



DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

What does God require of me? ... by Juan

READ DEUTERONOMY 10: 12-14

- **How many daily requests do we make to God?**
We ask God to give us health, work, home, a good husband or wife, a car, trips, to take care of our families, etc.
- **What Does God Want From Me?**
- **TO FEAR THE LORD YOUR GOD. Prov. 1: 7; Ps. 111: 10** [Fear: To Honour, Respect, and Reverence to God.]
- Wisdom means much more than having much knowledge, studies, etc. If one wants to have wisdom, one has to start by honouring, respecting, trusting, loving and obeying God and this, of course, will lead us to have a righteous life and be able to discern the right from the wrong. *Ps. 103:13 - "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;"*
- *Prov. 2:1-5 - "My child, listen to what I say and treasure my commands. Tune your ears to wisdom and concentrate on understanding, cry out for intelligence and take understanding. Look for them as if they were silver, as if they were hidden treasures. Then we will understand what it means to FEAR THE LORD."*
- **TO WALK IN ALL HIS WAYS. Deut. 5:33**
- Walking in all the ways of God brings us great benefits:
that we do well
have long days
- What are those ways? The ones God has outlined for us through his word, which is to follow Christ and to do according to His Word.
*Prov. 14:12 - "There is way that appears to be right but in the end it leads to death."
Mat. 7: 13-14 - "But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."
John 14:6 - "I am the way and the truth and the life and no one comes to the Father except through me."*
- **TO LOVE HIM. John 14:15; Deut. 11: 1**
- How much do you love God? *John 14.* An interpreter of the law asked Jesus to tempt him and asked Master what is the great commandment of the law?
*Matt. 22:37-38 - "Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment."
Gal. 5:22 - "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness".*

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WEEKLY EVENTS/NOTICES

Week 35

1 John 4:7 - "Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God."

1 John 4:20 - "If someone says, "I love God," but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see?"

- **TO SERVE YOU THE LORD WITH ALL OUR HEART. Deut. 6:13**

Josh. 24:15 - "But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord."

- **TO KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS AND STATUTES (TO OBEY)**

- Obedience to God is the submission without condition.

Gen. 12:1 - God gave Abraham an order and told him to leave his land and his relatives and to go to the land that I will show you. And Abraham went with his wife Sarai and his nephew Lot, they went to Shechem.

Gen. 6:14 - God told Noah to BUILD an ark of wood and he gives the description of the ark that Noah had to make.

- And being Noah a man of faith and obedient to God, Gen. 6:22 says that Noah made according to everything that God commanded him. Christ was obedient with his father to fulfil the great mission of saving humanity from the condemnation of sin, but for that he had to die on the cross and go through that great suffering for you and me.

- *Philip. 2:8-11* - says he was obedient to death – "And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

- Obedience is beneficial in two ways: (a) It pleases God and makes his heart content; (b) we receive blessings.

- God asks us: to honour Him; to follow Him; to love Him; to serve Him; to obey Him.

Events /Notices

▶ **Prayer meeting** every *Wednesday* evening at 7pm

▶ **Anyone interested in helping** with the various ministries in the church please speak to one of the pastors (Billy/Gareth)

▶ **Prayer meetings** will take place on *Sunday* the 19th, *Monday* the 20th, *Tuesday* the 21st and *Wednesday* the 22nd of August. Starting at 7pm each evening