

TORAH TEACHINGS



Understanding YAH's Likes and dislikes



#13 Shemot (שְׁמוֹת)
— Hebrew for “names,”

Torah: Exodus 1:1-6:1
Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13;
29:22-23

Joh 15:1 “I am the true vine, and My Father is the gardener.

Joh 15:2 “Every branch in Me that bears no fruit He takes away. And every branch that bears fruit He prunes, so that it bears more fruit.


Joh 15:3 “You are already clean because of the Word which I have spoken to you.

Joh 15:4 “Stay in Me, and I stay in you. As the branch is unable to bear fruit of itself, unless it stays in the vine, so neither you, unless you stay in Me.

Joh 15:5 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who stays in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit.

Because without Me you are able to do naught!

Joh 15:6 “If anyone does not stay in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up. And they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.



Joh 15:7 “If you stay in Me, and My Words stay in you, you shall ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you.

Joh 15:8 “In this My Father is esteemed, that you bear much fruit, and you shall be My taught ones.

Joh 15:9 “As the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you. Stay in My love.

Joh 15:10 “If you guard My commands, you shall stay in My love, even as I have guarded My Father’s commands and stay in His love.

Joh 15:11 “These words I have spoken to you, so that My joy might be in you, and that your joy might be complete.

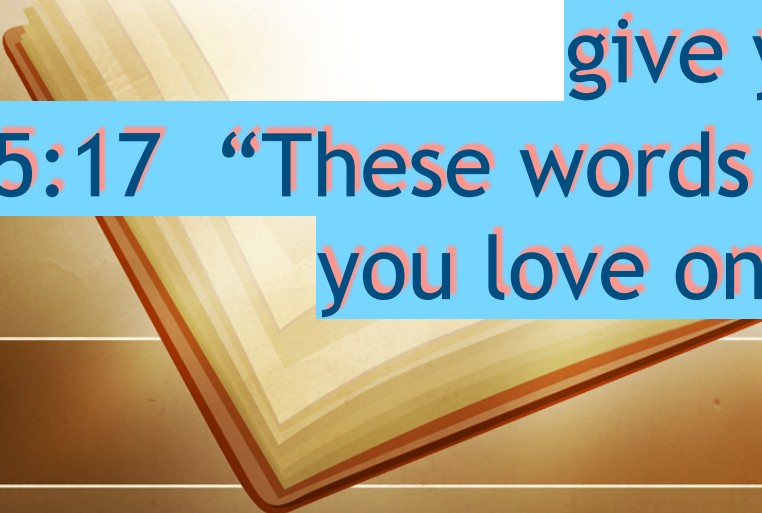
Joh 15:12 “This is My command, that you love one another, as I have loved you.

Joh 15:13 “No one has greater love than this: that one should lay down his life for his friends.

Joh 15:14 “You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

Joh 15:15 “No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing.

But I have called you friends, for all teachings which I heard from My Father I have made known to you.



Joh 15:16 “You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in My Name He might give you.

Joh 15:17 “These words I command you, so that you love one another.

This mandate to be 'fruitful' (פָּרָה parah) was given to Aḏam and Ḥawwah in:

Berěshith/Genesis 1:28 “And Elohim blessed them, and Elohim said to them, “Bear fruit and increase, and fill the earth and subdue it, and rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over all creatures moving on the earth.”



Sin had caused man to not bear the true fruit of righteousness, and as a result of not ‘staying in Elohim’ and guarding His commands, יהוה destroyed the earth by a flood and only 8 beings in all were saved, and when the waters came to rest he blessed Noah and told him in:

Berēshith/Genesis 9:1 “And Elohim blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, “Bear fruit and increase, and fill the earth.”

