

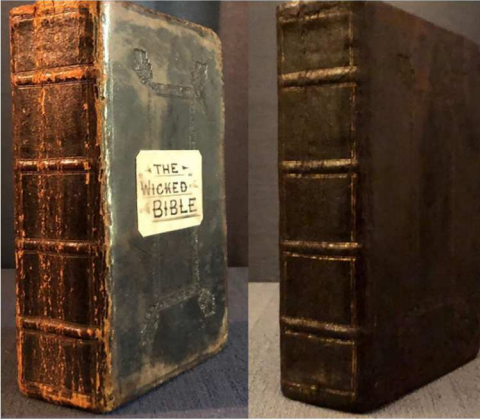
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Ephesians 4:1-2

Worthy

Wicked Bible: King James 1631

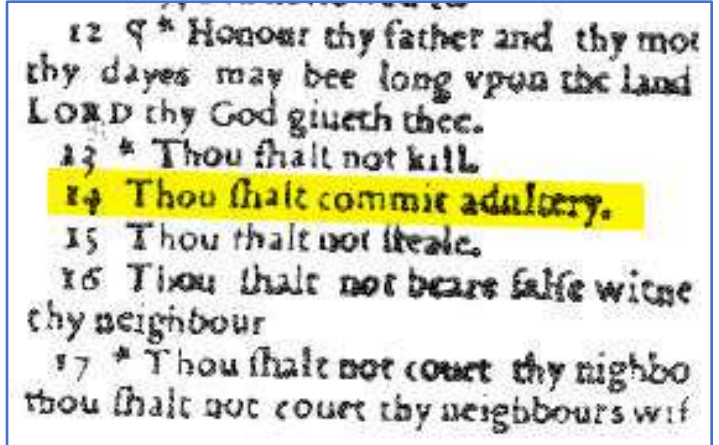
An edition of the Bible published in 1631 by the royal printers in London was meant to be a reprint of the 1611 King James Bible. In Exodus 20:14, the word "not" was omitted from the sentence, "Thou shalt not commit adultery," causing the verse to instead read, "Thou shalt commit adultery."



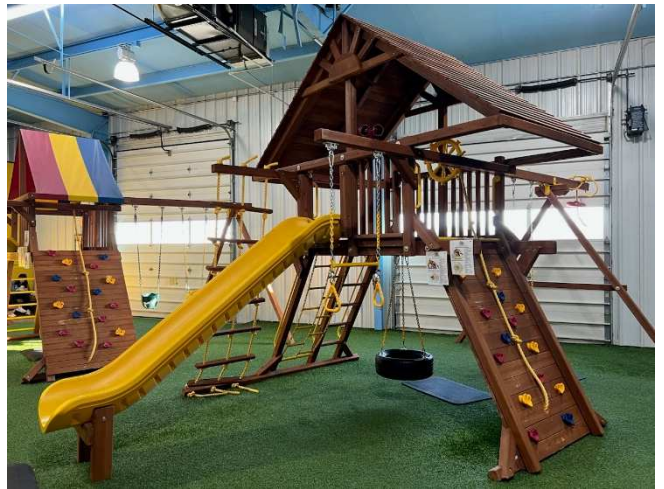
A thousand copies were printed of the much sought after "Wicked Bible."

There are fifteen known copies of the Wicked Bible today in the collections of museums and libraries in the British Isles, North America and Australasia.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wicked_Bible]



New Great House for the playground. March delivery. Therefore demolition this Sunday. Marcos heading rebuild of some scrap lumber into benches and tables. Modified: monkey bar on far side.



Videographers at work, Sunday, January 11, 2024
Note fog machine effect!
Teleprompter.



David Ledgin



Rukhel Fields



Dr. Peter Greenspan
Also Sheila Schwartz Phillips and Shmuel.

**WORTHY
OF THE CALLING**
Ephesians 4:1
Rabbi Shmuel Wolkenfeld

February 24, 2024 | 15th of Adar I, 5784
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OR HAOLAM
MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE

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axiōs peripatēsai

ἀξίως περιπατήσαι

worthily to walk

ἀξίως, suitably; worthily, in a manner worthy of, appropriately
 [https://biblehub.com/greek/516.htm]

worthily (viewed as "becoming"); suitable because recognized as fitting (having worth that "matches" actual value) Sounds as if we earned it.

