Sermon: How Elohim Feels About Truth

Sermon: Elohim's Sovereignty, Laws, and Human Understanding

We Must Believe That Elohim Is and That He Is a Rewarder of Those Who Diligently Seek Him"

Key Scripture: Hebrews 11:6 (KJV)

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to Elohim must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Introduction

Faith is the foundation of the Christian life. It is not only the key to pleasing Elohim but also the path to experiencing His rewards. In this sermon, we will unpack Hebrews 11:6, focusing on what it means to:

- 1. Believe that Elohim exists.
- 2. Trust that Elohim rewards those who diligently seek Him.
- 3. Live out this faith with intentional pursuit.

1. Believing That Elohim Is

To come to Elohim, we must first believe in His existence. This belief is not just intellectual acknowledgment but involves recognizing Him as the one true and living Elohim.

- Genesis 1:1 (KJV):

"In the beginning Elohim created the heaven and the earth."

- The Bible begins with the truth that Elohim exists and is the Creator of everything.

- Romans 1:20 (KJV):

"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Elohimhead; so that they are without excuse."

- Elohim's existence is evident through creation. Those who reject it do so without excuse.

Believing that Elohim exists is the first step. But faith goes beyond acknowledgment—it requires trusting His character, goodness, and power.

2. Trusting That Elohim Rewards Those Who Diligently Seek Him

Faith also involves believing that Elohim rewards those who actively pursue Him. Elohim is not indifferent; He honors and blesses those who seek Him in faith and obedience.

- Matthew 7:7-8 (KJV):

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

- Elohim promises that those who persistently seek Him will be rewarded.

- Jeremiah 29:13 (KJV):

"And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

- Elohim's reward is Himself—His presence, peace, and provision.

When we diligently seek Elohim, we find joy in His presence and strength in His promises.

3. Living Out Faith Through Diligence

"Diligence" implies intentional and consistent effort. Seeking Elohim is not a one-time event; it requires daily prayer, study of His Word, and obedience to His commands.

- James 4:8 (KJV):

"Draw nigh to Elohim, and he will draw nigh to you."

- When we make efforts to draw closer to Elohim, He responds by revealing more of Himself to us.

- **Proverbs 8:17 (KJV):**

"I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me."

- There is a blessing for those who seek Elohim with urgency and priority.

Living out faith means trusting Elohim's Word and seeking Him even when circumstances are challenging. It requires holding on to His promises, believing that He is faithful to reward.

Conclusion: Faith That Pleases Elohim

Faith is the key to pleasing Elohim and experiencing the fullness of His blessings. Believing that Elohim exists and trusting that He rewards diligent seekers transforms how we live. We can approach every day with confidence that Elohim is with us and will reward our efforts to pursue

Him.

As believers, let us commit to seeking Elohim daily, trusting that His rewards are sure. Whether it is peace, provision, guidance, or eternal life, Elohim honors the faithful pursuit of His presence.

Prayer

Father, we thank You that You are a rewarder of those who diligently seek You. Help us to believe in Your Word, trust in Your promises, and pursue You with all our hearts. Strengthen our faith to walk in obedience, knowing that You are with us every step of the way. In Yahoshuah' name, Amen.

Scripture References: Ezekiel 20:25-26, 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12, Proverbs 3:5-6

Introduction

This sermon will explore the complexity of Elohim's relationship with His people. We will reflect on three themes:

1. Elohim giving laws that were "not good".

2. Elohim causing people to believe lies when they reject truth.

3. Elohim's instruction not to lean on human understanding.

These scriptures reveal challenging truths about Elohim's sovereignty, the consequences of rejecting His ways, and the need to trust Him above our own logic.

1. Elohim Giving Laws That Were Not Good

The idea that Elohim gave laws that were "not good" appears in Ezekiel 20:25-26:

Ezekiel 20:25-26 (KJV)

"Wherefore I gave them also statutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live; And I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass through the fire all that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I am YAH."