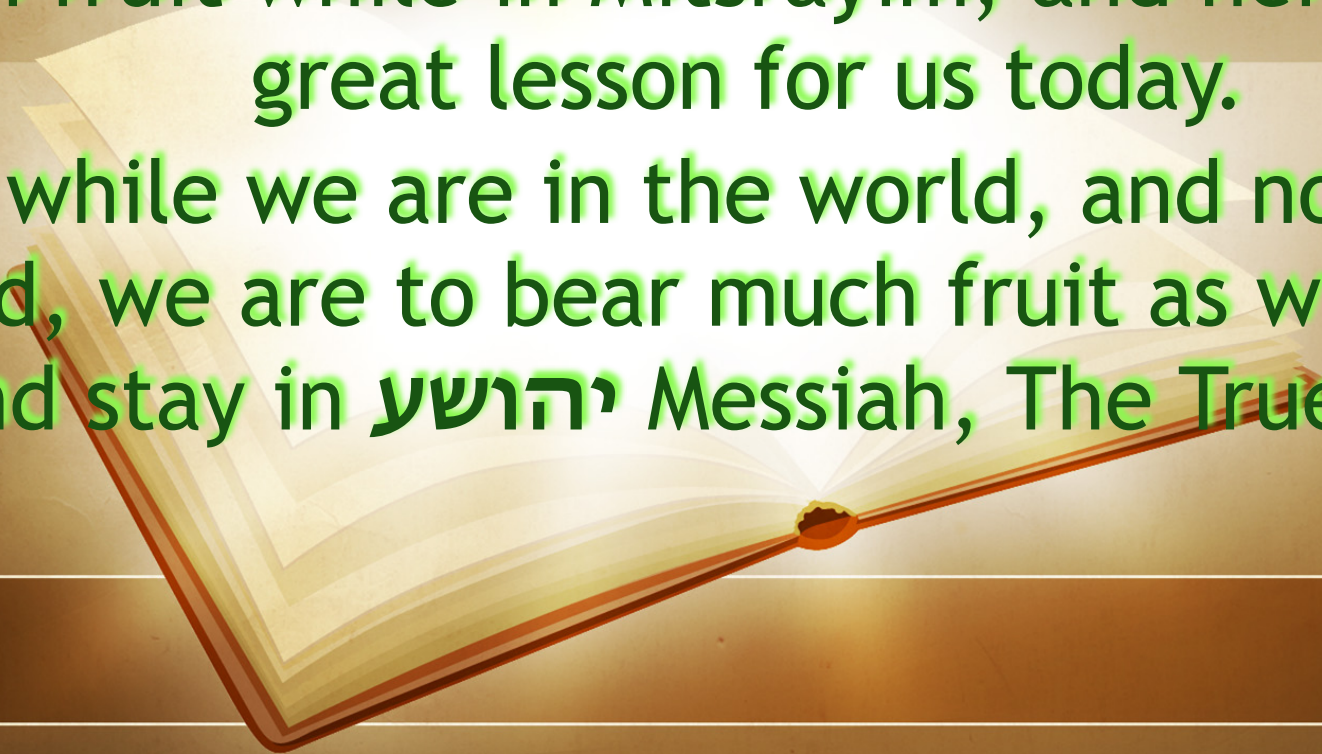
Once again, we see how only a remnant few would actually ‘stay in’ the commands of Elohim and as a result יהוה called Abraham and made a covenant with Him, and told him that He would make a fruitful nation from him:

Berēshith/Genesis 17:6 “And I shall make you bear fruit exceedingly, and make nations of you, and sovereigns shall come from you.”

Ma’asei/Acts 7:17 “But as the time of the promise drew near which Elohim had sworn to Abraham, the people increased and multiplied in Mitsrayim”

Yisra'ěl had now begun to be fruitful, bearing much fruit while in Mitsrayim, and herein lies a great lesson for us today.


For while we are in the world, and not of the world, we are to bear much fruit as we walk in and stay in **יהושע** Messiah, The True Vine!



