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Attend to God's Word

Praise the Lord, Brothers and Sisters!

Don't you just love the Word of God? It's so life-giving. So eye-opening. So assuring, steadfast, and true! I say like Jeremiah, "*Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy Word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart,*" (Jer. 15:16).

I've been engaging in the "Read through the Bible in a Year" exercise. This is a challenge for me because I'm not a Bible reader. I'm a Bible *studyer*. The last time I tried to read through the Bible in a year, it was around 2015. I got as far as Genesis 1:3&4. Couldn't get past "And God said, Let there be light: and there was light... and God divided the light from the darkness." Been meditating that ever since. Is there any wonder the Lord gave me "**Light Be!**"?

I'm doing really well this year reading through the Bible. I'm only less than a week behind and am keeping up a good pace. What a joy it is to revisit the stories... pick up on details that I've either forgotten or have never noticed before... find threads woven throughout the Scripture that are easy to miss when you only look at portions at a time.

One thread that I have picked up on is the "absolutivity" of obeying – or disobeying - God. If we obey God, we will *absolutely* eat the good of the land and live a life of enjoyment in it. If we disobey God, we will *absolutely* miss out on what God has for us. Let me show you:

Side note: People often look at the Promised Land in the Bible as a symbol of Heaven. While it certainly can be symbolic of Heaven, we must realize that the Promised Land also represents the blessings God planned for us to enjoy here on earth. We do not have to wait until we get to Heaven to experience and enjoy all of the good things that God has for us.

That being said, let's journey through Deuteronomy with the Children of Israel:

Deut. 4:40 AMPC

Therefore you shall keep His statutes and His commandments, which I command you this day, *that it may go well with you and your children after you and that you may prolong your days in the land which the Lord your God gives you forever.*

Deut. 5:33 AMPC

You shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God has commanded you, *that you may live and that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land which you shall possess.*

Deut. 6:18-19 AMPC

And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord, *that it may go well with you and that you may go in and possess the good land which the Lord swore to give to your fathers, To cast out all your enemies from before you, as the Lord has promised.*

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Deut. 6:24 AMPC

And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to [reverently] fear the Lord our God for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day.

Deut. 10:12-13 AMPC

And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you but [reverently] to fear the Lord your God, [that is] to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your [mind and] heart and with your entire being, To keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command you today *for your good?*

Deut. 11:8-9 AMPC

Therefore you shall keep all the commandments which I command you today, *that you may be strong and go in and possess the land which you go across [the Jordan] to possess, And that you may live long in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers to give to them and to their descendants, a land flowing with milk and honey.*

Deut. 11:27-28 AMPC

The blessing if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you this day; And the curse if you will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you this day to go after other gods, which you have not known.

Deut. 30:16-18 AMPC

[If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God which] I command you today, to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His ordinances, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land into which you go to possess. But if your [mind and] heart turn away and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them... I declare to you today that *you shall surely perish, and you shall not live long in the land which you pass over the Jordan to enter and possess.*

Joshua 5:6 AMPC

For the Israelites walked forty years in the wilderness till *all who were men of war who came out of Egypt perished, because they did not hearken to the voice of the Lord; to them the Lord swore that He would not let them see the land which the Lord swore to their fathers to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey.*

This just made it really simple for me. We know that we're supposed to obey the Lord. We know that we're not supposed to disobey Him. For those of us who have a revelation of God's grace, we know that it's not a "Do-good-get good, do-bad-get-bad" thing. We know that God is good because HE is good – even when we've done bad, God is still good to us. (Thank You, Lord! You are good, and Your mercy endures forever!) HOWEVER. When it comes to receiving from God and receiving *on the same level He desires to bless*, we must honor His system. Isaiah describes His system perfectly: ***If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land*** (Is. 1:19). If we aren't willing and obedient, we should not expect to eat the good of the land. It's that simple.

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I know. I've used all Old Testament scriptures. The Children of Israel (to whom the above scriptures were addressed and of whom they referred) were under the law; we are under grace. Understand: Grace is not a pass to sin. Rather, it is empowerment *not* to sin. Look at it this way: We are under grace, which, like everything else we receive from God, we must receive by faith. Faith works by love (Gal. 5:6). If we love God, we will keep His commandments (John 14:15). Therefore, we don't obey God because we *have to*, or else we'll be punished. No, we obey God because we love Him. Obedience is our heartfelt response to God. (Hence the willingness piece in Isaiah 1:19). We love Him because He first loved us (I John 4:19).

