You Need a Redeemer

"Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. Blessed *are* they that keep his testimonies, *and that* seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. Thou hast commanded *us* to keep thy precepts diligently." (Psalm 119:1-4)

Does the above description of a righteous person in God's Word the Bible apply to you? Or are you stained by sin? **"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." (1 John 3:4)** *Consider then the following Bible verses for a glimpse into the law of God revealing His requirements for us regarding how He expects us to walk in His ways:*

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matthew 22:37b-40) "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor." (Romans 13:10a) "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin." (James 4:17) "Devise not evil against thy neighbor, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee. Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm." (Proverbs 3:29-30) "Marriage *is* honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." (Hebrews 13:4) "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." (Matthew 5:27-28) "Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbor's wife, to defile thyself with her… Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it *is* abomination. (Leviticus 18:20, 22) "Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: I am the LORD. (Leviticus 19:18)) "An hypocrite with *his* mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered." (Proverbs 11:9) "He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoreth him hath mercy on the poor." (Proverbs 14:31) Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumblingblock before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I *am* the LORD." (Leviticus 19:14) "He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse." (Proverbs 28:27) "The words of a talebearer (ie. a gossiper) *are* as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly." (Proverbs 26:22) "Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: I *am* the LORD your God." (Leviticus 19:3) "He that wasteth *his* father, *and* chaseth away *his* mother, *is* a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach." (Proverbs 19:26) "Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness." (Proverbs 20:20) "Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I *am* the LORD." (Leviticus 19:32) "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." (Matthew 6:24) "Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways." (Proverbs 3:31) "He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house" (Proverbs 15:27a). "Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another." (Leviticus 19:11) "A false balance *is* abomination to the LORD: but a just weight *is* his delight." (Proverbs 11:1) "Lying lips *are* abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly *are* his delight." (Proverbs 12:22) "Thou shalt not raise (i.e. make up or pass along) a false report: put not thine hand (i.e. agree not) with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness. Thou shalt not follow a multitude to *do* evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many (i.e. the multitude or the majority) to wrest (i.e. slant or twist) *judgment.*" (Exodus 23:1-2) "Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked." (Exodus 23:7) "Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty: *but* in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbor." (Leviticus 19:15) "A righteous *man* hateth lying: but a wicked *man* is loathsome, and cometh to shame." (Proverbs 13:5) "A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies." (Proverbs 14:5)

Consider further some of the Lord's descriptions of those who are defiled by transgression; as well as His testimony of their unfitness to enter His kingdom.

"A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall perish." (Proverbs 19:9) "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication (i.e. sexual immorality), uncleanness (i.e. impurity), lasciviousness (i.e. sensuality, lust, immodesty, lack of self-control, irresponsibility), Idolatry, witchcraft (i.e. occult practices, use of mind-altering drugs), hatred (i.e. hostility), variance (i.e. disputing, arguing), emulations (i.e. rivalry, jealous competition), wrath (i.e. rage, fits of anger), strife, seditions (i.e. crime, rebellion against authority), heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings (i.e. riotous behavior), and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." (Galatians 5:19-21) "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish (i.e. silly, senseless) talking, nor jesting (i.e. obscene, vulgar joking), which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience." (Ephesians 5:3-6) "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers (i.e. those whose words are used as weapons to abuse, insult, humiliate, intimidate, or slander), nor extortioners (i.e. cheaters and those who abuse their power to obtain money, property, or other benefits), shall inherit the kingdom of God." (1 Corinthians 6:9-10) "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie." (Revelation 21:27a)

Consider Also

The Lord sees all: "For his eyes *are* upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings. *There is* no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves." (Job 34:21-22 *He even searches our hearts*: "The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, *I* try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, *and* according to the fruit of his doings." (Jeremiah 17:9-10) T*he Lord does not show partiality in judgment nor take bribes:* "For the LORD your God *is* God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward." (Deuteronomy 10:17) *The Lord does not forget past sins:* "For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known." (Luke 12:2) *Transgressing even one of God's commandments makes you a guilty lawbreaker before Him:* "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law." (James 2:10-11) *Transgressors treasure up wrath for themselves to be revealed on the day of judgment:* "But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God." (Romans 2:5) "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." (Hebrews 9:27) *God's vengeance and wrath on His enemies are certain; and are unspeakably awful:* "See now that I, *even* I, *am* he, and *there is* no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither *is there any* that can deliver out of my hand. For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever. If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me." (Deuteronomy 32:39-41)) "The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that forget God." (Psalm 9:17)

The Only Rescue

Therefore you do need a redeemer- for you need redemption. And there is only redemption in one, The Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus therefore said " I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6) "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: *but* the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." (John

8:34-36) “For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all *men* should honor the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father which hath sent him. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.” (John 5:22-24)

God Himself testified through the Prophet Moses that a blood offering from an unblemished life is the only way for a person to have atonement for sin and be reconciled to Him. "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." (Leviticus 17:11) The offering of animals instituted by God through Moses pointed to the only, ultimate offering that can take away sins which Jesus the Son of God accomplished on the cross when He came into the world.

Therefore the Prophet Isaiah prophesied of Christ hundreds of years before He came to earth "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand." (Isaiah 53:5-10)

Jesus' resurrection on the third day after He died is proof that He is the Redeemer spoken of by Moses and all the Prophets which were before Him; and that He is the Son of God who will also judge all mankind in righteousness as He claimed of Himself. Thus His messengers testified statements such as the following about Him after His resurrection:

"And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins." (Acts 10:42-43) "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man." (Hebrews 2:9) "Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father." (Galatians 1:4) "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness." (1 Peter 2:24a) "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened (i.e. made alive) by the Spirit." (1 Peter 3:18)

Receive and obey the call of the gospel message now while you yet have a chance to side with the truth and partake of the redemption in the Great Redeemer Jesus Christ so that you may stand before God forgiven and washed pure from the stain of your sins. *Follow God's instruction given through His messenger Peter to people who asked what they ought to do in response to the Lord Jesus.* "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward (i.e. evil, wicked, out of the way, defiled) generation." (Acts 2:38-40) *The Bible is the Lord Jesus’ Word. Read it to find out His full will for us. He said “*If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:31b-32)