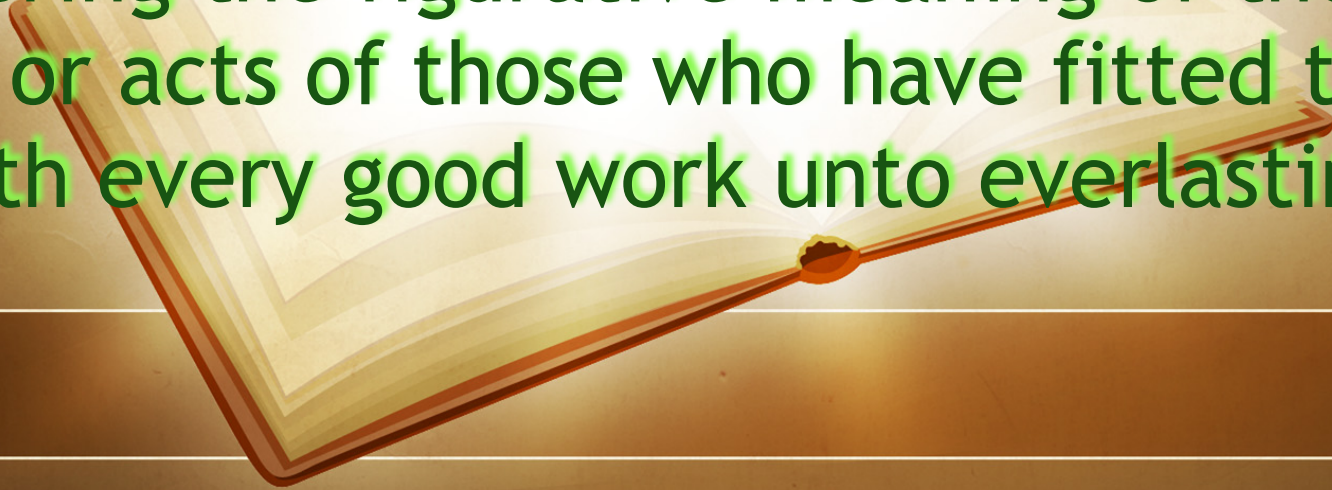
Yohanan/John 15:4-6 “Stay in Me, and I stay in you. As the branch is unable to bear fruit of itself, unless it stays in the vine, so neither you, unless you stay in Me. 5 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who stays in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit. Because without Me you are able to do naught! 6 “If anyone does not stay in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up. And they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.”

Having been set free from sin, we ought to have the fruit of our lives resulting in complete set-apartness unto Elohim:

Romiyim/Romans 6:20-22 “For when you were servants of sin, you were free from righteousness. 21 What fruit, therefore, were you having then, over which you are now ashamed? For the end thereof is death. 22 But now, having been set free from sin, and having become servants of Elohim, you have your fruit resulting in set-apartness, and the end, everlasting life.”



The Greek word that is translated as 'fruit' is καρπός karpos (kar-pos')- Strong's G2590 which means, '**fruit, benefit, gain, harvest, produce**' and typically refers to fruit that has been plucked, rendering the figurative meaning of the labours, works or acts of those who have fitted themselves with every good work unto everlasting life.



What we can therefore clearly understand and establish is that our works of righteousness are vital in being evident in our lives, as we continue to produce much fruit, as a people who are living pure and undefiled set-apart lives.

The Hebrew equivalent for this Greek word καρπός karpos (kar-pos')- Strong's G2590, for 'fruit', is פְּרִי peri (per-ee')- Strong's H6529 which means, '*fruit, produce*' and comes from the word פָּרָה parah (paw-raw')- Strong's H6509 which means, '*to bear fruit, be fruitful, flourish*'.

This word certainly speaks of the physical fruit of trees and shrubs that bear fruit in which there is a seed according to its kind, i.e., fruit with kernels, hence the fruit produces more fruit.

This word also is used figuratively of children, as being the fruit of the womb; yet what we also find as a repeated theme throughout Scripture, is that this term for fruit many times refers to the meaning of, **“the result of an action”**; or better understood as, **“works”**.



Eph 2:1 And you were dead in trespasses and sins,


Eph 2:2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience,

Eph 2:3 among whom also we all once lived in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, as also the rest.

Eph 2:4 But Elohim, who is rich in compassion, because of His great love with which He loved us,

Eph 2:5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Messiah - by favour you have been saved -

Eph 2:6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenlies in Messiah יהושע,
Eph 2:7 in order to show in the coming ages the exceeding riches of His favour in kindness toward us in Messiah יהושע.



Eph 2:8 For by favour you have been saved, through belief, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of Elohim,

Eph 2:9 it is not by works, so that no one should boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Messiah יהושע unto good works, which Elohim prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Jas 2:14 My brothers, what use is it for anyone to say he has belief but does not have works? This belief is unable to save him.

