

## **Smell of death or Sweet Smell of Life?**

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Monday, June 25, 2012

Holy Bible Verses: **2 Corinthians 2:15-17**

### **Complete Jewish Bible (CJB)**

*15 For to God we are the aroma of the Messiah, both among those being saved and among those being lost; 16 to the latter, we are the smell of death leading only to more death; but to the former, we are the sweet smell of life leading to more life. Who is equal to such a task? 17 For we are not like a lot of folks who go about huckstering God's message for a fee; on the contrary, we speak out of a sincere heart, as people sent by God, standing in God's presence, living in union with the Messiah.*

Are you the Smell of death or Sweet Smell of Life?

Yesterday, when I entered my vehicle, I smelled this unpleasant odor inside it. I thought it was the smell of a dead animal. Maybe my husband or I had driven over or on something, which was causing the smell. Could an animal have possibly got inside the engine? I looked around the front floorboard and the backseat of the vehicle, but did not see anything that would cause such a horrible smell.

This morning, after my devotional prayer and reading the Word of Adonai Elohim, I asked Him, "Heavenly Father, what is causing the terrible smell inside my car?" I even asked my husband to take the car to a car wash or look into the problem to find a solution to getting rid of the stinky smell.

Then the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) directed me to say to my husband, "I will drive the car and when I return from my errands we will look more closely into the problem of the smelly car." Walking toward the car, I opened the door, "Whew that smell is terrible, I wonder where it is coming from?"

The Most High One, KING and Creator of the universe by His hand directed my mind and body to look more intently. The Ruach HaKodesh guided me to open the back door

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of the car, and pull up the backseat and there was the culprit causing the terrible odor throughout the car.

A week ago, my husband and I went out to eat at a restaurant and had a “doggy” box of leftovers. I now remember my husband placing the “doggy” box leftover food underneath the backseat on the floor. It was not until yesterday I smelled the now ripe “doggy” box leftovers with a rotten smell hovering in the car. I removed the rotten smelly “doggy” box and gave to my husband as he walked outside to the car to give me the fabric spray. I sprayed another fabric odor remover made from natural herbs, the smell completely removed; we will completely wash the car this week, after the rain.

### **The spiritual lesson from this smelly situation is:**

We hide our sins (or think we are hiding our sins) from the Most High One, KING and Creator of the earth, seas, and universe, Adonai, Elohim, El Shaddai, El Elyon, Ruler, and Sovereign Master. The hidden “stinky” sins are sitting there underneath a backseat, maybe in a dark closet, or behind a closed or locked door the “smell” of the hidden sins will rise up to the nostrils of our Creator, Adonai, Elohim, El Shaddai, Yahweh, and Yahuah. The atrocious “smell” of hidden sins floating up to the nose of our Almighty Savior and Deliverer and King and Yahuah of Hosts will cause Him to react negative toward us. It displeases Him to see His creation that He loves so much finding those ones hiding sins and pretending to serve, obey, and seek Him. The Most High One and Master of the universe desires for us to seek out a solution to our hidden sins in our lives by coming to Him in a contrite, humble, and genuine heart of repentance. When we humbly repent, asks Yahweh, Yahuah, the Most High One forgiveness of our sins, read and do His word, we remove the rotten “smell” of our hidden sins in our lives. The sweet “smell” of praise and worship in spirit and truth from a repentant heart, mind, body, and soul will flow up to the nostrils of our Heavenly Father. When we remove the cause of our hidden sins and are free from the hidden “stinky” sins in our life, Adonai Elohim will respond to us with great joy and we will find grace in His eyes.