



frees them from work one day in seven and on the seasonal holidays as well and thus serves to set aside time to bring their family together; for others it is the aesthetics of Jewish art and music that embellish Jewish life and thus attract them to be part of it; etc., etc.

Even though Jews thus engage in Jewish practice for a variety of reasons, Jews generally think that the Torah insists that we observe the commandments exclusively because God told us to do so and that God will punish us if we disobey and reward us if we obey. The Bible, though, includes at least eight dif

It is a tree of life to those who grasp it,
And whoever holds on to it is happy.

This motivation to abide by the Torah's laws is not often discussed. Some may even see it as being unsuitable and unworthy: we should obey God's commands out of fear of what God will do to us if we disobey or
