

G-d instructs us to "Consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars that you set in place." The motion of the heavens is mathematically calculated with the concept of Pi  $\pi$ , the ratio of the circumference to the diameter a circle.

111th Congress in The House of Representatives Mar 9, 2009 submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Science and Technology:

Whereas Pi can be approximated as 3.14, and thus Mar 14, 2009, or 3.14

$$[\pi \approx 3.141592653\dots]$$

is an appropriate day for 'National Pi Day': Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the House of Representatives— supports the designation of a 'Pi Day' and its celebration around the world...and encourages schools...to observe the day with appropriate activities that teach students about Pi and engage them about the study of mathematics.

So, it seems it would be a blessed and spiritual celebration to bring wonderful Pies  $\pi$ 's for our oneg.

*[But I didn't think of sending the appeal until way too late. Nevertheless, here is a Pi pie]*



*[This year has the next two digits in the irrational number. At 9:26.53 we have 5 more digits!]*

Series on Matityahu

King Messiah, Melekh HaMashiakh Yeshua teaches:

- Feb. 21: Mtt. 6.25-27 Worrying: food, drink, clothes, health, longevity
- Feb. 28: Mtt. 6.28-30 Worrying: focus on clothes, and Purim victory
- Mar.14: Mtt. 6.31-33 Worrying: focus on food.

*[Yeshua יֵשׁוּעַ spends 9 verses of His keynote address on worry. Must be important. I'm spending 3 sermons on different aspects.]*

מתתִּיָּהוּ Mattityahu

(Matthew) 6.31-33

Mattityahu (Matthew) 6.31

לִכְן אֵל תִּדְאָגוּ לְאֹמֶר : מָה נֹאכֵל? מָה נְשָׁתֶה? וּמָה נִלְבָּשׁ?

So don't be anxious, asking, "What will we eat?" "What will we drink?" or "How will we be clothed?"

*[<http://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/ali-meyer/food-stamp-beneficiaries-exceed-46000000-38-straight-months>*

*Easy earn food in America.*

*Depression again? Not see soup lines??*

*The number of beneficiaries on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)—AKA food stamps--has topped 46,000,000 for 38th straight months, according to data released by the Department of Agriculture (USDA) January 13, 2015*

*318.9 million populations US 46/319 meg*

*1 in 7 14.4% 1 in 7 w/o adequate food! USA*

*"soup lines are at Whole Foods"*

*Govt 17 trillion debt. -17 tril, cf China +\$4 tril reserves. End food supplements?]*

mē merimnate

μή μεριμνάτε

not be anxious about

(*merimnaō*) is "an old verb for worry and anxiety – literally, to be *divided*, *distracted*".

*[<http://biblehub.com/greek/3309.htm>*

*Worry → stress can wreck your sleep, your digestion, your emotions. Divided, distracted. Wesley: I'd rather curse than worry.]*

Worry refers to the thoughts, images and emotions of a negative nature in which mental attempts are made to avoid anticipated potential threats. As an emotion it is experienced as anxiety or concern about a real or imagined issue, such as Health, Relationships, Finances, War, Disasters.

*[(From Wikipedia)*

*Exemplified by*

- *Jewish gevaltism,*
- *CS Lewis Puddleglum*

*In fact, worrying seems to help. Usually the things we worry and are distracted about are NOT the things that devastate us. Unexpected things do. So worrying seems to divert, avert the disaster. Not really.]*

Dr. Edward Hallowell, psychiatrist suggests toxic worry "is when the worry paralyzes you,"

whereas "Good worry leads to constructive action" such as taking steps to resolve the issue that is causing concern. To combat worry, 8 suggestions.

Human effort things we can do.

- people should not worry alone, because people are much more likely to come up with solutions when talking about their concerns with a friend.
- find out more information about the issue
- make a plan and take action
- take “care of your brain” by
  - sleeping enough
  - getting exercise,
  - eating a healthy diet (without a “lot of carbs, junk food, alcohol, drugs, etc).
  - get “regular doses of positive human contact” such as “a hug or a warm pat on the back.”
- let the problem go

All good ideas. Yeshua ישוע has a different approach...

Yeshua has a different answer;

- Feb. 21: knowing divine Fatherhood
- Feb. 28: Garment of praise [Mordekhi and Haman]

Mattityahu (Matthew) 6.32

הֵן אֶת כָּל אֵלֶּה מִבְּקָשִׁים הַגּוֹיִים, וְהֵרִי אֲבִיכֶם שֶׁבִשְׂמִיּוֹם יוֹדַע שְׂצָרִיכִים אַתֶּם לָקֶל אֵלֶּה.

For it is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all.

*[Way of Yeshua ישוע is NOT asceticism: monkish denying and mortifying. He knows our needs. Sometimes G-d pictured as Heavenly killjoy; wants us to suffer.]*

*Some Gk philosophies of spirituality based on life denying. Epictetus “G-d would take care of good men...although is was no major loss should G-d fail to provide and the good man die.” [Craig Keener Commentary on Matthew p 238]*

*Acts 23.12-14 The next day, some of the Judeans formed a conspiracy. They took an oath, saying they would neither eat nor drink until they had killed Sha’ul; more than forty were involved in this plot. They went to the head cohanim and the elders and said, “We have bound ourselves by an oath to taste no food until we have killed Sha’ul. [As far as we know, they’re still fasting.]*

*SW 4/13/1969: fast till “witness of the Spirit”*

*Yet: not prosperity message, Ravi Z. story of Cambodians as Khmer Rouge closing in on Phnom Penh; there are times of martyrdom.*

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Seek: Give Him first place. God will not work in second place. Is the burning, consuming desire of your heart that His name be glorified, His kingdom come, and His will be done?

