

# **BA58. Standing Firm in Union with the Lord.**

*We are to stand firm in union with the Lord.*

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

## **Key New Testament Scriptures**

1 Corinthians 15:58

*So, my dear brothers, stand firm and immovable, always doing the Lord's work as vigorously as you can, knowing that united with the Lord your efforts are not in vain.*

Philippians 4:1

*So, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and my crown, my dear friends, keep standing firm in union with the Lord.*

## **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

Luke 21:16

1 Corinthians 16:13

2 Corinthians 1:24

Galatians 5:1

Philippians 1:27

Colossians 4:12

2 Thessalonians 2:15

1 Peter 5:12

## **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

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KA03 Being on Our Guard Against and Not Associating with False Teachers  
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GB43 Growing, Utilizing and Standing Firm in God's Grace  
GB60 Not Allowing Passions and Emotions to Lead Us Astray

### **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

#### Joshua 23:6

*Therefore be very firm about keeping and doing everything written in the book of the Torah of Moshe and not turning aside from it either to the right or to the left.*

#### 2 Samuel 23:5

*For my house stands firm with God- he made an everlasting covenant with me. It is in order, fully assured, that he will bring to full growth all my salvation and every desire.*

#### Daniel 11:32

*Those who act wickedly against the covenant he will corrupt with his blandishments, but the people who know their God will stand firm and prevail.*

### **Comment**

When we receive Yeshua as Lord, we come into a union relationship with him and with God the Father through him; this is known as being “born again” (John 3:3-5; 1 Peter 1:23). So, why does Scripture find it necessary to remind us to stand firm in that union? Does God expect that we will backslide into sin and unbelief? The short answer is that God does not expect it but knows it is possible because He has seen it happen before. Adam and Eve were in a close union relationship with God, and yet they gave in to believing what Satan said over what God said. Scripture is replete with warnings to look out for Satanic attacks through false prophets and temptations of our flesh because, when we become “born again,” we become targets for Satan to try to do to us what he did to Adam. That’s the bad news. The good news is that through our relationship with Yeshua, we have the Holy Spirit to help us fight off temptations of the flesh. Still, as with Adam, we have free will to not do so, and that is why there are so many admonitions that we stand firm in union with Yeshua.

### **Related Mitzvot in Volumes 1 & 2**

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G09 Clinging to God  
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G13 Dedicating Ourselves to God