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EQUAL, EQUALLY, EQUALS, EQUALITY

Jacob made it very clear that he didn't love all of his wives **equally**. When he thought Esau might kill his family, he put Zilpah and Bilhah at the front (where they would be in the most danger), Leah in the middle, and Rachel at the back (where she could flee if something went wrong). This is just one of several ways throughout his life that he demonstrated that he loved Rachel much more than Leah.

- **Genesis 33:2:** "And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindermost."

The holy incense which was used in the tabernacle was made from **equal** measures of stacte, onycha, galbanum, and frankincense.

- **Exodus 30:34:** "And the LORD said unto Moses, Take unto thee sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; these sweet spices with pure frankincense: of each shall there be a like weight:"

The foreigners who lived in Israel and offered sacrifices to God were to follow the same commands as everyone else. The laws of the sacrificial system applied to **everyone** equally.

- **Numbers 15:14:** "And if a stranger sojourn with you, or whosoever be among you in your generations, and will offer an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD; as ye do, so he shall do."

The Mosaic Law applied **equally** to foreigners and to the Israelites. There wasn't one law for Israelites and a different one for Gentiles.

- **Numbers 15:15:** "One ordinance shall be both for you of the congregation, and also for the stranger that sojourneth with you, an ordinance for ever in your generations: as ye are, so shall the stranger be before the LORD."
- **Numbers 15:16:** "One law and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you."

David said that the person who reproached him, and magnified himself against him, was a man who was his **equal** (in other words, his companion and close friend). (This seems to be a Messianic reference. Jesus was betrayed by Judas, one of His twelve disciples.)

- **Psalms 55:12-14:** "For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him: But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company."

God doesn't love all things **equally**. There are some things He loves more than others.

- **Psalms 87:2:** "The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob."

To God, the darkness and the light are the same. He can see

equally well in both.

- **Psalms 139:12:** "Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee."

It's wrong to punish princes for treating people **equally** under the law.

- **Proverbs 17:26:** "Also to punish the just is not good, nor to strike princes for equity."

No one is **equal** to God.

- **Isaiah 40:25:** "To whom then will ye liken me, *or shall I be equal?* saith the Holy One."
- **Isaiah 46:5:** "To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like?"

Babylon believed she was alone among nations, greater than anyone else and without **equal**.

- **Isaiah 47:10:** "For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me."

The ways of God are **equal**. They're fair and just because He holds each person accountable for what they've done. The Lord doesn't hold people accountable for the actions of their parents or their children.

- **Ezekiel 28:25-29:** "Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not

equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal? When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die. Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die. Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the LORD is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal?"

In the sight of God, both incest and having sex with a menstruating women were **equally** serious violations of the Mosaic Law. They were both abominations in His sight that were worthy of His judgment. (The wages of *all* sin is death.)

- **Ezekiel 22:10:** "In thee have they discovered their fathers' nakedness: in thee have they humbled her that was set apart for pollution."

God forbade people from defrauding one another with unjust weights or measurements. He required the ephah and bath of the Jews to be just and **equal**.

- **Ezekiel 45:10-11:** "Ye shall have just balances, and a just ephah, and a just bath. The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of an homer, and the ephah the tenth part of an homer: the measure thereof shall be after the homer."

The princes of Israel were perverse. They showed favoritism

and didn't treat people **equally**.

- **Micah 3:9:** "Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity."

God calls the Messiah "my fellow". This meant the Messiah was **equal** to God.

- **Zechariah 13:7:** "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones."

All demons aren't **equally** wicked. Some are worse than others.

- **Matthew 12:45:** "Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation."

When the disciples asked Jesus who among them was going to be the greatest, He didn't tell them that no one was going to be the greatest because everyone was **equal**. (Instead He said that the way to be the greatest was to humble themselves and believe His words, like little children.)

- **Matthew 18:2-4:** "And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little

child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Jesus said that those who are resurrected are **equal** to the angels.

- **Luke 20:36:** "Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection."

The Jews tried to kill Jesus for saying that He was **equal** with God.

- **John 5:18:** "Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God."

Jesus said that He was the great "I am". He used the holy name of God and applied it to Himself, thus saying that not only was He **equal** to God, but that He actually was God.

- **John 8:58:** "Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am."

If we do the same things that we judge other people for doing, we're **equally** guilty.

- **Romans 2:3:** "And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?"

Christians who don't regard any day as holy are treating all

days as **equal**, which is fine.

- **Romans 14:5-6:** "One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks."

Not all spiritual gifts are **equally** beneficial to the church. (The spiritual gifts that edify the church are better than those that don't.)

- **1 Corinthians 14:1, 4-5:** "Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. ... He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church. I would that ye all spake with tongues but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying."

Equality is about helping other people through their times of need, when you're in a position to do so.

- **2 Corinthians 8:14:** "But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality:"

Jesus told people that He was **equal** to God.

- **Philippians 2:6:** "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:"

People who are in authority must pay their servants a just and **equal** wage. They're not allowed to defraud or oppress those who serve them.

- **Colossians 4:1:** "Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven."

James expected the church to treat the rich and the poor **equally** well.

- **James 2:3-4:** "And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool: Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?"

Not all sin that a Christian commit are **equally** severe. (There are a few sins a Christian can commit which can kill him.)

- **1 John 5:16:** "If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it."

The length, breadth, and height of the new Jerusalem are all **equal**. The city is a cube that's 1500 miles on each side.

- **Revelation 21:16:** "And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the

city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal."

EQUITY

God will judge the earth with **equity**.

- **Psalm 98:9:** "Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity."

God establishes **equity**. (In other words, God is impartial.)

- **Psalm 99:4:** "The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob."

Christians should pursue instruction in **equity**.

- **Proverbs 1:3:** "To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;"

It takes wisdom from God to understand what **equity** really means.

- **Proverbs 2:6, 9:** "For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. ... Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path."

The Messiah will judge with **equity**.

- **Isaiah 11:4:** "But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth,

and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked."

In order to find **equity** you be righteous. The wicked can't find it. (Those who are evil lack the wisdom that comes only from God. That means they're incapable of seeing things from God's vantage point and carrying out true equity.)

- **Isaiah 59:12-14:** "For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them; In transgressing and lying against the Lord, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter."

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The tribe of Levi walked with God in **equity**.

- **Malachi 2:4-6:** "And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the Lord of hosts. My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name. The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity."

EQUIVALENT

The tribe of Judah had a standard that they marched under.
(The modern **equivalent** would be a banner or a flag.)

- **Numbers 10:14:** "In the first place went the standard of the camp of the children of Judah according to their armies: and over his host was Nahshon the son of Amminadab."

The tribe of Reuben had a standard that they marched under.
(The modern **equivalent** would be a banner or a flag.)

- **Numbers 10:18:** "And the standard of the camp of Reuben set forward according to their armies: and over his host was Elizur the son of Shedeur."

The tribe of Ephraim had a standard that they marched under.
(The modern **equivalent** would be a banner or a flag.)

- **Numbers 10:22:** "And the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set forward according to their armies: and over his host was Elishama the son of Ammihud."

The tribe of Dan had a standard that they marched under.
(The modern **equivalent** would be a banner or a flag.)

- **Numbers 10:25:** "And the standard of the camp of the children of Dan set forward, which was the rereward of all the camps throughout their hosts: and over his host was Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai."

PROPORTIONAL

The cherubims, palm trees, and lions that were engraved on the bases that Hiram made for the temple were **proportional** to one another in size. (In other words, they used the same scale).

- **1 Kings 7:36:** "For on the plates of the ledges thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubims, lions, and palm trees, according to the proportion of every one, and additions round about."