

Studies in 2nd Timothy

Chapter 1

2 Timothy 1:3

I thank God, whom I serve with a **clear conscience** the way my forefathers did...

Acts 23:1

Paul, looking intently at the Council, said, “Brethren, I have lived my life with a **perfectly good conscience** before God up to this day.”

1 Timothy 1:15

It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that King Yeshua came into the world to save sinners, **among whom I am foremost.**

Q: How can Paul claim to have a clear conscience?

Proverbs 20:24

Man's **steps** are from Adonai; how then can man understand his way?

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Literally: *“From Adonai [are the] steps of a man; and ‘adam’ [mankind], how can he understand his path/way?”*

Psalm 37:23-24

The **steps** of a man are established by Adonai, and He delights in his way. When he falls, he will not be thrown away, because Adonai is the One who holds his hand.

[Paul's] apostleship was a privilege. It is most significant to see what Paul believed it his duty to bring to others – God's promise, not his threat. To Paul, Christianity was not the threat of damnation; it was the good news of salvation. It is worth remembering that the greatest evangelist and missionary the world has ever seen was out not to terrify people by shaking them over the flames of hell but to move them to astonished submission at the sight of the love of God. The driving force of his gospel was love, not fear.

∞ William Barclay

Q: What is the **conscience**?

συνειδησις
(*su-nei-dei-sis*)

"Good"
"Clear"
"Weak"
"Seared"

Definition: awareness *within* one's self

Q: But, awareness of what?

- A)** Awareness of moral judgments relating to right and wrong. (John 8:9)
- B)** Awareness within one's self of God as sovereign Creator. (1 Peter 2:19)



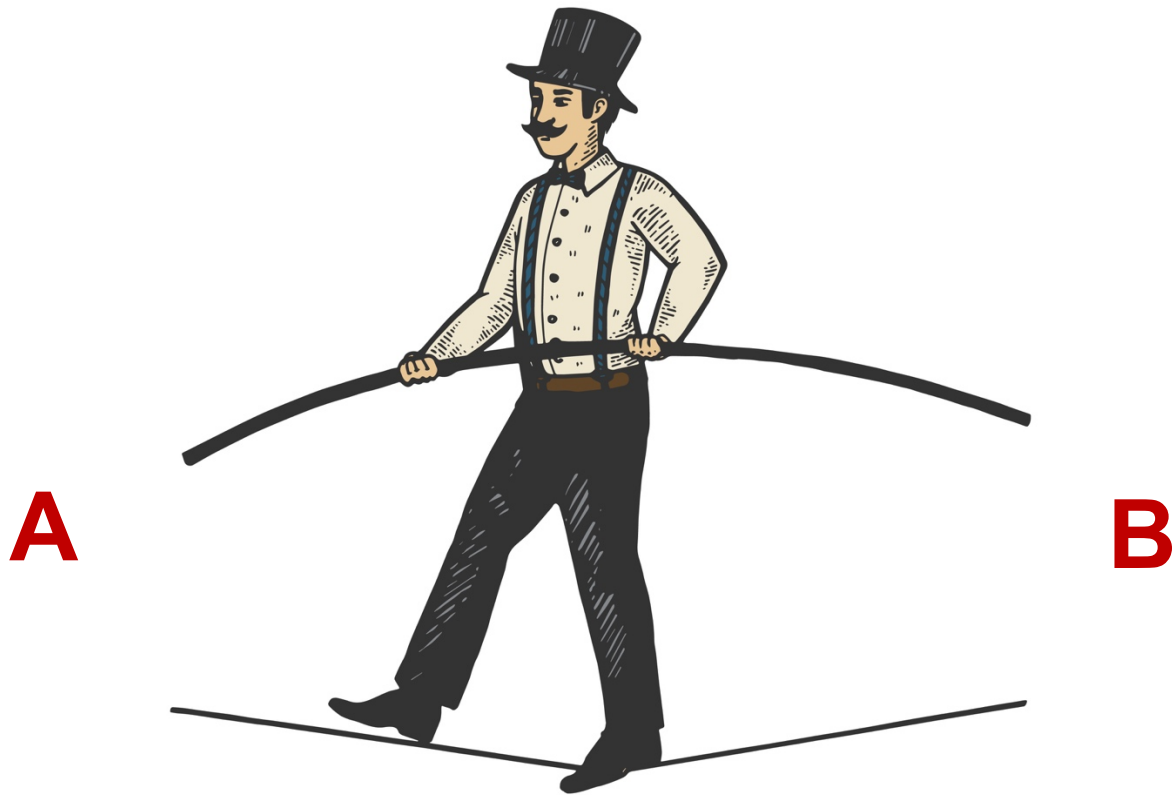
A

*We are each
writing our
own book.*

B

*We are each a
character in
God's book.*

JONAH



1 Chronicles 21:1

Then **Satan** stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel.

2 Samuel 24:1

Now again the anger of **Adonai** burned against Israel, and **He** incited David against them to say, “Go, number Israel and Judah.”

#1

Hebrews 9:8-9

The holy spirit *is* signifying this, that the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed while the outer tabernacle still has standing, a symbol for the present time. Accordingly both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make the worshiper perfect in **conscience**.

The blood of animal sacrifices is entirely physical.

#2

Hebrews 10:2

Otherwise, would [sacrifices] not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had **consciousness** of sins?

The blood of animal sacrifices cannot affect the internal [soul/spirit]

#3

Hebrews 9:13-14

For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Messiah, who through the eternal spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your **conscience** from dead works to serve the living God?

The blood of Messiah cleanses the conscience and the soul.

#4

Hebrews 10:21-22

...and since *we have* a great Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil **conscience** and our bodies washed with pure water.

We may now approach God knowing that all is as it should be. God has had it all under control from beginning to end.

Psalm 51:17

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

לֵב (lev) = "heart"