Jas 2:15 And if a brother or sister is naked and in need of daily food,

Jas 2:16 but one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” but you do not give them the bodily needs, what use is it?

Jas 2:17 So also belief, if it does not have works, is in itself dead.

Jas 2:18 But someone might say, “You have belief, and I have works.” Show me your belief without your works, and I shall show you my belief by my works.

Jas 2:19 You believe that Elohim is one. Deu 6:4 You do well. The demons also believe - and shudder!

Jas 2:20 But do you wish to know, O foolish man, that the belief without the works is dead?

Jas 2:21 Was not Abraham our father declared right by works when he offered Yitshaq his son on the slaughter-place?

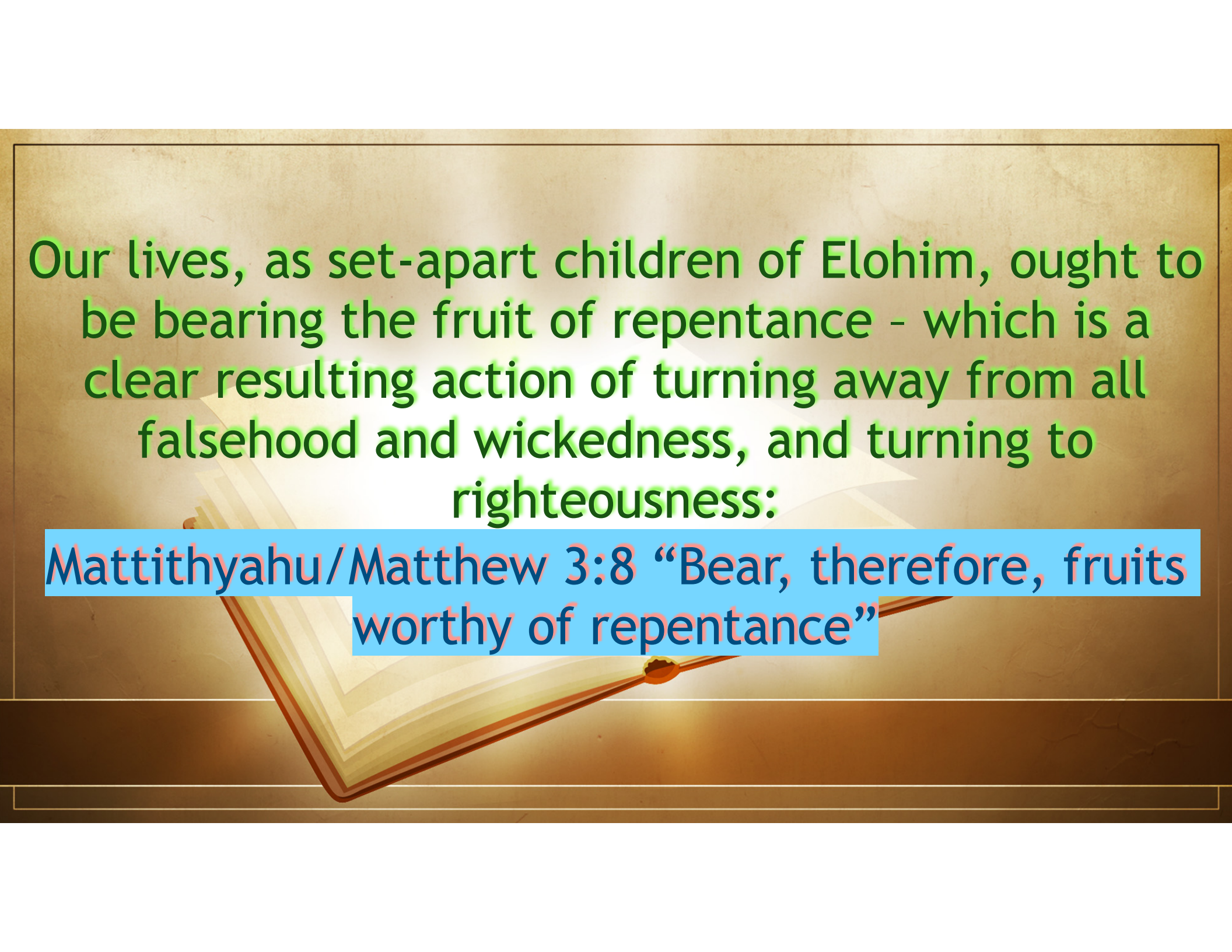
Jas 2:22 Do you see that the belief was working with his works, and by the works the belief was perfected?