T'hillim/Ps 18.4 I called upon Adoni, worthy of praise, and I was rescued from my enemies.
 [1980s praise song]

Rev 4.11 “You are worthy, Adoni Eloheinu, to have glory, honor and power, because you created all things — yes, because of your will they were created and came into being!”

Rev 5.2-3 I also saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to break its seals?” No one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it.

Rev 5.9-12 “You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals; because you were slaughtered; at the cost of blood you ransomed for God persons from every tribe, language, people and nation ... “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

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Yasha'yahu/Is 64.5 All of us are like someone unclean, all our righteous deeds like very defiled rags. *[Even when we think we are doing right, our motives are corrupted.]*

- *How much we will be praised and appreciated for the good deed*
- *What favors we might get in return*
- *Our place of esteem as a reward.*
- *Therefore Yeshua bids us do our giving in secret.*
- *Our fasting*
- *Our praying, at least some of it. Maybe most significant.*

Unworthy, worthless currency

- At the end of **1922** a loaf of bread in Berlin cost around 160 Marks
- It cost 200,000,000,000 Marks **by late 1923** 200 billion!
- Hyperinflation!

German hyper-inflation during the Weimar Republic 1923

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hyperinflation_in_the_Weimar_Republic]

We are just not as big deal as we think, in fact, we are corrupt and in and of ourselves, not worth much. Nevertheless, G-d affixes is love on us.



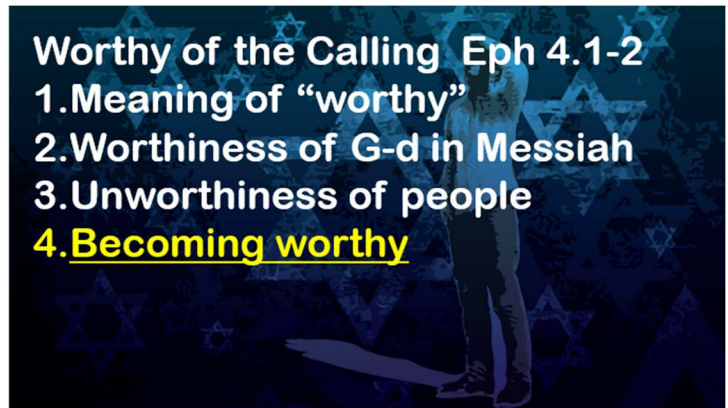
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Ephesians 2.8-10 For you have been saved, [delivered from eternal loss] by grace through trusting, and even this is **not your accomplishment** but God's gift. You were not saved/delivered by your own actions; therefore **no one should boast**. For we are of God's making, created in union with the Messiah Yeshua for a life of good actions already prepared by God for us to do. *[So, we are not worthy.]*

Yn 1.26-27 "Among you stands One you do not know, coming after me, whose sandals **I'm not worthy** to untie."

Said by John the Jew

Not John the Baptist



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“Therefore” – ask, “What is that there for?”

Chapters 1-3

- Life from the dead
- Ascended with Him
- Unfathomable riches of love

Eph 4.1-3 Therefore I, the prisoner united with the Lord,

- Brutal reality of Roman prisons
- Living this out in adversity gives Shaul/Paul authority of example

[Wurmbrand article]

Kiddush HaShem קדוש השם

“sanctification of the Name”

You people are to be holy because I, Adoni your God, am holy.

קדושים תהיו: כי קדוש אני יי אלהיכם.

[What does that mean?

Be holy because I am holy. Doesn't say

Be omnipotent because I am omnipotent.]

Kiddush HaShem קדוש השם

“sanctification of the Name”

is a precept of Judaism. It refers to private and communal conduct that reflects well, instead of poorly, on the G-d and His Jewish and Gentile people.

Lev 22.32-33 You must not profane My holy Name, for I will be made holy among the people of Yisrael.

I am Adoni who makes you holy,

ולא תחללו, את-שם קדשי, ונקדשתי בתוך בני ישראל: אני יי מקדשכם.

who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. I am Adoni.”

[Holiness of character based fundamentally on gratefulness. Even as Paul opens with “Therefore”]

Any action by a Jew or Gentile follower of G-d that brings honor, respect, and glory to God is considered to be sanctification of His name.

khillul hashem חליל השם

In contrast, any behavior or action that disgraces, harms or shames God's name and His Torah is regarded as a *khillul Hashem* (desecration of the Name).

The ultimate act of sanctification of the Name is a Jew or Gentile follower of G-d who is prepared to sacrifice his life rather than commit idolatry, sexually forbidden acts (such as incest or adultery), or murder.

