

OLD TESTAMENT GOSPEL OUTLINE by Olivier Melnick

As God is waiting for us to come to Him, we need to understand that the way to the almighty, while simple, requires for all of us to assess ourselves and recognize our shortcomings. The Bible is very clear on how we get to God, let us review the path together. This outline will be developed using scripture verses from the Hebrew Scriptures.

1. God loves mankind and wants to bless all

It is not and never was God's intention to be separated from mankind. God is a God of relationships and He wants nothing more than exercising this relationship with His creation.

You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever. (NASB. Psalm 16:11).

How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! And the children of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings. drink their fill of the abundance of Your house; And You give them to drink of the river of Your delights. With You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light. continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You, and Your righteousness to the upright in heart. (NASB. Psalm 36:7-10).

2. Mankind is separated from God by Sin

Even though, God desires to have a relationship with man, being the perfect and just God that He is, he is separated from us by our sin. The chasm is not insurmountable but it does exist.

Indeed, there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and who never sins. (NASB, Ecclesiastes 7:20).

The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; Who can understand it?(NASB. Jeremiah 17:9).

For all of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. (NASB. Isaiah 64:6).

3. The result of our sin is spiritual death

As the Bible makes it clear than our sin has separated us from a possible relationship with God, it also explains the punishment for our sins. A punishment that is the same for all, Jews and Gentiles alike, if they are indeed separated from God.

Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine the soul who sins will die. (NASB. Ezekiel 18:4).

But everyone will die for his own iniquity; each man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth will be set on edge. (NASB. Jeremiah 31:30).

But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear. (NASB. Isaiah 59:2).

4. There is nothing man can do himself to be reconciled to God

The Bible is very clear on this point as well, there is nothing we can do to save ourselves and be reconciled to God. Additionally, there is nothing that any man can do for us to reconcile us to God. But do not be discouraged because God loves us and He did provide a solution to what seems to be an unsolvable problem.

Although you wash yourself with lye and use much soap, The stain of your iniquity is before Me," declares the Lord GOD.(NASB. Jeremiah 2:22).

No man can by any means redeem his brother Or give to God a ransom for him (NASB. Psalm 49:7).

5. God has provided us with a free way to be reconciled to Him through the atoning death of Yeshua the Messiah.

But do not be discouraged because God loves us and He did provide a solution to what seems to be an unsolvable problem. God sent Yeshua the Messiah to be the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Messiah who is God, died and atoned for our sins. We should pay particular attention to the Scripture from the prophet Isaiah who predicted the humiliation, suffering, death by crucifixion and resurrection and exaltation of the Messiah in Isaiah 52:13-53:12. Following is a part of that section of the Hebrew Scriptures.

He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all fall on Him. He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth. By oppression and judgment He was taken away; And as for His generation, who considered He was cut off out of the land of the living For the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke was due? His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death, He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth. But the LORD was pleased To crush Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, And the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand. As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; By His

knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities. Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, And He will divide the booty with the strong; Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors. (NASB. Isaiah 53:2-13).

For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement. (NASB. Leviticus 17:11).

I, even I, am the LORD, And there is no savior besides Me. (NASB. Isaiah 43:11).

6. Yeshua's atoning death for our sins gives us salvation

The problem barrier between God and us created by sin can be put down by Messiah selfless sacrifice on our behalf. It is our choice to accept this free gift by faith.

Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness. (NASB. Genesis 15:7).

Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith. (NASB. Habakkuk 2:4).

7. Only by repenting for our sins and accepting Yeshua's death on our behalf can we be saved and reconciled with God.

The solution is here and readily available for those who desire an eternal relationship with God. Only by repentance, as we voluntarily admit and turn away from our sins can we be saved. Our faith, and only our faith in the atoning death of Yeshua the Messiah will bridge the gap between us and God.

How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered! How blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose

*spirit there is no deceit! When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away
Through my groaning all day long for day and night Your hand was heavy upon
me; My vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer. Selah. I
acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess
my transgressions to the LORD"; And You forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah.
(NASB. Psalm 32:1-5).*

*He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and
forsakes them will find compassion. (NASB. Proverbs 28:13).*

Contrary to all man made religions, our biblical faith in God is rather simple. Since nothing we can do will reconcile us to God except to believe by faith in the atoning death of Yeshua the Messiah.

If you do not currently have this relationship with the living God and desire to establish it, you are only a prayer away from becoming a child of God. Just as you are right now, wherever you may be, you can stop for a moment and invite God into your heart. He is waiting! Why don't you pray right now to invite him to be the Lord of your life and change into a new person?

*Dear God, I agree that I am a sinner and I fall short. I desire a relationship with
You but cannot do it on my own . I thank you for sending Yeshua the Messiah to
die for me and I accept His death as my atonement. By faith I invite you into my
heart and ask you to be my Lord and Savior.*

You're In!

Congratulations! If you just prayed this prayer from the bottom of your heart, you are now a child of God and can have the eternal assurance of your salvation. Nothing or nobody can ever snatch you away from his loving embrace.

You just made the most important decision of your life, Go and tell someone!