Jas 2:23 And the Scripture was filled which says, “Abraham believed Elohim, and it was reckoned to him for righteousness.” Gen 15:6 And He called him, “he who loves Elohim.” Isa 41:8, 2Ch 20:7.

Jas 2:24 You see, then, that a man is declared right by works, and not by belief alone.

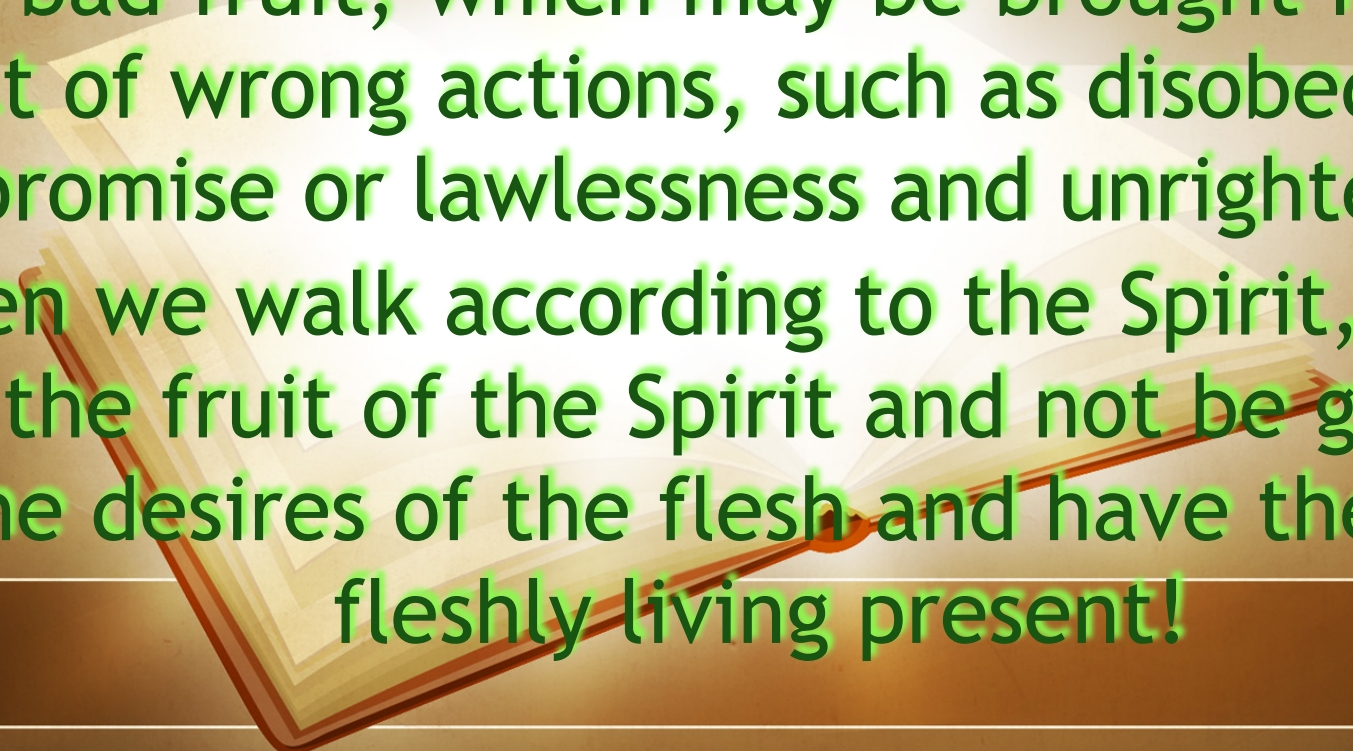
Jas 2:25 In the same way, was not Raḥab the whore also declared right by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?

