

## **BA35. Not Rejecting or Turning Away from God or Yeshua.**

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

### **Key New Testament Scriptures**

#### Matthew 10:32-33

Whoever acknowledges me in the presence of others I will also acknowledge in the presence of my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others I will disown before my Father in heaven.

#### John 12:48

*Those who reject me and don't accept what I say have a judge- the word which I have spoken will judge them on the Last Day.)*

#### Romans 1:18-32

*What is revealed is God's anger from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people who in their wickedness keep suppressing the truth; because what is known about God is plain to them, since God has made it plain to them. For ever since the creation of the universe his invisible qualities- both his eternal power and his divine nature- have been clearly seen, because they can be understood from what he has made. Therefore, they have no excuse; because, although they know who God is, they do not glorify him as God or thank him. On the contrary, they have become futile in their thinking; and their undiscerning hearts have become darkened. Claiming to be wise, they have become fools! In fact, they have exchanged the glory of the immortal God for mere images, like a mortal human being, or like birds, animals or reptiles! This is why God has given them up to the vileness of their hearts' lusts, to the shameful misuse of each other's bodies. They have exchanged the truth of God for falsehood, by worshipping and serving created things, rather than the Creator- praised be he forever. Amen. This is why God has given them up to degrading passions; so that their women exchange natural sexual relations for unnatural; and likewise the men, giving up natural relations with the opposite sex, burn with passion for one another, men committing shameful acts with other men and receiving in their own persons the penalty appropriate to their perversion. In other words, since they have not considered God worth knowing, God has given them up to worthless ways of thinking; so that they do improper things. They are filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and vice; stuffed with jealousy, murder, quarrelling, dishonesty and ill-will; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God; they are insolent, arrogant and boastful; they plan evil schemes; they disobey their parents; they are brainless, faithless, heartless and ruthless. They know well enough God's righteous decree that people who do such things deserve to die; yet not only do they keep doing them, but they applaud others who do the same.*

### Romans 3:10-12

*As the Tanakh puts it, "There is no one righteous, not even one! No one understands, no one seeks God, all have turned away and at the same time become useless; there is no one who shows kindness, not a single one!"*

### Hebrews 10:26-27

*For if we deliberately continue to sin after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but only the terrifying prospect of Judgment, of raging fire that will consume the enemies.*

### Hebrews 12:25

*See that you don't reject the One speaking! For if those did not escape who rejected him when he gave divine warning on earth, think how much less we will escape if we turn away from him when he warns from heaven.*

### **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

Mark 8:38, 14:21

Luke 12:9

### **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

BA05 Not Denying Our Belief and Faith in God & Yeshua

BA34 Not Dishonoring God

BA63 Not Being Ashamed of Yeshua & His Teachings

GA08 Not Backsliding in Faith After Knowing God's Righteousness

AB01 Not Grieving the Holy Spirit

AB03 Not Quenching the Holy Spirit

AB12 Not Blaspheming Against the Holy Spirit

### **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

#### Deuteronomy 28:20

*ADONAI will send on you curses, disasters and frustration in everything you set out to do, until you are destroyed and quickly perish, because of your evil actions in abandoning me.*

#### Numbers 15:30-31

*But an individual who does something wrong intentionally, whether a citizen or a foreigner, is blaspheming ADONAI. That person will be cut off from his people. Because he has had contempt for the word of ADONAI and has disobeyed his command, that person will be cut off completely; his offense will remain with him.*

#### Judges 2:13

*They abandoned ADONAI and served Ba'al and the 'ashtarot [Ashtaroth].*

1 Samuel 8:7

*ADONAI said to Sh'mu'el, "Listen to the people, to everything they say to you; for it is not you they are rejecting; they are rejecting me; they don't want me to be king over them.*

Hosea 7:13

*Woe to them! for they have strayed from me. Destruction to them! for they have wronged me. Am I supposed to redeem them, when they have spoken lies against me?*

**Comment**

It is sinful to not believe in the existence of God or not believe that Yeshua is the Messiah, yet it is understandable if one has been wrongly taught. It is a worse sin to believe in God and in Yeshua, know them first-hand, yet turn from them and reject them.

**Related Mitzvot in Volumes 1 & 2**

G02 Acknowledging and Not Denying Belief in God and in Yeshua

G07 Treating God as Holy by Proclaiming Him Holy and by Not Profaning His Name

G15 Blaspheming God vs. Receiving Messiah & the Holy Spirit