

## THE "CHOSEN"

Baruk (Blessed) be the Alhym and Father of our Adon **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) Ha Mashiach, who has Baruk (Blessed) us with every spiritual Barakah (Blessing) in the heavenly places in Mashiach (Messiah), 4 just as He Chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be Qadosh (Holy) and Blameless before Him. 5. In Love He predestined (Proorizō 4309: foreordain, predetermine, mark out beforehand, "to pre-establish boundaries," i.e. before creation) us to adoption as sons through **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) HaMashiach to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, 6 to the Hallu (Praise) of the esteem (glory) of His unmerited favor (grace), which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. **Ephesians 1:3**

Predestination is **AYAZL** (Yahuah) knowing certain things will occur ahead of time. What did **AYAZL** (Yahuah) know or predetermine ahead of time? According to **Romans 8:29-30**, **AYAZL** (Yahuah) foreknew and predetermined that certain individuals would conform to the likeness of His Son, be called, justified, and glorified. Essentially, **AYAZL** (Yahuah) foreknows (predetermines) that certain individuals would fulfill his Will and will receive Salvation. Numerous scriptures refer to believers in **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) being Chosen (**Matthew 24:22, 31; Mark 13:20, 27; Romans 8:33, 9:11, 11:5-7, 28; Ephesians 1:11; Colossians 3:12; 1 Thessalonians 1:4; 1 Timothy 5:21; 2 Timothy 2:10; Titus 1:1; 1 Peter 1:1-2, 2:9; 2 Peter 1:10**).

If **AYAZL** (Yahuah) is Choosing who is Saved, doesn't that undermine our Free Will to Choose and Believe in **OWYAZL** (Yahusha)? Scripture says that we have the choice—all who believe in **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) HaMashiach will be saved (**John 3:16; Romans 10:9-10**). Scripture never describes **AYAZL** (Yahuah) rejecting anyone who believes in Him or turning away anyone who is seeking Him (**Deuteronomy 4:29**). Somehow, in the mystery of **AYAZL** (Yahuah), predestination works hand-in-hand with a person being drawn by **AYAZL** (Yahuah) (**John 6:44**) and believing unto Salvation (**Romans 1:16**). **AYAZL** (Yahuah) predestines (knows in advance) who will be Saved, and we must agree and Choose **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) in order to be Saved.

The false teaching that Salvation is a product of Man's "Free" Will is nothing new within the Church. Even in Shaul (Paul)'s day men were confused and misled over the origins of their Amunah (Faith) and the manner of Salvation.

For example, Shaul (Paul)'s first (1<sup>st</sup>) letter to the Assembly in Corinth begins with a teaching on the sovereignty of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) in Choosing believers from among the meek and humble of society to shame the strong and powerful. Shaul (Paul) wrote this chapter to dispel the myth in Corinth that men were coming to Amunah (Faith) in **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) because of their associations with the "right" teacher, which was a type of Free Will heresy.

Consider your Calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. **27** But **AYAZL** (Yahuah) Chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; **AYAZL** (Yahuah) Chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; **28** **AYAZL** (Yahuah) Chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing

things that are, **29** so that no human being might boast in the presence of אַיָּאָל (Yahuah). **30** And because of him you are in **OWYָּאָל** (Yahusha) HaMashiach, who became to us wisdom from אַיָּאָל (Yahuah), Righteousness, Sanctification and Redemption, **31** so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in אַיָּאָל (Yahuah)." **1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

Notice Shaul (Paul) says in v.30 that the believers in Corinth were "in **OWYָּאָל** (Yahusha) HaMashiach" (i.e., they were believers) not because of Shaul (Paul)'s doing or even their own Free Will, but by "His doing" they were believers. It was **OWYָּאָל** (Yahusha)'s doing that caused the men in Corinth to accept the teaching or revelation of Mashiach (the Messiah)'s message. Their Amunah (Faith) was not a result of each man's own Will; it came as a matter of אַיָּאָל (Yahuah)'s Will.

