testament.
- D. will be completely eliminated during the Millennium.

8. According to YEHOUVAH's law national assets

- A. belong to all the people.
- B. belong to the Levites only.
- C. are to be used for maintaining the armed

forces.

**D.** are to be sold off to the highest bidders.

**9.** The institution of a non-interest bearing medium of exchange

**A.** will cause the economy to collapse.

**B.** will allow other countries to get an unfair economic advantage over us.

**C.** will cause a cycle of prosperity such has never before been seen.

**D.** will encourage excess land speculation and marginal stock market trading.

**10.** What is the prime purpose of production in YEHOUVAH's economic plan?

**A.** To fund the mining of gold and silver.

**B.** To supply men with the needs and comforts of life.

**C.** To provide rich stock owners with high yield returns.

**D.** To provide the Levites with capital to loan out to the people.

**11.** Under YEHOUVAH God's law

**A.** the Levites will be taxed but not the common people.

**B.** all taxes will go into the Temple treasury.

**C.** all buildings and machinery will be taxed.

**D.** no tax will be levied against a man's inheritance.

**12.** At the close of every 49 years an extra year

**A.** is known as the Jubilee year.

**B.** is known as the Feast of Tabernacles.

**C.** is needed to renew all leases on the land.

**D.** is known as the "year of rest."

### Lesson 38

#### What It Means To "Live By Faith"

**13.** Might YEHOUVAH God actually allow one to die, who was faithfully trusting in Him?

**A.** No, that could never happen. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were mistaken in thinking it could.

**B.** With each trial YEHOUVAH God will always make a way of escape short of death.

**C.** Yes, because one must be willing to give up his life for the Messiah and his ways. But YEHOUVAH God has promised to resurrect all who have diligently served Him.

**D.** YEHOUVAH God would be unfair to decide that anyone should wait until the resurrection for deliverance or healing.

**14.** After YEHOUVAH God had tested Abraham to the fullest extent possible, His promise to Abraham was made

**A.** conditional upon his children obeying YEHOUVAH God.

**B.** unconditional.

**C.** retroactive to the time of Adam.

**D.** to become active during the reign of King David.

**15.** What chapter in the Book of Hebrews is referred to as the "faith" chapter?

**A.** The third.

**B.** The seventh.

**C.** The twentieth.

**D.** The eleventh.

**16.** Abraham demonstrated faith in YEHOUVAH God by

**A.** his obedience to YEHOUVAH's laws.

**B.** leaving Ur of the Chaldees without his wife.

**C.** having a large family.

**D.** killing his only son Isaac.

**17.** What are the twin conditions to receiving YEHOUVAH's promises?

**A.** Hope and optimism.

**B.** Bible study and prayer.

- C. Faith and obedience.
- D. Keeping Christmas and Easter.

18. During Noah's day -- much like today -- the land was

- A. full of God-fearing people.
- B. a type of the soon-coming Kingdom of YEHOVAH God.
- C. governed by YEHOVAH's economic laws.
- D. full of wickedness and crime.

19. What was the Israelites' basic problem during the Exodus?

- A. They failed to utilize the holy spirit given them before leaving Egypt.
- B. They failed to take enough supplies to last the time of the Exodus.
- C. They lacked faith and disobeyed YEHOVAH's commandments.
- D. There were too many non-Israelites in their midst.

20. In whom did Abraham have complete confidence?

- A. YEHOVAH God.
- B. Yeshua the Messiah.
- C. Melchizedek, king of Salem.
- D. In himself.

21. Which one of the following statements is true?

- A. Faith is the "power of positive thinking."
- B. The person who trusts in his own heart is wise.
- C. Sanctimonious sentimentality, feelings and emotions are evidence of having the faith of the Messiah.
- D. The faith of YEHOVAH God is a spiritual matter -- not physical!

22. Which one of these four statements is false?

- A. Faith must always be linked with obedience because faith without works is dead.
- B. One with the Messiah's faith in him will deliberately disobey the Ten Commandments.
- C. The ancient Israelites remained faithless and disobedient even after seeing YEHOVAH's tremendous miracles.
- D. One with the Messiah's faith in him really believes YEHOVAH's ways are always best.

### **Lesson 39**

#### **Principles of Prophecy -- The Black Horse of Revelation 6**

23. What are the Biblical symbols for famine?

- A. A black horse and rider with scales.
- B. Cows and heads of grain.
- C. A chariot pulled by red horses.
- D. A ram with two horns.

24. The white horse of Revelation 6:2 represents

- A. false religion deceiving the very elect.
- B. the resurrection of the saints when the Messiah appears.
- C. the 144,000 firstfruits of the 1st century A.D.
- D. the going forth of the Gospel of the Kingdom of YEHOVAH God.

25. The veneration of the Virgin Mary

- A. is a pagan custom that comes from the cult of the Oriental mother goddess.
- B. is a Christian custom found in the pages of the New Testament.
- C. is not practiced by the Roman Catholic Church.
- D. was practiced by the early true Ecclesia in the years following the Messiah's death.

26. What is the symbol of the holy spirit?

- A. Holy water.
- B. Olive oil.
- C. Red wine.
- D. Grape juice.

