

## AN IN-BETWEEN NEWSLETTERS NEWSLETTER

# Acceptance: A Messiah-mas Story



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The story is told of the little Catholic boy who was having a hard time thinking God was listening to his prayers and was worried as Christmas was approaching.

“Dear God, if you will give me a new bicycle, I promise I’ll be a good boy and ...” He thought better of that. He started over.

“Dear God, I promise to make my bed every day and do my homework and then will you please give me a new bicycle?” He thought again about promises made and unfulfilled. He thought better. He went downstairs and got his father’s little statue of the mother of Jesus, Mary. He went back to his room, wrapped the little statue in a towel, put it under his pillow, and knelt down. Again he prayed,

“Dear God, if you ever want to see your mother again...”

You don’t have to negotiate with God. You don’t have to work your way to heaven. In fact, you can’t do that. All your good works are like filthy and bloody rags, Isaiah says. (“For all of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; and all of us wither like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.” Isaiah 64.6)

Consider this example. You have a full trolley of groceries. You are in the queue at the checkout and now everything is packed back and you

give the checker your credit card. He swipes the card. Now you wait. The word on the credit card machine reads, “Processing.” And you wait. The line behind you seems to be growing and growing impatient. The machine still spins the word ‘processing.’ And your anxiety level rises. Then finally the word appears, “approved.” Your fears subside. Your smile returns to your face. You exit with relief and approval.

That relief is the feeling this Orthodox Jew had when I gave my life to Yeshua 42 years ago. I who had sought God’s favor through prayers and religious observance had finally found forgiveness, favor and approval in one fell swoop, by receiving Yeshua, by receiving Jesus as my Lord and Savior. That’s all it took. God had already done everything I needed for his love and favor to be mine. All I had to do was to admit my sin, repent of my sin, and receive him as my sacrifice, as my forgiver, as the one who perfectly kept Torah on my behalf and become his.

Grace was overwhelming. I even sang it with the woman who prayed with me that night. “Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I’m found, ‘twas blind, but now I see.” I had no idea what a ‘wretch’ was, but I certainly was aware of my sins. And at that moment I learned and became much more aware of grace “far greater than all my sin.”

### MORE UPDATE

*In November, our team of 25 (mostly) young Jewish believers ministered all over the Negev (Beersheba and surrounds) in Israel, handing out tens of thousands of Gospel tracts, making tens of thousands of cold telephone calls, and found hundreds and hundreds of Israeli Jews who were open to hear more from us. They sent literature, visited in homes and offices with dozens and dozens more. Please pray as each day the statistics continue to increase to our pleasure and to the need for more workers in the Land in December and in 2014.*

*We are pondering a telephone campaign in Australia as well. Would you like to participate? Many cannot get out on the streets where we go due to certain limitations, but may want to help us phone Jewish people throughout the country. Contact Bob at the office if you want to do this.*

*We are celebrating OneNewMan each month, a gathering of Jews and non-Jews, in Sydney’s east. This fellowship features singing messianic music, prayers for Israel and others, and a Bible discussion. We welcome everyone. In December it’s on the 4th. For more information, see [bit.ly/OneNMan](http://bit.ly/OneNMan)*

*We wish you a very merry Messiah-mas, celebrating Yeshua’s birth. Our office and book shop will be closed from 24 December to 9 January so that our staff can get a needed break. God’s richest blessings to you and yours.*

*Bob Mendelsohn*

# Messianic Resources

Featured resources for your learning, celebrating, and growth

## Wherever you go DVD

The DVD that will make you remember the Prodigal Son story and which will help you explain what you believe to others, too.

**Cost is \$12 including postage in Australia**



## Olive Tree Star of David / Chai Pendant on leather necklace

Chai olive wood from Israel necklace with leather strap "Chai" is the Hebrew word for life and makes a statement that you believe the Jewish people can have life.

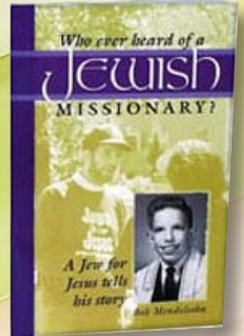
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## Who ever heard of a Jewish missionary?

Bob Mendelsohn is the leader of JFJ AustralAsia. This is his testimony of faith, including his grandmother's coming to salvation in Y'shua, too and photos from his history. Great to share with Jewish mates.

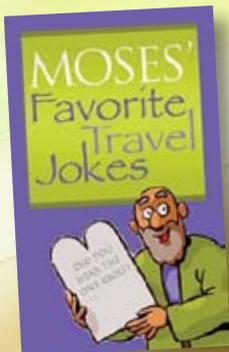
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## Moses' Favorite Travel Jokes

As if Moses had a 'Dad's Joke' book to read during his 40 years wandering in the wilderness. Perfect for holiday travel in the car with the kids. (or at home!)

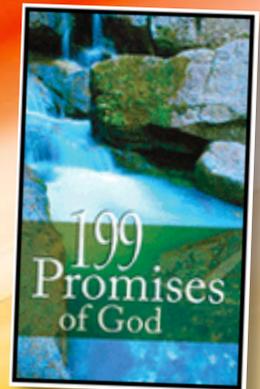
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## 199 Promises

When you feel poor in spirit and all alone. When your heart is bankrupt of hope. That's when you must turn to Scripture to mine God's promises--- for they are worth more than gold! 96 pages, Paperback.

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