Historical digression:

A massive anti-Hellenistic and anti-Roman Jewish uprising broke out, led by Simon bar Kokhba 135 CE
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kiddush_Hashem]

The Romans were overwhelmed at first by the organized ferocity of the uprising. Roman losses were heavy; an entire legion or its numeric equivalent of around 4,000.

Roman war operations in Judea ultimately left some 580,000 Jews dead and 50 fortified towns and 985 villages razed. An unknown proportion of the population was enslaved.

[Roman scorched earth policy.

Some of you have been to Beitar, called the Masada of the North]

The number of those who perished by famine, disease and fire was beyond finding out.

Kiddush HaShem,

Sanctifying the Name.

Love suffers.

Martyrdom during the Hadrianic persecution is called sanctification of the Name

Bavli Berachot 20a and Midrash Tehillim

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hadrian#Aftermath;_persecutions]

2 Shmuel 12.14 [the prophet Natan to King David]

By this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme.

אָפּס, כּי-נאָך נאָצט אַת-אַיִן יי בַּדָּר הַזֶּה.

[**אָפּס** Harsh and blasphemed; hateful words, especially things that hurt sacred values]

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[All people are called to worthiness, but there is a special calling to a Messianic congregation.]

Calling to Or HaOlam community?

- Shabbat, Torah, Ruakh, Music, food, people, dance.
- Another deep purpose:
 - Genesis 12.1-3 blessing Jews and be blessed.

Beresheet/Gen 12.1-3 Now Adoni said to Avram, "Get yourself out of your country ... and go to the land that I will show you ... **1** I will bless you ... **2** and you are to be a blessing. I will bless **3** those who bless you.

Calling to affiliate with Israel,
blessings and sufferings.
Glory and trauma.

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be humble, gentle and patient.

This was a quality scorned by
Greco-Roman culture.

*[This is really the heart of the
message. About time.]*

meta pasēs tapeinophrosynēs

μετὰ πάσης ταπεινοφροσύνης

with all humility

- with all lowliness and meekness,
- with complete lowliness of mind
- with all humility and gentleness

tapeinophrosune: humility

"the having a humble opinion of oneself; a deep sense of one's (moral) littleness; modesty, humility, lowliness of mind"

[Thayer's Greek lexicon

<https://biblehub.com/greek/5012.htm>

Read from McKee p 142-144]

Iyov/Job 5.11 He raises the lowly on high and lifts mourners to safety.

Mtt. 11.29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because **I am gentle and humble in heart**, and you will find rest for your souls.

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[More severe conflicts in 2024 two months than ever]

Patience is like good motor oil. It doesn't remove all the irritants. It just puts them in suspension so they don't get into your works and seize them up. Patient people have, so to speak, a large crankcase. They can put irritants into suspension.

[Cornelius Plantinga

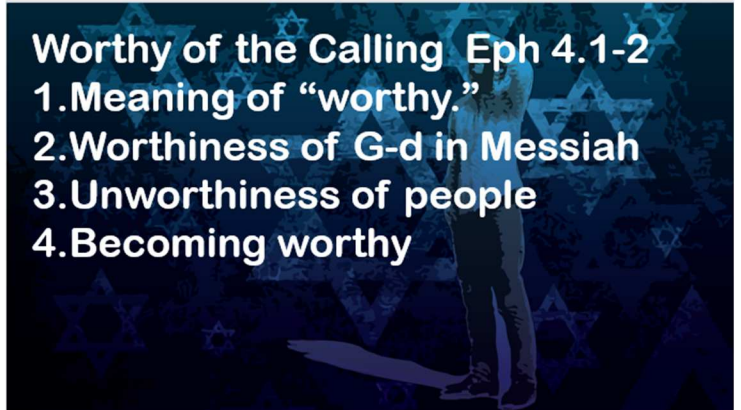
Parallel in Colossians.]

Col 3.12-15 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with feelings of compassion and with kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; if anyone has a complaint against someone else, forgive him. Indeed, just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive. Above all these, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together perfectly; and let the shalom which comes from the Messiah be your heart's decision-maker, for this is why you were called to be part of a single Body. And be thankful.





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1. Do you **KNOW** Yeshua and drinking the water of **LIFE**?
2. Are you hearing daily from His Word?
3. How are you applying what you heard?
4. Are you offering that water of life to anyone?