Explanation

- This passage refers to a time when Elohim allowed Israel to be subject to their own sinful desires and the pagan laws of surrounding nations.
- Elohim's decision to "give laws that were not good" was not an act of cruelty but a judgment for their rebellion. He allowed them to follow the corrupt practices they desired as a form of discipline (see Romans 1:24-32).

Ro 1:24 (KJV) Wherefore Elohim also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

- **25** Who changed the truth of Elohim into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.
- **26** For this cause Elohim gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:
- **27** And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.
- **28** And even as they did not like to retain Elohim in *their* knowledge, Elohim gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;
- **29** Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,
- **30** Backbiters, haters of Elohim, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,
- 31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:
- **32** Who knowing the judgment of Elohim, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

These statutes led to destructive outcomes, such as child sacrifices, diseases, reprobate minds which Elohim abhorred.

Key Lesson: Elohim, in His sovereignty, sometimes allows and causes people to experience the consequences of their choices to lead them to repentance and realization of His lordship.

2. Elohim Causing People to Believe a Lie

This principle is captured in 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12:

2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 (KJV)

"And for this cause Elohim shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

Explanation

- This passage refers to Elohim's judgment on those who willfully reject His truth. When people choose to embrace sin and falsehood, Elohim gives them over to delusion (Romans 1:25).

Ro 1:25 Who changed the truth of Elohim into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

- The lie is not forced upon them; rather, it is the consequence of rejecting truth. Elohim allows them to become deeply convinced of falsehood, demonstrating that rejecting Elohim's truth has real consequences.

Key Lesson: Elohim honors human choices, even when they involve rejecting Him. Those who prefer falsehood over truth ultimately receive the result of their decision: strong delusion.

3. Do Not Lean on Your Own Understanding

This teaching is found in Proverbs 3:5-6:

Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV)

"Trust in YAH with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Explanation

- Humans are limited in knowledge and wisdom. Leaning on our own understanding often leads to error, because we cannot fully comprehend Elohim's purposes.
- Instead, Elohim invites us to trust in Him completely. This involves submitting our desires, thoughts, and reasoning to Elohim's greater plan. True wisdom comes from acknowledging Elohim's sovereignty and following His guidance.

Key Lesson: Trusting in Elohim means surrendering our desire for control and relying on His Word and Spirit to guide us, even when His ways seem beyond our understanding (Isaiah 55:8-9).

Isa 55:8 (KJV) For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith YAH. **9** For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Conclusion: Trusting Elohim's Sovereignty

These themes demonstrate that Elohim is in control, even when He allows and causes difficult situations, falsehoods, or confusing laws to test His people. His actions are always just and serve a greater purpose.

- 1. Elohim gave laws that were "not good" to discipline Israel and expose the consequences of sin.
- 2. He allows people to believe lies as a judgment when they reject His truth.
- 3. He instructs us not to lean on our own understanding but to trust Him fully.

Application: In our daily lives, we are called to seek Elohim's truth in His Word, trust in His wisdom, and submit to His will, even when it challenges our own understanding. Elohim's plans are always good, even when we don't immediately comprehend them (Romans 8:28).

Ro 8:28 (KJV) And we know that all things work together for good to them that love Elohim, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

ELOHIM'S TRUTH

Scripture Reference: John 14:6, John 8:32, Proverbs 12:22

Introduction

The importance of truth is woven throughout the Bible, reflecting Elohim's nature and His expectations for humanity. Truth is not just a concept but the foundation of Elohim's character, justice, and relationship with His people. In this sermon, we will explore how Elohim feels about truth through at least 20 key scriptures, showing the significance of truth to Elohim and the implications for believers.

1. Elohim's Nature is Truth

Elohim Himself is truth, and everything He says or does reflects it. Truth is part of Elohim's divine character.

- John 14:6 (KJV):

"Yahoshuah saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

- Yahoshuah declares that truth is essential to who He is. The pathway to Elohim requires living in truth.

- Deuteronomy 32:4 (KJV):

"He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a Elohim of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he."

