

## **AA3. Pursuing Righteousness & Living Righteously.**

*We are to pursue righteousness and live righteously.*

AA3a: *We are to pursue righteousness.*

AA3b: *We are to live righteously.*

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

### **Key New Testament Scriptures**

Matthew 5:20

*For I tell you that unless your righteousness is far greater than that of the Torah-teachers and P'rushim, you will certainly not enter the Kingdom of Heaven!*

Matthew 6:33

*But seek first his Kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

Romans 6:12-13

*Therefore, do not let sin rule in your mortal bodies, so that it makes you obey its desires; and do not offer any part of yourselves to sin as an instrument for wickedness. On the contrary, offer yourselves to God as people alive from the dead, and your various parts to God as instruments for righteousness.*

1 Timothy 6:11

*But you, as a man of God, flee from these things; and pursue righteousness, godliness, faithfulness, love, steadfastness, gentleness.*

2 Timothy 2:22

*So, flee the passions of youth; and, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart, pursue righteousness, faithfulness, love and peace.*

### **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

Romans 3:10-12, 20-28, 4:2, 5-6, 11-14, 20-22, 5:1, 6:19, 9:30-32, 10:4, 6-7, 10-11

1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 15:34

Galatians 2:16-17, 3:24-26

Ephesians 4:22-24

Philippians 1:10-11

1 Thessalonians 2:10

1 Timothy 6:11

Titus 3:7

Hebrews 10:38-39

2 Peter 2:21, 3:13

1 John 3:7  
Revelation 22:11

### **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

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GB04 Living Our Lives Worthy of Our Calling in the Lord  
GB05 Living in a Godly Manner and Not as Do the Pagans  
GB07 Living in a Way That is Good

### **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

Genesis 6:9

*Here is the history of Noach. In his generation, Noach was a man righteous and wholehearted; Noach walked with God.*

Genesis 15:6

*He believed in ADONAI, and he credited it to him as righteousness.*

Job 17:9

*Yet the righteous hold on to their way, and those with clean hands grow stronger and stronger.*

Psalms 1:6

*For ADONAI watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.*

Psalms 11:7

*For ADONAI is righteous; he loves righteousness; the upright will see his face.*

Proverbs 10:31

*The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off.*

### **Comment**

Righteousness is not only being factually right; it is being right in moral attitude, in acting in accord with divine law, and in being in right relationship with God.

Matthew 6:33 exhorts us to not only seek God's Kingdom, but to seek it "first." It is a reference to man's tendency to be self-seeking in his quest for provisions. God promises us that if we

make him our priority, we need not worry about providing for ourselves because He will meet all our needs.

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