Shaul (Paul) taught this same principle in Romans, when he says: So then it does not depend on the man who Wills or the man who runs, but on אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) who has mercy. **Romans 9:16**

In the context of **Romans 9**, Shaul (Paul) is talking about how men receive אַיָּאָל (Yahuah)'s mercy. Shaul (Paul) says אַיָּאָל (Yahuah)'s mercy doesn't depend on a man's Will, nor does it depend on how a man "Runs," which refers to his life's works. Rather, it depends entirely on אַיָּאָל (Yahuah), the One (1) Who extends mercy according to His Will.

Furthermore, Shaul (Paul) taught the Assembly in Corinth that men do not naturally receive the teaching or revelation of Mashiach (the Messiah)'s message:

For the Word of the Stake is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of אַיָּאָל (Yahuah). **1 Corinthians 1:18**

As it is written: "None is Righteous, no, not one (1); **11** no one understands; no one seeks for אַיָּאָל (Yahuah). **12** All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one (1) does good, not even one (1)." **Romans 3:10**

Since men lack the capacity to seek אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) and accept the teaching or revelation of Mashiach (the Messiah)'s message, אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) must initiate Amunah (Faith) in the heart to bring men to Himself, as Shaul (Paul) explains:

For by unmerited favor (grace) you have been Saved through Amunah (Faith); and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of אַיָּאָל (Yahuah); **9** not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. **10** For we are His workmanship, created in **OWYָּאָל** (Yahusha) HaMashiach for good works, which אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. **Ephesians 2:8**

Many Scriptural references are cited by those advocating Free Will Salvation, but these citations are always taken out of context, misinterpreted and misapplied. We could show many examples, but let's examine one (1) of the most common. **John 3:16** is commonly cited as "proof" of Free Will Salvation and the opportunity for every person to believe if they choose.

"For אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. **John 3:16**

To the ears of a Free Will advocate, **OWYָּאָל** (Yahusha) seems to be saying that Salvation is equally possible for every person, but this interpretation does not fit

OWYAZL (Yahusha)'s words, especially in the context of **John 3** overall. OWYAZL (Yahusha) declares that the means of Salvation is belief in Him, and the outcome of belief is eternal life, so that anyone who takes the step of belief will be Saved.

Free Will teachers have made the (false) assumption that OWYAZL (Yahusha) was defining who could be saved (i.e... everyone has equal opportunity to believe), but in reality OWYAZL (Yahusha) was speaking only about the manner of Salvation (i.e., Salvation is by Amunah (Faith) in OWYAZL (Yahusha). OWYAZL (Yahusha)'s statement has nothing to do with regards to who might be inclined towards saving Amunah (Faith), but yet this is also a promise to those who believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life..

In fact if we simply read a little further in the same chapter, we can see clearly OWYAZL (Yahusha) teaches that saving Amunah (Faith) is a consequence of AYAZL (Yahuah)'s choice not man's Will. Two (2) verses later, OWYAZL (Yahusha) states that if saving Amunah (Faith) is evident in a person's heart, it is evidence that AYAZL (Yahuah) has Chosen to open the heart and appoint the person to Amunah (Faith). But when Amunah (Faith) does not come, it is evidence that the person has been Judged by OWYAZL (Yahusha) already.

“For AYAZL (Yahuah) did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.18 “ He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of AYAZL (Yahuah). **John 3:17-18**

Notice that OWYAZL (Yahusha) expands on His comments in **John 3:16** by reminding us that those who do not accept the opportunity to believe and be Saved are showing evidence that they have been "Judged already" by AYAZL (Yahuah).

### **CHOSEN** **𐤀𐤍𐤁𐤀** (Bachar)

**𐤁𐤏** (Beit) Tent, House, In. **𐤁𐤏** (Hhet) Outside, Divide, Half, Tent Wall, Fence, Separation. **𐤀** (Resh) Head, Person, First, Top, Beginning.