- Elohim's actions are perfect and just, always rooted in truth.

2. Truth and Elohim's Word

Elohim's Word, both spoken and written, is always true and reliable. His promises never fail.

- John 17:17 (KJV):

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."

- Elohim's word cleanses and sanctifies us, leading us toward holiness.

- Psalm 119:160 (KJV):

"Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever."

- Every part of Elohim's Word is eternal and trustworthy.

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from H8199; properly, a verdict (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, especially a sentence or formal decree (human or (participant's) divine law, individual or collective), including the act, the place, the suit, the crime, and the penalty; abstractly, justice, including a participant's right or privilege (statutory or customary), or even a style:— adversary, ceremony, charge, × crime, custom, desert, determination, discretion, disposing, due, fashion, form, to be judged, judgment, just(-ice, -ly), (manner of) law(-ful), manner, measure, (due) order, ordinance, right, sentence, usest, × worthy, wrong.

3. Elohim Commands Us to Speak and Live in Truth

Elohim expects believers to reflect His nature by living truthfully and speaking truth in all things.

- Zechariah 8:16 (KJV):

"These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates:"

- Truth promotes justice and peace in communities.

- Ephesians 4:25 (KJV):

"Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another."

- Living truthfully creates unity and trust among people.

4. Elohim Hates Falsehood and Deception

Elohim detests lies and deceit because they contradict His nature and cause harm.

- Proverbs 12:22 (KJV):

"Lying lips are abomination to YAH: but they that deal truly are his delight."

- Elohim takes pleasure in those who act truthfully but finds lying detestable.

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or Tayn tô'êbah; feminine active participle of H8581; properly, something disgusting (morally), i.e. (as noun) an abhorrence; especially idolatry or (concretely) an idol:—abominable (custom, thing), abomination.

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- Pr 6:16 (KJV) These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:
17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,
18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,
19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

- A lying tongue is listed among the things that Elohim hates.

5. Truth Brings Freedom and Salvation

Truth has the power to liberate us from sin and deception.

- John 8:32 (KJV):

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

- Knowing and living by the truth sets us free spiritually and morally.

- Psalm 145:18 (KJV):

"YAH is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth."

- Elohim draws near to those who seek Him sincerely and truthfully.

6. Truth in Worship and Relationships with Elohim

Elohim desires truth not only in words but also in worship and in the inner parts of our hearts.

- Psalm 51:6 (KJV):

"Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom."

- True worship involves honesty and integrity within the heart.

- John 4:23-24 (KJV):

"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him."

- Elohim seeks those who worship Him in spirit and truth.

7. Elohim's Truth is Eternal

The truth of Elohim endures forever and stands the test of time.

- Isaiah 40:8 (KJV):

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our Elohim shall stand for ever."

- Elohim's truth remains firm through all generations.

- Psalm 117:2 (KJV):

"For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of YAH endureth for ever. Praise ye YAH."

8. Elohim's Truth Leads to Wisdom and Righteousness

Living in truth helps us grow in wisdom and righteousness.

- Proverbs 3:3-4 (KJV):

"Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of Elohim and man."

- James 1:18 (KJV):

"Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures."

9. The Holy Spirit Guides Believers into All Truth

The Spirit of Elohim leads us to understand and live by the truth.

- John 16:13 (KJV):

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."

- 1 John 5:6 (KJV):

"And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth."

What is Elohim's Truth?

Elohim's truth refers to the absolute, unchanging reality as revealed by Elohim through His Word and character. It encompasses His Word, laws, justice, promises, and the very essence of who He is. Elohim's truth is not relative or dependent on circumstances—it is eternal and foundational for guiding believers in their relationship with Him.

1. Elohim's Word is Truth

The primary source of Elohim's truth is found in the Bible.

- John 17:17 (KJV):

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."

- Jesus affirms that Elohim's Word is the embodiment of truth, offering spiritual cleansing and sanctification.

- Psalm 119:160 (KJV):

Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever."

