

2019 FOCUS: THE WORD OF GOD - ("IT IS WRITTEN")

KEEPING THE DEMANDS OF GOD'S COVENANT YIELDS BIG BENEFIT

TEXT: Psalm 25:10 and John 15:7

Psalm 25:10

"All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of His covenant."

John 15:7

⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Brethren, every covenant of the Lord has a demand .. He calls it the "demand of His covenant."

Knowing that demand, and keeping to the words of the demand guaranties us God's unfailing assurance to do whatever we ask of Him.

No wonder bible tells us to work-out our salvation with fear and trembling.

We must diligently study the word of God and understand BOTH His COVENANT and the DEMANDS of His covenant.

For instance, in Psalm 69:8 David described his own experience in his quest to understand the demands of God's covenant:

“I am a foreigner to my own family, a stranger to my own mother's children; ⁹ because zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.”

..... 13But I pray to you, LORD, in the time of your favor; in your great love, O God, answer me with your sure salvation.

Brethren, this is the commitment of David whom God described as:
“man after His own heart.”

Of course, God will consistently bless a person like that

No wonder David could say in **Psalm 23 (NIV)**:

¹ "The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. ² He makes me lie down in **green pastures,**

he leads me beside quiet waters, ³he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Brethren, Psalm 25:9, says "He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way."

As we embark on searching His word for the demands of His covenant, God Himself guides and teaches us...

Bible says in Psalm 103:17-18 that:

“the loving devotion of the LORD extends to those who fear Him,—
18to those who keep His covenant and remember to do his
commandments.”

“Whole duty of man is **Fear** God and keep His **Command**” Ecc12:13

Deuteronomy 7:9

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps His covenant of loving devotion for a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commandments.

Brethren, “the diligent hand will rule” (Prov 12:24). God will guide those who diligently seek out the demands of His covenant and obey them.

God made David King over Israel forever.

And David passed the mantle by first reminding his son, Solomon, that the key to getting God’s favour/covenant lies in searching out his demands/commands and obeying them:

1 Chronicles 28: ⁸ “So now I charge you in the sight of all Israel and of the assembly of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God: Be careful to follow all the commands of the LORD your God, that you may possess this good land and pass it on as an inheritance to your descendants forever.

⁹ “And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches every heart and understands every desire and every thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever. ¹⁰ Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house as the sanctuary. Be strong and do the work.”

Brethren, all the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of His covenant. If we remain in Him and His words remain in us, we can ask and get whatever we wish. It is absolutely beneficial for us to spend even more time in the bible to search out and do His demands. **GOD BLESS YOU!**

2019 PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Pray over the message of today. Ask for understanding of the demands of His covenant**
- 2. Pray that KCM will continue to fulfil its mandate as “the house of prayer for all nations” (Isaiah 56:7), extending God’s love to all the nations.**
- 3. Prayer for the Leadership of Nations and pray for peace of upcoming elections...**
 - Pray for wisdom for leaders and fear of God
 - Pray for better use of Resources deposited in nations for the benefit of all.
- 4. Ask God to please cause peace to reign in war-torn nations.**
- 5. Continue to ask God to have mercy on our land and heal us (2 Chro 7:13-18).**
- 6. Pray for Ministers and Missionaries to obey the demands of His covenant.**
- 7. Pray for Marriages, Children and families fear God and obey His command.**
- 8. Pray for Members of the fellowship – ability to obey God’s command.**
- 9 Lift up needs of the members & the fellowship & and special request we have not covered**
- 10. Ask for God’s mercy, His and grace fear Him and obey His command.**

Also pray for next Sunday.