

## Lesson 22 – Principles 11 For the Love of God

Read the letter below and then answer the questions that follow on a separate sheet of paper. If you believe this lesson would be helpful to others you know, feel free to share it with them.



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Dear David,

I apologize for taking so long to answer your letter. Both Jon and I stay extremely busy and must find a way to honor correspondence like yours in a more timely manner.

Congratulations on your time out. That is a rare occurrence. You will find great value in the classes you mentioned. Other SOTP/SOEP programs are also mellow (Goree, Huntsville) while other are far from the worst (Hightower, Belo).

I don't know of any Biblically based ministries for registrants in the Washington area but you might have your parents contact Sherry Ledbetter at the following email address: [OR4BalancedLaws@yahoo.com](mailto:OR4BalancedLaws@yahoo.com). She might be able to help connect you with what you seek.

As is our habit at New Name Ministries, we shoot straight with those we care about. We want you to experience the fullness of what is found in a relationship with Christ Jesus. Our experience with Yahwehists is that they find comfort in legalism and therefore lose out on the joy of being relational with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as well as with other Christians. This suppresses the fruitfulness of their lives and prevents the deep healing needed to live the free and abundant life promised to us. To "just say no" to sin (although it is better than saying yes) does not empower us to overcome sin. We must find agreement with God's love for us and His desire for us to live free of the destructive work of sin in our lives. We cannot find that in following rules. We can only find this overcoming power in relationship. We have a Yahwehist with us now at the ministry and he is really struggling. Instead of being comforted in his brothers helping to watch his back, he feels attacked. He uses his legalistic views on murky Biblical concepts to keep him from honoring others. We will continue to work with him to see him delivered into the righteousness, peace, and joy found in the Holy Spirit.

I don't know where your Yahweist beliefs take you nor am I interested in debating the matter. I only ask you to ask yourself where you find your comfort, where you find your joy, where you find your fulfillment. Do you "rest" your way to righteous living or do you "work" toward it?

Wishing you God's best,

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Director of Administration  
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1. How does the love of God manifest in your life?
2. How does the love of God manifest in your life when you address issues in someone else's life that may be unpleasant or are you not willing to go there? Please describe.
  - a. Do you try to get their doctrine correct or do you promote their freedom from bondage? Why?
  - b. Does the way the love of God manifests in your life develop new and closer relationships with other people or does something else happen? Please explain.
3. In John 14:15 Jesus says, "If you love me, keep my commands." If loving Jesus comes first, what is really happening when we keep His commands? What must we trust about Jesus for us to truly keep his commands?
4. Read Genesis 1:26 – 3:6.
  - a. Describe life for Adam and Eve prior to Genesis 3:1, especially what their relationship with God looked like. Was it love based or was it fear based? Why?
  - b. In Genesis 3:1, when the serpent said, "Did God really say", what happened to Eve's view of her relationship to God? Was it love based or was it fear based? Why?