27. The balance or scales in the Bible

- A. is symbolic of famine in the Old Testament.
- B. represents the “balance of power” between Israel and her neighbors.
- C. is associated with the concept of “weighing the heart.”
- D. is not associated with the prophecy of Daniel 5:27.

28. The phrase to eat “bread by weight” and to “drink water by measure”

- A. means that YEHOVAH’s truth has been corrupted, commercialized and measured out.
- B. refers to a time of great famine in the near future.
- C. pictures the Roman Catholic mass on Sundays.
- D. refers to YEHOVAH’s truth going out to the world with all recipients receiving an equal share.

29. What we learn from the ride of the black horse is

- A. that it was not allowed to hinder the dissemination of the true gospel.
- B. that its power for harm was totally unrestrained.
- C. that it fulfilled its purpose in the first century of the Christian era.
- D. that its fulfillment is in the future only.

30. In Zechariah the scroll that went out over the entire earth

- A. pictures YEHOVAH’s truth spreading to the far reaches of the earth.
- B. represents the Book of Zechariah in the Old Testament.

- C. is the decree of Cyrus allowing the Judahites to return to Jerusalem.
- D. pictures the false gospel going out to the world from Judea.

31. Simon Magus (the sorcerer)

- A. became a disciple of the Messiah after his repentance.
- B. was the real “Peter” the Catholics claim was the first pope.
- C. never went to Rome but stayed in Judea only.
- D. never claimed to be the Son of YEHOVAH God and creator of angels.

32. The writings of the post-apostolic fathers

- A. never reflected the influence of Greek philosophical thought.
- B. urged that the Bible only be the basic primer for Christianity.
- C. insisted that Greek philosophy “be a kind of preparation for Christianity.”
- D. stated that Hellenistic dualism should not be a part of the Christian Church.

#### Lesson 40

#### The Messiah’s Pre-Existence -- Fact Or Fable?

33. Yeshua the Messiah is firstborn

- A. because he was the oldest of Joseph’s sons.
- B. because he was known as the “first Adam.”
- C. since he was the first human being to be born of the holy spirit impregnating a woman.
- D. by virtue of his moral excellence and obedience to YEHOVAH God.

34. The Roman Emperor Constantine the “Great”

- A. helped establish a corrupted and pagan “Christianity.”
- B. was responsible for making YEHOVAH’s

truth the state religion.

- C. rejected the concept of a pre-existent savior.
- D. allowed the Good News of the Kingdom of YEHOVAH God to be preached without persecution.

**35. The Messiah's neighbors in Nazareth**

- A. were convinced that he was formed by the union of the holy spirit with his mother Mary.
- B. knew full well that the Messiah's biological father was Joseph the carpenter.
- C. were not aware that he had brothers and sisters.
- D. honored the Messiah as a chosen prophet of YEHOVAH God.

**36. When all enemies are placed under the Messiah's feet**

- A. YEHOVAH God will make him King of the entire world.
- B. he will assume a subordinate role in relationship to YEHOVAH God.
- C. he will reside in the Holy of Holies of the Temple in Jerusalem.
- D. he will no longer be our High Priest and intercessor with YEHOVAH God.

**37. I John 5:7 in the New Testament**

- A. is found in the earliest manuscripts of the New Testament.
- B. was included by the Mormons during the 19th century.
- C. is not found in the New Testament before the year 400 A.D.
- D. was used by Simon Magus to develop his theology.

**38. The Messiah first began performing miracles**

- A. immediately after his baptism by John in 28 A.D.
- B. as soon as he was old enough to walk and

talk.

- C. at the age of 12 after being taught by Gamaliel.
- D. right after his resurrection in 31 A.D.

**39. The glorification of the Messiah**

- A. took place when he was baptized by John.
- B. occurred at his birth since he had the holy spirit from birth.
- C. will not take place until the Millennium.
- D. took place after his death and resurrection.

**40. The Messiah was "from above" and "not of this world"**

- A. because he pre-existed in Heaven from before the Creation.
- B. since he manifested wisdom and characteristics that were of and from YEHOVAH God through the holy spirit.
- C. because he was formerly the God of the Old Testament.
- D. due to the fact he was part of a Triune or Biune god.

**41. The followers of the Messiah will**

- A. reign with him in Heaven as soon as they die.
- B. reign with him on earth following the resurrection.
- C. still be in human form following the resurrection.
- D. have a minor role in the soon-coming Kingdom of YEHOVAH God.

**42. What was necessary for the atonement of the Messiah?**

- A. Pre-existence as the second "god" in a Biune relationship.
- B. To be born of the virgin Mary.
- C. Pre-existence as the second "god" in a Triune relationship.
- D. Human existence with no pre-existence.

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**Answers to Questions in Lesson 40:**

1. Absolutely not! 2. subordinate 3. Constantine the "Great." 4. After his death and resurrection. 5. John never wrote it! This verse is not found before 400 A.D. 6. After the Messiah's resurrection. 7. No 8. Joseph the carpenter. 9. No 10. No 11. Yes. 12. Human existence without pre-existence. 13. pre-eminence of position or status. 14. position of privilege or elevation. 15. by virtue of his moral excellence and obedience to YEHOVAH God.

