

Where does this Leave us?

And where do we go from HERE?

What data did we find about how Jesus saw YHWH of the OT?

Results: Jesus accepted and served the OT YHWH as His God and Father

Primary Data:	The first major use of the OT by Jesus clearly showed His acceptance of the deity of the YHWH-agent of major foundational passages in the Hebrew Bible. This interaction with Satan also clearly showed that he was NOT the author of the passages Jesus used against him.
Primary Data:	All 26 passages from the Old Testament quoted by Jesus were cited as referring to HIS God, sometimes using the name 'Father'. There was not the slightest hesitation on Jesus' part, nor were there any quotations He ascribed to Satan.
Secondary Data:	There were 6 explicit passages in which Jesus connected the term "Father" to the OT deity, and no passages in which he refuted the identification of the two.
Secondary Data:	We had 16 passages in which Jesus described his Father (or himself as a manifestation of the Father) in terms almost identical to descriptions of YHWH. Some of these were 'strong' judgment themes, while others were in the grace/generosity category.
Tertiary Data:	We had 15 Passages in which Jesus used terms used for the YHWH/OT-deity without a specific OT reference, which would have been understood by His audience to be about YHWH. All of these were expressed with approval and affirmation. No hint of some satanic agent at work.
Tertiary Data	We did not find ANY clear/explicit/strong warnings from Jesus (or His followers) that some references or actions of YHWH in the OT was NOT actually those of His God and Father.

What data did we find about how Jesus saw the OT?

Results: Jesus accepted and upheld all of the OT Scripture as from His God

Primary Data:	We found that in all 16 times Jesus used the term 'Scripture', He accepted and taught it as being God-given and authoritative (with 22 alternate terms, e.g. 'it is written', 'have you not read').
Primary Data:	We found that in all 13 Passages in which Jesus spoke about the Law of Moses as a UNIT/WHOLE, He upheld it as authoritative and trustworthy (and morally obligatory). He also affirmed the requirement to honor and obey the law in the 6 Passages in which He spoke about some specific aspect of the Law of Moses (e.g. sacrifice)
Secondary Data:	We found 10 major OT passages (some 'strong' and/or 'disturbing') mentioned by Jesus -- but none were repudiated and all were used for teaching.
Secondary Data:	We looked at 16 OT Historical references used by Jesus -- all of which were cited as factual and forceful, and – despite being disdained by some today -- used by Him without qualm for authoritative teaching.
Tertiary Data:	We did not find any clear statements or actions by Jesus that would indicate ANY hesitancy or lack of respect for the Hebrew Bible of His day. His corrections to those interpreting and/or implementing it incorrectly often zeroed in on the underlying principles, but never did he reject any requirement of the Law. He generally RAISED the bar for compliance—by compelling compliance to the 'spirit of the law', but never did He reject the GOAL of any commandment.
Tertiary Data	We did not find ANY clear/explicit/strong warnings from Jesus (or His followers) that some part of the Hebrew bible was NOT from His Father, and should be ignored or rejected.

And Now the Hard part...

In obedience, trust, and loyalty to Jesus, we must face the 'atrocities' passages, since Jesus has taught us and clearly demonstrated to us that they are in fact NOT the 'work of Satan' operating under the name of YHWH.

But rather that they are – somehow and in important aspects -- manifestations of the character and values of the Father/Son/Spirit, and faithfully contain teachings from the God of grace, patience, justice, loyalty, compassion, and eventual deliverance from all evil-doers, both human and angelic.

But rest assured...

That if YOUR heart—as being shaped by the love of God’s work in your life, into the image of HIS HEART—is troubled by passages in His word, then SO MUCH MORE was His heart troubled.

Moral failures have dulled our hearts—we don’t experience life at the intense level of His untainted and undiminished emotional core.

He will grieve with us—and BEYOND US—because He is love ...

So, trust Him and look for His goodness and wisdom in even THESE passages – and He will lead good hearts to the truth, the good, and the glorious.