Another reason some people don't have their needs met: they don't ask, don't seek from Him. It's that simple.

*[Wesley's 52 Sermons p 300*

*Athlete*

*Neil Lash came home one time to find Jamie, his wife weeping. G-d's people don't talk to Him enough. He's waiting.*

*Be available: volunteerism]*

<sup>T`hillim/Ps 27.4</sup> Just one thing have I asked of ADONI; only this will I seek: to live in the house of ADONI all the days of my life, to see the beauty of ADONI and visit in his temple.

<sup>T`hillim/Ps 119.2-3</sup> How happy are those who observe his instruction, who seek him wholeheartedly! They do nothing wrong but live by his ways.

**Greatest hindrance: tyranny of the urgent.**

*[Do it, delegate it, delay it, deny it! Can't really, כי it's urgent.*

*Facebook is not urgent. Texts... emails... phone calls... errands..., newspaper*

*Urgent: baby crying, child hungry, employment requirements*

*FIRST means... temporally, priority.]*

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### Kingdom

- “Kingdom of heaven” is often to be met with in Jewish writings; and sometimes it stands opposed to the “kingdom of the earth” Bereshit Rabba, fol. 7. 4.;
- By it is often meant the worship, service, fear, and love of God, and faith in him: thus in one of their books <sup>Zohar in Exod. fol 39. 2</sup> having mentioned those words, “serve the Lord with fear”: It is asked, what means this phrase, “with fear?” It is answered, the same as it is written, “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom”; and this is “the kingdom of heaven”.

And elsewhere they ask, <sup>Debarim Rabba, fol. 237. 2.</sup> “what is the kingdom of heaven?” To which is answered, “the Lord our God is one Lord”. Yea, the Lord God himself is so called, and sometimes the sanctuary;

*[Reciting the Shma is building the Kingdom of G-d]*

and sometimes they intend by it the times of the Messiah...for so they

paraphrase those words, <sup>Shirhashirim Rabba, fol. 11. 4.</sup> “the time of the singing of birds, or of pruning, is come; the time for Israel to be redeemed is come...and the time

that “the kingdom of heaven shall be revealed” is come, as it is written, “and the Lord shall be king over all, the earth.”“

Ro 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of **righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.**

Mt 5:3 “**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Mt 7:21 “**Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.**

*[With humility is forgiveness.]*

Luke 17:20-21 Being asked by the P’rushim when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed, nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is **in the midst of you.**”

*[I.e., King is among you: presence of the King.]*

Yn 3:3 Yeshua answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.**”

Mtt 5:10 **Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Mk 10:15 Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a **child shall not enter it.**”

Mt 10:7 And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’

1 Cor 6:9-11 **Don’t you know that unrighteous people will have no share in the Kingdom of God? Don’t delude yourselves — people who engage in sex before marriage, who worship idols, who engage in sex after marriage with someone other than their spouse, who engage in active or passive homosexuality, who steal, who are greedy, who get drunk, who assail people with contemptuous language, who rob — none of them will share in the Kingdom of God. Some of you used to do these things. But...you have come to be counted righteous through the power of the Lord Yeshua the Messiah and the Spirit of our God.**

1 Cor 4:20 **For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of words but of power.**

*[Power to transform habits, relationships, attitudes.]*

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The righteousness of God, which is revealed in Yeshua, is what gives a right and title to the kingdom of heaven. This is not the righteousness of man, but of God, because he is God who has wrought it; it is what God approves of, accepts, and imputes, and which only can justify in his sight, and give an abundant entrance into his kingdom and glory.

*[Yeshua ישוע didn't come to make bad people good, but to make dead people alive.]*

Ro 5.8-9 But God demonstrates his own love for us in that the Messiah died on our behalf while we were still sinners. Therefore, since we have now come to be considered righteous by means of his bloody sacrificial death, how much more will we be delivered through him from the anger of God's judgment!

*[Personal heresy I've toyed with for years.*

*G-d made this fallen world. It's really His design that I'm sinful. It's not really my fault. I have battles and inner bad desires to fight, but that's how I was made.*

- 1. Adam and Khava were made righteous. Only expectation was gratitude and worship.*
- 2. When they chose wrong they tainted us all. But before I blame G-d, or them, would I have done any better?*
- 3. Human race could have justly ended then, but G-d wanted creatures of gratitude and worship.*
- 4. Ultimate sin is ingratitude. Gratitude for EVERYTHING. EMUNAH. Gratitude ≈ love]*

Ro 5.17 For if, because of the offence of one man, death ruled through that one man; how much more will those receiving the overflowing grace, that is, the gift of being considered righteous, rule in life through the one man Yeshua the Messiah!

*[So, have we, you, I received Him and His righteousness? This is why Yeshua ישוע is the only way: nothing else equal to our sin.]*

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*[Given: the means of salvation is a life raft, we do have to get in. Not saving ourselves, just getting in.*

*8 cow wife in Dobson's Night Lights. Given affirmation that makes us glow.]*

Ro 4.3-5 For what does the Tanakh say? "Avraham put his trust in God, and it was credited to his account as righteousness." Now the account of someone who is working is credited not on the ground of grace but on the ground of what is owed him. However, in the case of one who is not working but rather is trusting in him who makes ungodly people righteous, his trust is credited to him as righteousness.