The Chosen Are: Tent, House (Temple, i.e...your body). Divided, Separated (Set Apart) unto to the First, the beginning, the head.

Bachar (977), means: Acceptable, Appoint, Choose, Choice, Excellent, Join, Require, Chosen.

“You are my witnesses,” declares AYAZL (Yahuah), “and my servant whom I have Chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no Alhym was formed, nor shall there be any after me. **Isaiah 43:10**

“For you are a people Qadosh (Holy) to AYAZL (Yahuah) your Alhym. AYAZL (Yahuah) your Alhym has Chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. **Deuteronomy 7:6**

### **CHOSEN INDIVIDUALS**

There are numerous “Chosen” individuals in Scripture, including Moshah (Moses) (**Psalms 106:23**), Aaron (**Numbers 17:5-8**), and Yaqoob (Jacob) (**Isaiah 41:8-10**, **Isaiah 44:1-6**) “But you Yasharal (Israel) My servant, Yaqoob (Jacob) whom I have Chosen, descendant of Abraham My friend, you whom I have Taken from the ends of

the earth, and Called from its remotest parts and said to you, 'You are My Servant, I have Chosen you and not rejected you. Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your Alhym. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My Righteous Right hand.'"

Of course, of all of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s Chosen humans, David stands out:

"Since the day that I brought My people from the land of Mitsrym (Egypt), I did not choose a city out of all the tribes of Yasharal (Israel) in which to build a house that My Name might be there, nor did I choose any man for a leader over My people Yasharal (Israel); but I have Chosen Yarusalym (Jerusalem) that My Name might be there, and I have Chosen David to be over My people Yasharal (Israel)." **2**

### **Chronicles 6:5-6**

There are many scriptures that speak of Believers being Chosen:

Who will bring any charge against those whom אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) has Chosen? It is אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) who justifies. **Romans 8:33**

So too, at the present time there is a remnant Chosen by unmerited favor (Grace). And if by unmerited favor (Grace), then it is no longer by works; if it were, unmerited favor (Grace) would no longer be unmerited favor (Grace). What then? What Yasharal sought so earnestly it did not obtain, but the Chosen did. The others were hardened.

### **Romans 11:5-7**

In him we were also Chosen, having been predestined (proorizó (4309): foreordain, predetermine, mark out beforehand, "to pre-establish boundaries," i.e. before creation) according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his Will. **Ephesians 1:11**

Therefore, as אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s Chosen people, Qadosh (Holy) and dearly loved...

### **Colossians 3:12**

For we know, brothers loved by אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah), that he has Chosen you ...**1**

### **Thessalonians 1:4**

For many are Called, but few are Chosen. **Matthew 22:14**

### **WHAT DOES "MANY ARE CALLED, BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN MEAN?"**

It all begins with the Parable of the Wedding Feast. OWYָּאֵל (Yahusha) spoke this parable to show what the kingdom of Shamym (Heaven) will be like when the end of the age comes. In the parable, the king sends his servants out to gather the wedding guests to the wedding feast. But those invited refused to come, some because they were too busy with their own worldly pursuits and some because they were positively hostile toward the king. So the king commands his servants to go out and invite anyone they find, and many come and fill the wedding hall. But the king sees one man without wedding clothes, and he sends him away. OWYָּאֵל (Yahusha) concludes by saying that many are Called (invited) to the kingdom, but only those who have been "Chosen", those who have received Mashiach will come. Those who try to come without the covering of the blood of Mashiach for their sins are inadequately clothed and will be sent into "External darkness," (v. 13)

OWYָּאֵל (Yahusha) said many times, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear"

(**Matthew 11:15; Mark 4:9; Luke 8:8,14:35**). The point is that everyone has ears,

but only a few are listening and responding. Not everyone who hears the gospel receives it but only the “few” who have ears to hear. The “many” hear, but there is no interest or there is outright antagonism toward Alhym. Many are called or invited into the kingdom, but none are able to come on their own. אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) must draw the hearts of those who come; otherwise they will not **John 6:44**.

