

Rabbi's Reflections - Wednesday, March 18, 2026
Shalom {{firstName}},

Special Announcement: It is with great personal sorrow that I tell you of the passing of our dear friend, Dr. Raymond Finney. Monday at Blount Memorial Hospital, Raymond received his crown. Raymond and Linda were connected to Shomair for more than 20 years. For many of those years they led a home group for Shomair that was very successful. You may also recall the many RRs he wrote (usually on Sundays) which can still be found in our archives. He shared his heart in those writings. Everything Raymond did, he did with faithfulness and excellence. We will miss him! That is an understatement. Details for his memorial service will be forthcoming. End SA.

Psalms Psalm 49:14(13) – Part 7

Psalm 49:14 Such is the way of the self-confident, and their followers who approve their sayings. Selah

Whom are you gonna trust? In other words, where will we put our faith? Let's review the options. There is Satan, but how can you trust a liar? Yeshua put it like this... **John 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks lies he is just being himself—for he is a liar and the father of lies.**

Another choice is to trust ourselves. Our subject verse identifies these folks as "self-confident." You know what I've found? I will lie to myself to get what I want. The only real option is to trust in God. Hearing from God is a process that could be identified as a lifetime effort. As the children's song goes, "Trust and obey, for there's no better way."

Rabbi Trail: Someone asked me last week about Messianic Judaism. They wanted to know how much of what we practice is optional for non-Jewish people. As part of our answer, let's quote the Scripture which was written to everyone, both Jews and non-Jews alike. **1John 2:4 The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His**

commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him.... 6 Whoever claims to abide in Him must walk just as He walked.

Then my caller wanted to hang all the law and the prophets on two commandments, love God and love each other. While true, everything depends on loving God and people, it doesn't render everything else meaningless. Those two commandments, to love God and love people, are actually a picture of the cross, the vertical beam (love of God) and the horizontal beam (love of people). And they "cross" (no pun intended) or intersect over the heart of Yeshua. **Romans 10:4 For Messiah is the goal of the Torah as a means to righteousness for everyone who keeps trusting.** End RT.

"Keep trusting" describes a process that will never end. This simple (yet complex) instruction is found throughout Scripture. **Isaiah 26:3 You keep in perfect peace one whose mind is staid on You, because he trusts in You. 4 Trust in Adonai forever, for the LORD Adonai is a Rock of ages.**

Finally, as we put our trust in God, we must remember that He wants what is best for our lives. **Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans that I have in mind for you," declares Adonai, "plans for shalom and not calamity—to give you a future and a hope.** Yes, our relationship with God is the process of a lifetime. **Jeremiah 29:12 "Then you will call on Me, and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek Me and find Me, when you will search for Me with all your heart.** "Seek and search and find!" That should take the rest of your life. Shalom shalom.

Daily Bread, reading plan by Lars Enarson (<https://www.thewatchman.org/>)

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29th of Adar, 5786

Lev 3

Isa 23

Pr 16

Ac 15

(Rev 9)