- Elohim's Word is reliable, enduring from generation to generation.

2. Jesus Christ as the Truth

Jesus Christ, Elohim incarnate, declared Himself to be the embodiment of truth.

- John 14:6 (KJV):

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

- Through Jesus, Elohim's truth is fully revealed, showing that access to Elohim's presence is only through faith in Him.

- John 1:17 (KJV):

"For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."

- While the law revealed Elohim's righteous standards, Jesus brought grace and truth to enable reconciliation with Elohim.

3. The Holy Spirit Guides into All Truth

Elohim's Spirit plays a crucial role in leading believers into truth.

- John 16:13 (KJV):

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth."

- The Holy Spirit reveals deeper truths and helps believers discern Elohim's will.

4. Elohim's Truth Brings Freedom

Living according to Elohim's truth liberates believers from sin, deception, and spiritual bondage.

- John 8:32 (KJV):

- > "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."
- Knowing and following Elohim's truth brings freedom from sin and leads to eternal life.

- Romans 6:22 (KJV):

- > "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to Elohim, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."
- Living in Elohim's truth enables believers to walk in holiness.

5. Elohim's Truth is Eternal and Unchanging

The truth of Elohim is eternal and does not shift with cultural changes or personal opinions.

- Isaiah 40:8 (KJV):

- > "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our Elohim shall stand for ever."
- Elohim's truth is consistent and will remain unchanged for all time.

- Hebrews 13:8 (KJV):

> "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

- Elohim's truth is rooted in His unchanging nature.

6. Living by Elohim's Truth Leads to Righteousness

Walking in Elohim's truth aligns believers with His will and enables them to live righteous lives.

- Ephesians 4:25 (KJV):

- > "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another."
- Living truthfully reflects Elohim's nature and strengthens the community of believers.
- Proverbs 3:3-4 (KJV):
- > "Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of Elohim and man."
- Truth and mercy must be deeply embedded in the hearts of believers.

7. Rejecting Elohim's Truth Brings Judgment

Those who reject Elohim's truth are given over to deception and ultimately face judgment.

- 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 (KJV):

- > "And for this cause Elohim shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."
- Deliberately rejecting Elohim's truth results in spiritual blindness and condemnation.

Elohim's truth is foundational for salvation, spiritual growth, freedom, and righteousness. It is revealed through His Word, the life of Jesus Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Believers are called to walk in this truth and allow it to transform their hearts and actions. Rejecting the truth brings judgment, but embracing it leads to eternal life.

Let us commit to living by Elohim's truth, seeking Him earnestly, and allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us into deeper understanding, so that we may reflect Elohim's character and enjoy His eternal promises.

The Truth about showing appreciation, encouragement, and gratitude

1. 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

"And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in YAH, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves."

- This verse encourages believers to appreciate and respect those who work and labor among them, especially leaders.

2. Philippians 1:3-5

"I thank my Elohim upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;"

- Paul expresses gratitude and appreciation for the believers' partnership in the gospel.

3. Proverbs 3:27

"Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it."

- This verse encourages us to show appreciation and do good to others when we have the opportunity.

4. Colossians 3:15

"And let the peace of Elohim rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful."

- Being grateful and appreciative is encouraged as part of living in peace with others.

5. Hebrews 6:10

"For Elohim is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

- This verse acknowledges and appreciates the efforts of believers in serving others in love.

These scriptures highlight the importance of showing appreciation, giving thanks, and acknowledging the efforts of others in both relationships and service.

Elohim values truth deeply because it reflects His character, sustains His justice, and guides His people in righteousness. As believers, we are called to live truthfully, speak truthfully, and seek Elohim with sincere hearts. Truth is essential to freedom, worship, and spiritual growth, and it paves the way for us to experience Elohim's blessings.

Let us strive to live by truth, not just in words but also in actions, so that we reflect the nature of the Elohim we serve. May the Holy Spirit guide us continually into all truth and enable us to live lives that glorify Elohim.