Jas 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so also the belief is dead without the works.



Our lives, as set-apart children of Elohim, ought to be bearing the fruit of repentance - which is a clear resulting action of turning away from all falsehood and wickedness, and turning to righteousness:

Mattithyahu/Matthew 3:8 “Bear, therefore, fruits worthy of repentance”



Understanding that fruits are the result of an action, we must also take heed that we do not bear bad fruit, which may be brought forth as a result of wrong actions, such as disobedience or compromise or lawlessness and unrighteousness!

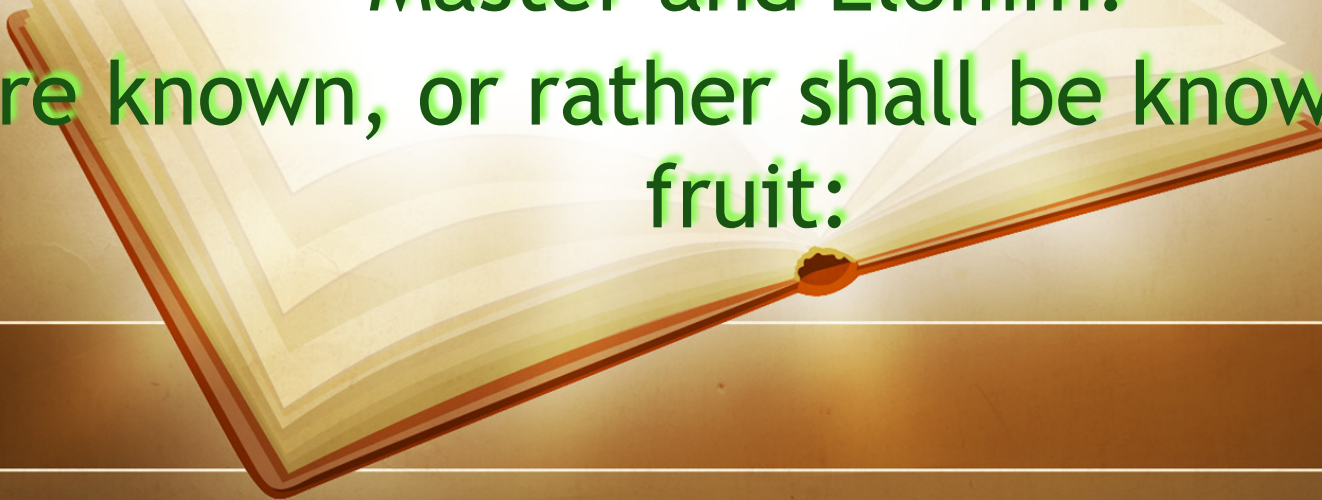
When we walk according to the Spirit, we will bear the fruit of the Spirit and not be given over to the desires of the flesh and have the fruit of fleshly living present!

Fruit does not just pop into one's life, it is a result of an action, and we are to be bearing good fruit, hence the clear understanding that we are to be 'doing' the good works of obedience that have been prepared beforehand for us to do - and that is to walk in the clear commands of Elohim, guarding to do all He has commanded us!

Romiyim/Romans 6:22 "But now, having been set free from sin, and having become servants of Elohim, you have your fruit resulting in set-apartness, and the end, everlasting life."

The fruit of our lives, as set-apart servants of the Most-High, must result in set-apartness, and this is an ongoing day to day process, which at the end will result in the promised everlasting life with our Master and Elohim!

We are known, or rather shall be known, by our fruit:



Mattithyahu/Matthew 7:16-23 “By their fruits you shall know them. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes or figs from thistles? 17 “So every good tree yields good fruit, but a rotten tree yields wicked fruit. 18 “A good tree is unable to yield wicked fruit, and a rotten tree to yield good fruit. 19 “Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 “So then, by their fruits you shall know them -

21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Master, Master,’ shall enter into the reign of the heavens, but he who is doing the desire of My Father in the heavens. 22 “Many shall say to Me in that day, ‘Master, Master, have we not prophesied in Your Name, and cast out demons in Your Name, and done many mighty works in Your Name?’ 23 “And then I shall declare to them, ‘I never knew you, depart from Me, you who work lawlessness!’”