“All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from Shamym (Heavens) not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day...No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets: ‘They will all be taught by אַיָּאָל (Yahuah).’ Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me.”

So, all of אַיָּאָל (Yahuah)’s “chosen” will be saved without exception; they will hear and respond because they have spiritual ears to hear the truth. אַיָּאָל (Yahuah)’s power makes this certain. **Romans 8:28-30**: “And we know that in all things אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) foreknew (loved) he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also Called; those he Called, he also Justified; those he Justified, he also Glorified.”

How do we know if we are among the few that have ears to hear? By responding to the Call. Assurance of this certain Call, this Chosen Call, is from the Ruch Ah Qudesh. Consider **Philippians 1:6**, which says, “Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of **OWYָּאָל** (Yahusha) HaMashiach.

**The Called:** In the Greek language of the Brit HaDashah (NT), the word for “Called” is Kletos. It is related to the noun Klesis, which means “a Calling” and is used “especially of אַיָּאָל (Yahuah)’s invitation to man to accept the benefits of Salvation” (Vine’s Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words, “Call, Called, Calling”). It is interesting to note the similarities to the Greek word ekklesia, which means a calling out of. So the Called out consists of those who are Called (invited) by אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) to understand His plan, to repent of their Sins and to receive His Ruch Ah Qudesh.

It is important to understand that one’s Calling is an act of אַיָּאָל (Yahuah)! Only He Calls (invites) someone. That is quite evident in **John 6:44** when **OWYָּאָל** (Yahusha) told the crowds, “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him.”

There are a number of scriptures that speak of a Believers Calling. When Shaul (Paul) wrote his epistle to the Romans, he referred to his audience as “the Called of **OWYָּאָל** (Yahusha) HaMashiach (Messiah),” and the “beloved of אַיָּאָל (Yahuah), Called to be Chosen Believers” **Romans 1:6-7**. Later, when writing to the Corinthian brethren, Shaul (Paul) wrote: “אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) is Faithful, by whom you were Called into the fellowship of His Son, **OWYָּאָל** (Yahusha) HaMashiach (Messiah) our Adon” **1 Corinthians 1:9**.

Not only is a Believer to be Called into the “fellowship of His Son,” which indicates a relationship with Him, but there is a Calling “out of darkness into His marvelous

light” **1 Peter 2:9**. This is a true Barakah (Blessing) to be Called out of the confusion of erroneous teachings that are so prevalent in this world into the light of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) HaMashiach (Messiah)’s truth.

However, being Called is not enough to be a Chosen Believer. We must respond to that Calling (invitation). Positive action is required! To be Chosen, a person must accept his or her Calling, Choose to be Grateful for it and move forward in serving **AYAZL** (Yahuah) and His Son, **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) HaMashiach (the Messiah) in obedience to his Commandments, then we become Righteous Chosen Believers.

**The Chosen:** The word for “Chosen” in the Greek language is eklektos, meaning “Chosen out, Selected.” It can also be translated as “Elect” (Vine’s Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words, “Choice, Choose, Chosen”). **AYAZL** (Yahuah) truly Calls and He Chooses, but after one’s Calling, an individual decision has to be made as well. One must accept and Choose the Calling and act accordingly to become the Chosen.

“But we are bound to give thanks to **AYAZL** (Yahuah) always for you, brethren beloved by **AYAZL** (Yahuah), because **AYAZL** (Yahuah) from the beginning Chose you for Salvation through Sanctification by the Ruch (Spirit) and belief in the Truth (Turah/Tanakh), to which He Called you by our teaching or revelation of Mashiach (the Messiah)’s message, for the obtaining of the esteem of our Adon **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) HaMashiach (the Messiah). So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.” **2 Thessalonians 2:13-15**.

