

# **GA1. Repenting of Our Sins & Turning to God.**

*We are to repent of our sins and turn to God.*

GA01a: *We are to repent of our sins.*

GA01b: *We are to turn to God.*

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

## **Key New Testament Scriptures**

Matthew 3:2

*Turn from your sins to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near!*

Acts 3:19

*Therefore, repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be erased;*

## **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

Matthew 4:17

Mark 1:14-15

Luke 13:3-5, 17:4

John 5:14, 8:10-11

Acts 2:38, 3:26, 8:22, 13:24, 14:15, 17:30, 19:4-5, 20:20-21, 26:17-20

Romans 2:4, 3:20-28, 6:1-2, 15

1 Corinthians 15:34

2 Corinthians 3:16, 7:9-10

James 4:8

1 John 1:9, 3:4, 6, 9, 5:18

Revelation 2:5, 16, 21-22, 3:3, 19

## **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

GA05 Doing Works Befitting Repentance

GA06 Not Practicing Sin

## **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

Job 36:10

*He sounds a warning in their ears and orders them to repent of their evil.*

Psalms 7:13(12)

*If a person will not repent, he sharpens his sword. He has bent his bow, made it ready.*

Psalms 9:3

*You bring frail mortals to the point of being crushed, then say, "People, repent!"*

Proverbs 1:23

*Repent when I reprove- I will pour out my spirit to you, I will make my words known to you.*

Isaiah 1:27

*Tziyon will be redeemed by justice; and those in her who repent, by righteousness.*

Ezekiel 14:6

*Therefore say to the house of Isra'el that Adonai ELOHIM says, 'Repent! Turn yourselves away from your idols, turn your faces away from all your disgusting practices!'*

Ezekiel 33:11

*Say to them, 'As I live,' swears Adonai ELOHIM, 'I take no pleasure in having the wicked person die, but in having the wicked person turn from his way and live. So repent! Turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, house of Isra'el?'*

Hosea 3:5

*Afterwards, the people of Isra'el will repent and seek ADONAI their God and David their king; they will come trembling to ADONAI and his goodness in the acharit-hayamim.*

**Comment**

Luke 17:4 commands us: "Also, if seven times in one day he sins against you, and seven times he comes to you and says, 'I repent,' you are to forgive him." However, repenting of our sins is more than saying "I repent." It is being genuinely remorseful of having transgressed God's commandments and must be accompanied by turning to God for the appropriate change in our behavior.

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A02 Walking in God's Ways

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A14 Aspiring to God's Perfection & Holiness

G10 Approaching God While Unrepentant

N13 Repenting of Our Own Sin before Seeking to Correct Our Neighbor

R01 Listening to and Heeding God's Voice

W02 Remembering and Walking in Awareness of God's Word