

# Tehillim/Psalms 4

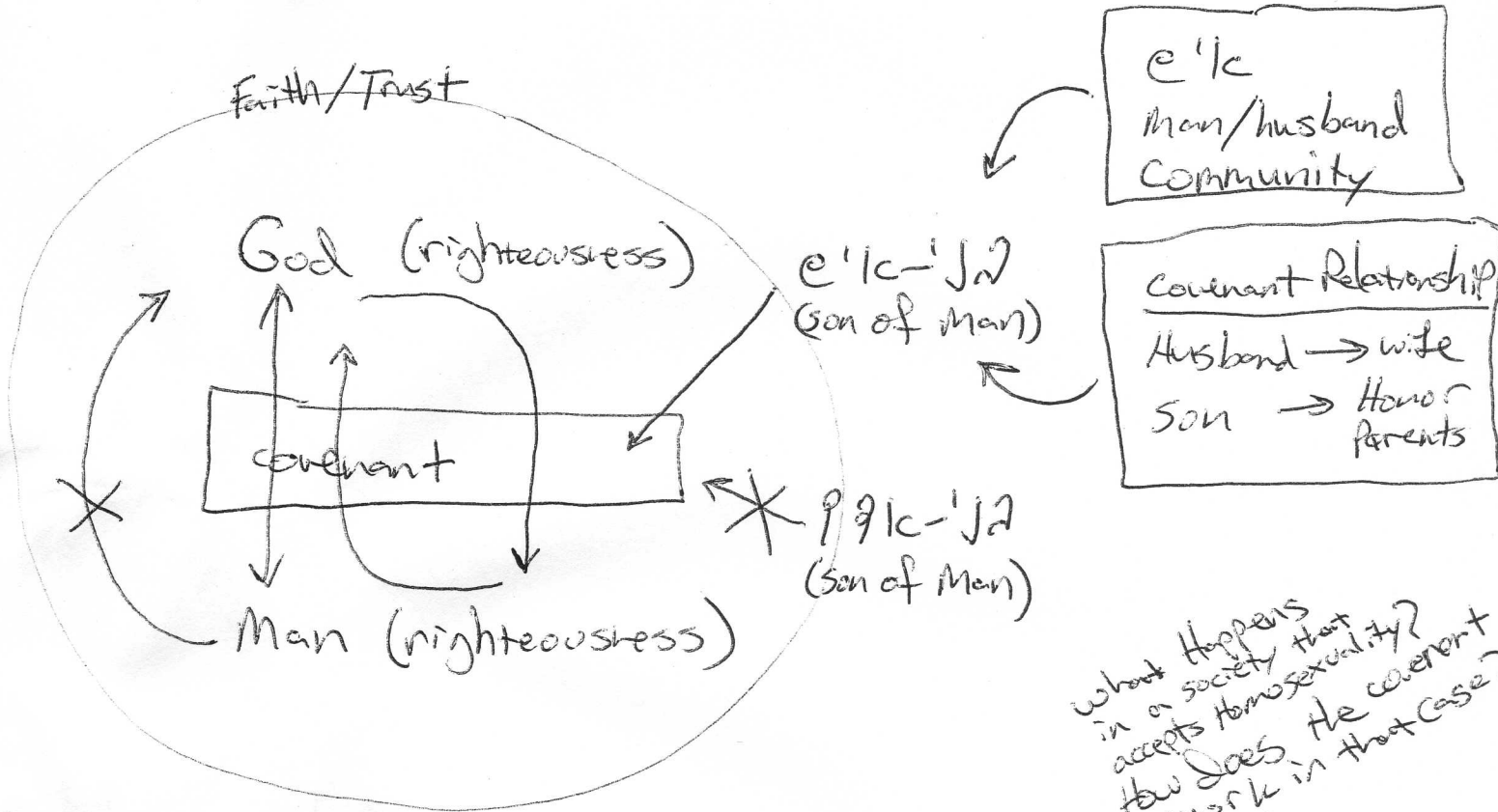
## 2 kinds of righteousness.

1. פ'פ'פ'357 דען (maasei hartzedikim)  
our own righteousness

2. The righteousness God gives/credits to us.  
Apostle Paul: Philipians 3:9-12

Practical  
Righteousness

Positional  
Righteousness



- the covenant relationship is transforming enabling us to be righteous. This is what we are supposed to be, and live

The Nations (P'ic) / other religions

↳ No Covenant relationship

↳ No salvation  
No fellowship, No communion  
No community, No unity, etc.

## Men (e'k)

- love vanity
- seek lies or falsehood
- in the act of deliberate deception

## Tehillim/Psalms 4:3

But know that the Lord has set apart the godly man for Himself; the Lord hears when I call to Him.

- David informs his enemies that their <sup>rebellion</sup> against him is rebellion against God.

→ authority God establishes leaders/Law enforcement.

→ David was installed as King by Samuel the prophet.

- David believes that he is a "righteous one"
- Despite his past sins, he believes God's Mercy is firm and established.

→ David trusts God because of what the Lord has done in the past.

## Example from Parashat Vayera (Genesis 18:17-19)

- The Lord asked "shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?"

- Abraham will be a great and mighty Nation

- The Lord will bring to pass all that He promised  
→ Abraham will command his children to walk in the way of the Lord in righteousness and justice.

- The Lord looked to the future of what was going to be, God treated His promises and blessings to be a present day reality.

\* Today we look back upon what God has done in Jesus Christ the Lord declares the present day reality of our salvation in Jesus the Messiah.

- the reality of what God has done in the past to sinners and unrepentant men should cause us to "tremble and sin not"
- the men here are helping Absalom to dishonor his dad.
- warning: "think/say within your hearts while in your beds and be still/silent."

Tehillim/Psalms 4:5

וְיִזְבֹּחַ-זֶבֶחַ יְשׁוּעָה וְיִטְבַּח

"offer the sacrifice of righteousness" and "trust in the Lord"

→ the parallel in these two clauses?

"does believing and trusting in the Lord equal to offering a sacrifice of righteousness?"

- Judaism: prayer → merit for salvation  
→ as if building an altar, etc.
- positional versus practical Righteousness?  
(Judaism mixes positional & practical)
- Apostolic commentary: Romans 4:3 } Genesis 15:6  
Galatians 3:6 } Hebrew/Aramaic

Tehillim/Psalms 4:7

- the skeptics taunt David saying there is nothing good.
- David responds: "let the light of Your (God's) face/presence shine upon us Lord"

→ quotation from the Aaronic benediction (Numbers 6:25-26)

- David parallels the presence of God with security and salvation

→ Exodus 6:3 → YHVH (יהוה)

Previously revealed

Parashat Miketz → El Shaddai (אל שדי) Genesis 13:13

Parashat Lech Lecha → El Elyon (אל עליון) (Genesis 14:18-19)  
(Melchizedek)