Shaul (Paul) clearly states the combined decision by **AYAZL** (Yahuah) to both Call and Choose His people, but the brethren (Believers) were to hold fast to what they were taught, whether it came from **AYAZL** (Yahuah)’s Word or from studies. They had to become and remain obedient to **AYAZL** (Yahuah) and his Commandments.

This is further explained in **Ephesians 1:13**: “In Him you also trusted, after you heard the Word of Truth (Turah/Tanakh), the teaching or revelation of Mashiach (the Messiah)’s message of your Salvation; in whom also, having believed you were sealed with the Ruch Ah Qudesh of promise”.

We have to make a decision after we hear the Word of Truth (Turah/Tanakh). We must trust **AYAZL** (Yahuah) and believe in His Son, and then be sealed with the Ruch Ah Qudesh.

We all are to be obedient to **AYAZL** (Yahuah). We cannot just accept the wonderful calling of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) and continue to live a life following our own desires. We are to be the “Chosen Believers according to the foreknowledge of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) the Father, in Sanctification of the Ruch (Spirit), for Obedience and sprinkling of the blood of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) HaMashiach (the Messiah)” **1 Peter 1:2**.

Shaul (Paul) very clearly stated the responsibilities of the Called: “Therefore, as the Chosen Believers of **AYAZL** (Yahuah), Qadosh (Holy) and Beloved, put on tender Mercies, Kindness, Humility, Meekness, Long Suffering; Bearing with one another, and Forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Mashiach (Messiah) forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on Love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the Shalum (Peace) of **AYAZL**

(Yahuah) rule in your Hearts, to which also you were Called in one (1) body; and be Thankful” **Colossians 3:12-15**.

## **THE MIND, WILL AND EMOTIONS**

The Will is how we exercise our freedom of Choices. **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) has given man this freedom when He created Adam. **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) will not violate our Wills and make us do the right thing, nor will He make choices for us. We can Choose His way, “the law of the Ruch (Spirit) of life in Mashiach (Messiah)” **Romans 8:22**: “For the law of the Ruch (Spirit) of life in **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) HaMashiach (The Messiah) has made me Free from the law of Sin and Death.”

The mind is the intellect, with reasoning being the “Voice” of the Mind. If the Mind remains un-renewed, not “healed,” it will continue to think carnal thoughts, believe false information, and result in fleshly speaking and living.

The emotions were designed by **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) to express His characteristics, which are placed in our Ruchs (Spirits) when we become reborn from above. Those are the “Fruits” written about in **Galatians 5:22-23** and other places. If we do not yield to the renewal process, we continue to act like our “old father,” HaSatan (the devil).

## **OVERCOMING THROUGH AMUNAH (FAITH)**

Renewing the mind will cause negative habits and emotions to change. The key to that change is Amunah (Faith). Through our Wills we must Choose to Change. However, it is only the work of the Ruch Ah Qudesh who can actually bring permanent change in us. We cannot do it in ourselves. We Choose to let go of the negative and that allows the Ruch to do the changing. But doubt and unbelief can keep a person from receiving. A Believer must make the Choices to live **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah)’s way and against his own way in absolute Amunah (Faith) that the Ruch will do His part and make the needed changes in us.

## **CHANGING OUR HABITS**

Every Sinful habit in our lives gained its foothold through our thoughts and choices. We can gain victory over those habits by thinking **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah)’s thoughts. A person who feels unworthy and unacceptable can replace those negative feelings with the truth that through **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha), he or she has become worthy and acceptable. The process of conforming to the image of **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) will be successful as we Choose to replace negative thoughts with positive ones. Scripture calls that “overcoming evil with good” **Romans 12:19-21**.

Our future is determined by all the Choices we are making today. Let us bring **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) into helping us make our decisions. In doing that it will determine whether our future will be secure and will have **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah)’s Barakah (Blessing) on it. Let us be as **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha/Joshua) was and declare: “As for me and my house, we will serve **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah).” **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) promised **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha/Joshua) good success if he obeyed the words of Turah and Chose to follow Him. **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha/Joshua) and his family were Baruk (Blessed) because he made the right choices; even though he went through many battles, **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) was with him. He was an over comer!

