

BA55. Humbling Ourselves before God.

We are to humble ourselves before God.

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

James 4:10

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Acts 20:19

1 Peter 3:8-9, 14-15, 5:6

Related New Testament Mitzvot

EA01 Not Boasting or Thinking of Ourselves as Great or Important

EA06 Being Humble and Not Arrogant or Proud

EA05 Not Thinking of Ourselves as Better Than Others

RA04 Correcting One Another with Humility and Gentleness

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Numbers 12:3

Now this man Moshe was very humble, more so than anyone on earth.

2 Kings 22:19

.. because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before ADONAI when you heard what I said against this place and its inhabitants- that they would become an object of astonishment and cursing- and have torn your clothes and cried before me, I have also heard you, says ADONAI.)

2 Chronicles 7:14

.. then, if my people, who bear my name, will humble themselves, pray, seek my face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land

2 Chronicles 33:23

He did not humble himself before ADONAI, as M'nasheh his father had done; rather, this Amon kept adding to his guilt.

2 Chronicles 34:27

.. because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before God when you heard his words against this place and its inhabitants- you humbled yourself before me, tore your clothes and cried before me- I have also heard you,' says ADONAI.

Ezra 8:21

Then, there at the Ahava River, I proclaimed a fast; so that we could humble ourselves before our God and ask a safe journey of him for ourselves, our little ones and all our possessions.

Daniel 10:12

Then he said to me, "Don't be afraid, Dani'el; because since the first day that you determined to understand and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard; and I have come because of what you said.

Comment

Humbling ourselves before God means being humble in God's presence. It is inconceivable that any believer would knowingly be otherwise, but there is a way that believers sometimes transgress. It is being arrogant to our fellow man while forgetting that God (being omnipresent) is there and observing us. The most proactive way for us to humble ourselves before God is to confess our sins and repent publicly. Being humble in general is an overlapping *Mitzvah* that is dealt with separately elsewhere in this compilation.

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A17 Being Humble & Not Prideful