God loves us so much. So much that beyond sending us the Living Word, His Son Jesus, He left us the Holy Bible - a tangible piece of Himself that we can access and commune with at any time. (That's a blessing! Many countries do not have open access to the Bible without the threat of being killed. Be grateful. Don't take God's Word for granted.)

Speaking of not taking God's Word for granted – let's do the opposite. Let's be *INTENTIONAL* about hearing, obeying, and receiving God's Word. Let's not be casual about it. Let's listen *TENACIOUSLY*, as if your life depended on it – because it does. I like the way Isaiah says it: *Seek, inquire for, and require the Lord while He may be found [claiming Him by necessity and by right]* (Is. 55:6 AMPC).

We are living in perilous times. Praise God that we who put our hope and trust in Jesus (as demonstrated by our obedience) are not subject to the times. God has given us a way of escape from the things that are going on now and the worse things that are coming. What is the way of escape, you ask? HIS WORD. But it is up to us to take it.

Listen as God (through Solomon) implores us to heed His Word:

Proverbs 4 KJV

*For the purpose of this letter, I am only hi-lighting certain verses.
But I encourage you to read the entire chapter.*

¹**Hear**, ye children, the instruction of a father, and **attend** to know understanding.

²For I give you good doctrine, **forsake ye not** my law.

⁴... **Let thine heart retain** my words: **keep** my commandments, and **live**.

⁵**Get** wisdom, **get** understanding: **forget it not; neither decline** from the words of my mouth.

⁶**Forsake her not**, and she shall preserve thee: **love** her, and she shall keep thee.

⁷Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore **get** wisdom: and with all thy getting **get** understanding.

⁸**Exalt** her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.

¹⁰**Hear**, O my son, and **receive** my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.

¹³**Take fast hold** of instruction; **let her not go: keep** her; for she is thy life.

²⁰My son, **attend** to my words; **incline thine ear** unto my sayings.

²¹**Let them not depart** from thine eyes; **keep them** in the midst of thine heart.

²²For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

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Everything the Lord asks us to do in these scriptures requires intentionality. They require our making an active choice to follow Him. They require us to deny ourselves, crucify our flesh, and cut ourselves off from unholy appetites.

Verse 20 says, “My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.”

To attend means to give attention; prick up the ears.¹ To incline means to lean; to deviate from an erect or parallel line toward any object; to tend.² **Listening to the Lord requires us to be intentional about leaving our own thought processes and mindsets, tuning out other voices and influences, and leaning in to hear the Lord in order to do what He says.**

It is my prayer that you will indeed attend to God's words and incline your ear to His sayings. I speak Matthew 13:16 to you: *Blessed are your ears, for they hear.* May you receive on the same level God desires to bless, in Jesus' Name.

If you receive this Word, I encourage you to sow a seed to connect with this Word and activate what you have received. **Use this seed to activate a deeper desire and greater determination to hear from the Lord.** Name your seed for the harvest you are expecting. I stand in agreement with you as you stand on the Word of God.

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I AM EXCITED to share with you testimonies that are coming out of our prayer and evangelism ministry! There is a gentleman in my neighborhood that the Lord had me to start witnessing to a couple of years ago. I did. He listened. To this day, he enjoys hearing the Good News, but his response has always been, “*I know what you're saying is good and right. I'm just not a religious person.*” (Cont'd. on next page.)

Despite his claim that he is not a religious person, he has taken to calling me and asking me to pray for people. (He used to ask me to pray and just leave me to do it. Now he stays so I can pray with him present. 😊) Not only does he share how uplifted he feels after the prayer, but he is always sure to bring me the results (i.e., praise report). The latest is, “*You prayed for [my friend's] daughter a couple of months ago. [My friend] was told [her daughter] may not make it. She's at home now doing much better.*” I give God glory for His healing virtue and for manifesting Himself as only He can. I thank God for the beautiful work He is doing in this gentleman, and I continue to believe God for his salvation. Agree with me, if you will! Thank you!

¹ Strong's Hebrew. Word 7181.

² Noah Webster's Dictionary (1828).

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How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him ... that publisheth salvation (Is. 52:7)

I am in the process of finishing my second book: *Receiving on the Same Level God Desires to Bless*. This book will contain two volumes. The first volume will be an expanded version of *Beyond Salvation: The Art of Receiving God's Promises*. The second volume will consist of new content that will give a deeper understanding of what it is to receive from God and practical application steps on how to do so. **We go to publication in 3 weeks. Your support is appreciated.**

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