Scripture portrays humans as having Minds and Wills of their own. They are, in a

real sense (though limited), creators of their own behavior and determiners of our own destinies—whether this behavior and destiny is in line with אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s Will or not. This fundamental assumption is demonstrated in a variety of ways throughout Scripture. It is clearly expressed in Deuteronomy when אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) tells the children of Yasharal:

Surely, this Commandment that I am Commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away...See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the Commandments of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) your Alhym that I am Commanding you today, by loving אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) your Alhym, walking in his ways, and observing his Commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) your Alhym will Barak (Bless) you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other Alhym and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish...I have set before you life and Death, Barakah (Blessings) and Curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live....

### **Deuteronomy 30:11-19**

Whether the children of Yasharal are Baruk (Blessed) or Cursed depends on what they Choose to do. אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) set before them the possibilities of Life and Death, but they decide which possibilities they shall make a reality.

אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s Will is unequivocally for all to Choose to obey him: to Choose Life and not Death. But, sadly, many freely reject אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) to their own destruction, which he foreknew.

Scripture assumes that people made in the image of the Creator are capable of freely creating on their own. This is at least part of what Scripture means when it says that humans are made in Alhym (God's) image **Genesis 1:26-27**. We reflect אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s self-determination. We think, act and determine our destinies out of our "heart." אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) sets before us the possibilities of our lives, including the possibility of Life or Death. But we freely actualize whatever possibilities our "heart" desires.

This Scriptural understanding of freedom is clear from the fact that humans often use their freedom in ways that directly contradict אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s Will. People are not puppets that אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) secretly controls, but free agents who possess significant control of their own lives, and can either cooperate with, or resist, the Will of their Sovereign Creator.

This contradicts the classical notion that everything in history reflects אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s sovereign Will. History rather frequently reflects the Will of those who oppose the sovereign Will of the Creator. Scripture clearly teaches that אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) unequivocally does not Will Sin. But obviously Sin still occurs. Similarly, Scripture explicitly states that it is not אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s Will that any person would perish (**1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9**). But many nevertheless do perish. Hence, it is clear that אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s Will is not always accomplished, and אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s heart is frequently grieved.

Only in this light does OWYָּאֵל (Yahusha)'s lament over Yarusalym make any sense: Yarusalym, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How

often I have desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! **Matthew 23:37**

While the world as a whole has been created by אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), the world as it is at any given moment is the result not only of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)'s Will, but also the willingness of many other creatures who possess the אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)-given ability to freely determine for themselves, and thus to some extent determine the flow of world history. The final explanation for "the way things are" does not rest in one omnicontrolling dictatorial will, but in the myriad of Wills of this society of Free Will creatures.

**Hebrews 10:26** For if we Sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth (Turah/Tanakh), there remains no more sacrifice for Sins. The word "Willfully": From the Strong's Concordance from the verse quoted above is the translation of the Greek word "hekousiōs" (Strong's #:1595 Meaning: 1) voluntarily, willingly, of one's own accord, willing, with right good will, voluntary, spontaneous. 2) to Sin willfully as opposed to Sins committed inconsiderately, and from ignorance or from weakness.

Now why would **וַיְשׁוּעָה** (Yahusha) warn us about Sinning "Willfully" if we have no "Free Will"? Here's another usage of that same Greek word for "Willfully":

**1 Peter 5:2** "Feed the flock of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but "Willingly" this is the same exact Greek word (hekousiōs) used in **Hebrews 10:26**

Here's another similar Greek word. "hekōn" Meaning: 1) unforced, voluntary, willing 2) of one's own will 3) of one's own accord Scriptural usage:

"For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my Will, a dispensation is committed unto me." **1 Corinthians 9:17**

### **NO FREE WILL YOU SAY?**

Hmm, sounds like another false doctrine to me. I have provided three (3) verses in Scripture (the Bible) that refute the "no Free Will" claim. These verses are used in the context of making choices using Free Will. These verses can not be ignored and have at least made a case against "no free will" from Scripture. Be careful what you say. You can make אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) to look like He's double minded (to the unlearned).

