

REFLECT, REFLECTED, REFLECTION, REFLECTS

The names that Leah gave to her children **reflected** the fact that her husband Jacob hated her, and she wanted her husband to love her.

- **Genesis 29:32:** "And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me."
- **Genesis 29:33:** "And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the LORD hath heard I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon."
- **Genesis 29:34:** "And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi."
- **Genesis 30:20:** "And Leah said, God hath endued me with a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons: and she called his name Zebulun."

Naphtali's name **reflects** the strife that was present between Rachel and Leah.

- **Genesis 30:8:** "And Rachel said, With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name Naphtali."

The names that Joseph gave to his two sons **reflected** the things God had done for him.

- **Genesis 41:51-52:** "And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house. And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction."

There were times when people gave their children names that **reflected** the grief or problems in their life.

- **Exodus 18:2-3:** "Then Jethro, Moses' father in law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back, And her two sons; of which the name of the one was Gershom; for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land:"

In the feast of weeks (Pentecost), the freewill offering that the Israelites gave to God was intended to **reflect** the way God had blessed them.

- **Deuteronomy 16:10:** "And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto the LORD thy God, according as the LORD thy God hath blessed thee:"

The reason Solomon wanted the temple he was building to be large and magnificent was because God was great above all gods. (In other words, he wanted the greatness of the temple to **reflect** the greatness of God.)

- **2 Chronicles 2:5:** "And the house which I build is great:

for great is our God above all gods."

The king's servants believed that Mordecai's disobedience to the king's command was a **reflection** of the fact that he was a Jew, and therefore reflected on all Jews. They believed it was an act of defiance by all Jews against the king.

- **Esther 3:4:** "Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's matters would stand: for he had told them that he was a Jew."

The eyes of the leviathan (which was a dragon) didn't just reflect light, but were actually a source of light.

- **Job 41:18:** "By his neesings a light doth shine, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning."

The glory of God can be clearly seen in the heavens, the moon, and the stars. Their greatness is a **reflection** of God, who created them.

- **Psalms 8:3:** "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;"

Our thoughts are important, and are a **reflection** of who we truly are.

- **Proverbs 12:5:** "The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit."

People's opinions of someone may **reflect** their public image, and not the reality of their situation.

- **Proverbs 12:9:** "He that is despised, and hath a servant, is better than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread."

The attitude of your heart isn't a **reflection** of your circumstances. Instead your attitude *determines* how you interpret your circumstances, and how you let those circumstances affect you.

- **Proverbs 15:15:** "All the days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast."

Water **reflects** the face of a person. When a person looks into water they can see their face.

- **Proverbs 27:19:** "As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man."

The heart **reflects** a person's true nature. Looking into the heart reveals who the person actually is.

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It's often impossible to know which choice is best because we can't see the future. Since we don't know everything that the future holds, we can't properly plan for it (and our decisions **reflect** that ignorance). The best we can do is make choices that may prove to be wrong once the future takes place.

- **Ecclesiastes 6:12:** "For who knoweth what is good for man in this life, all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow? for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?"

God wants people to worship Him with sincerity. He wants people's heart to **reflect** their words. The Lord will judge those who honor Him with their lips, but whose heart is far from Him.

- **Isaiah 29:13, 15:** "Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men: ... Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?"

God wants people to **reflect** on their wickedness and repent of it.

- **Jeremiah 12:11:** "They have made it desolate, and being desolate it mourneth unto me; the whole land is made desolate, because no man layeth it to heart."

Those who have an evil heart will speak things that **reflect** the nature of their heart.

- **Matthew 12:34:** "O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

People's status in this life doesn't **reflect** what their status will be in the millennium.

- **Matthew 19:30:** "But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first."

Our words **reflect** the type of heart that we have.

- **Luke 6:45:** "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh."

Churches should **reflect** the character of God.

- **1 Corinthians 14:33:** "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints."

Paul talks about looking into a glass and beholding the glory of the Lord. Since a mirror **reflects** the person who's looking into it, this seems to mean that in some way we're shining with the glory of the Lord (just as Moses did when he descended from mount Sinai.)

- **2 Corinthians 3:18:** "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the LORD."

Christ is the image of God. He's the perfect **reflection** of God (in that He has the same will and desires as the Father, and He always does what the Father tells Him to do.)

- **2 Corinthians 4:4:** "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

If we give offense to others then that will **reflect** badly on the gospel, so we must not do anything that could bring reproach to the gospel. (That being said, we're never allowed to compromise the truth in order to avoid offending people.)

- **2 Corinthians 6:3:** "Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:"

Poorly behaved children **reflect** badly on their parents. There are times when God holds parents responsible if their children are unruly. (Specifically, if people have unruly children then that disqualifies them from being church leaders.)

- **Titus 1:5-6:** "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly."

Jesus is exactly like the God Father. He perfectly **reflects** the Father in all that He does.

- **Hebrews 1:3:** "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:"

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