Now it's important to mention that these verses are all being applied in the context of saved men using their Free Wills. Because **וַיְשׁוּעָה** (Yahusha) has set us Free from the bondage of HaSatan, we now can use our Free Wills to serve אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) more completely. In other words, אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) opens the door for us. Doors HaSatan can not close.

As Shaul (Paul) states, "But by the unmerited favor (grace) of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) I am what I am: and his unmerited favor (grace) which was bestowed upon me was not in vain (2756. kenos empty, ineffective, foolish, worthless, false, unreal, pretentious, hollow); but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the unmerited favor (grace) of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) which was with me." **1 Corinthians 15:10**

Shaul (Paul) states that "the unmerited favor (grace)" that was "bestowed" upon him

"was not in vain (2756. kenos empty, ineffective, foolish, worthless, false, unreal, pretentious, hollow)." Can we receive unmerited favor (grace) in vain (2756. kenos empty, ineffective, foolish, worthless, false, unreal, pretentious, hollow)?

"We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that you receive not the unmerited favor (grace) of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) in vain (2756. kenos empty, ineffective, foolish, worthless, false, unreal, pretentious, hollow)." **2 Corinthians 6:1**

Shaul (Paul) used his Free Will and knowledge of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) and the gifts אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) gave him to labor "more abundantly than they all". Shaul (Paul) states in the Scripture above that "... if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward" **1**

**Corinthians 9:17** For if I do this of my own Will, I have a reward, but if not of my own Will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship.

"Be not deceived; אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap." **Galatians 6:7**

But from there you will seek אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) your Alhym (God) and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul. **Deuteronomy 4:29**

"Seek אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), and his strength: seek his face evermore." **Psalms 105:4**

"Seek אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) while he may be found, call upon him while he is near:" **Isaiah 55:6**

"But seek first (1<sup>st</sup>) the kingdom of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), and his Righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you". **Matthew 6:33**

"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. 10 For every one that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks it shall be opened." **Luke 11:9, 10**

For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown Alhym.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. **24** The Alhym who made the world and everything in it, being master of Shamym (Heavens) and earth, does not live in temples made by man, **25** nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. **26** And he made from one (1) man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, **27** that they should seek אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, **28** for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed his offspring." **29** Being then אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)'s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. **30** The times of ignorance אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) overlooked, but now he Commands all people everywhere to repent, **31** because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." **Acts 17:22-31**

And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his Commandments. **1 John**

**2:3**

I have chosen the Faithful way; I have placed Your ordinances before me. **Psalm 119:30**

Let Your hand be ready to help me, For I have Chosen Your precepts. **Psalm 119:173**

Let us Choose for ourselves what is right; Let us know among ourselves what is good. **Job 34:4**

“Now therefore fear אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the Alhym that your fathers served beyond the River and in Mitsrym (Egypt), and serve אַיָּהּ (Yahuah).<sup>15</sup> And if it is evil in your eyes to serve אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), Choose this day whom you will serve, whether the Alhym) your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the Alhym of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve אַיָּהּ (Yahuah).” **Joshua 24:14-15**

And **וַיֹּשֻׁעַ** (Yahusha/Joshua) said unto the people, You are witnesses against yourselves that you have Chosen אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses. <sup>23</sup> Now therefore put away, said he, the strange Alhym (gods) which are among you, and incline your heart unto אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) Alhym (God) of Yasharal. **Joshua 21-23**

Free Will flows from divine Ahabah (love). To Ahabah (love) someone is to make them free. Since divine love is אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)'s very essence, he had to allow for Free Will. Forced Love does not produce true Love, which was his ultimate desire. Love and honor him with our Free Will as his Chosen Believers.