

Eisenhower Church of Christ

What Does the Lord Require?

As Moses prepared Israel to enter the promise land, he wrote a book, called Deuteronomy, in which he reviewed their history up to that time. He also recounted the law that God had delivered to him on Sinai. Amid the details of this law Moses included a summary statement of what Israel must do to please God. In Deuteronomy 10:12-13 he said, ***“Now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require from you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and to keep the Lord’s commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good?”***

As we consider this statement we see that God required four things of His people. First, He required that they fear Him. In this case, fear means to revere and to respect. This is an attitude of submission to higher authority. If Israel feared God, they would subjugate their will to His will. Even the Son of God practiced this kind of submission. In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus prayed, ***“yet, not as I will, but as You will”*** (Matthew 26:39). If we fear God today, we will do no less than the Son of God did in this regard.

Second, God required Israel to walk in all His ways and to love Him. This denotes a way of life that is governed by God’s will. Walking in God’s ways and loving Him is essentially the same thing. In the scriptures to love God means to obey Him. In John 14:15 the Lord said, ***“if you love Me, you will keep My commandments”***. Thus, if we love God we will obey Him. We cannot love God and walk our own way.

Third, God required Israel to serve Him with all their heart and soul. This is how God separates true disciples from fake ones. Our Lord made this distinction in many of His confrontations with the scribes and Pharisees. These men were considered the best keepers of the Law of Moses, but the Lord said their hearts were far from God (Matthew 15:8-9). They were insincere in their worship and often set aside God’s law in favor of their man-made traditions. God requires sincere worship, and true disciples will not fail to serve Him with all their heart and soul.

Fourth, God required that Israel keep His commandments and statutes. In a word, this is obedience, and it is the foundation of being acceptable to God. In fact, each of the preceding requirements is also based upon obedience. The bottom line is that God requires all who come to Him to obey Him. There is no wiggle room in this requirement. We either obey God or we don’t. It is each person’s choice, of course, but God will not suspend His commandments if we choose to ignore them.

The final element of Moses’ statement is crucial. At the end of Deuteronomy 10:13 Moses said that the things God commanded Israel were for their good. Later in Deuteronomy Moses spoke in detail of all the good things that would come to Israel if they obeyed God’s law. He also warned them of the evil that would befall them if they disobeyed. Knowing that God’s laws were for their good should have motivated them to faithfully keep it. It should also motivate us to keep God’s will today for Paul said that godliness holds promise for the present life and for the life to come as well (I Timothy 4:8).

What the Lord requires of us is not complicated. It is a simple matter of each of us deciding to put His will first in our lives. If we do so, good things will come to us in life and at the end of time, we will receive a home in heaven for eternity. With such a reward in view, it just makes sense to do all the Lord requires.

—Fred Dominguez

Prayer Requests:

We need to keep Susan and **Charles Simmons** in our prayers at this time. Charles had a seizure last Saturday, March 3rd and had to be taken to the ER. He was kept overnight for treatment and observation. Charles was able to go home the next morning. Both Susan and Charles have had several health issues lately.

Concerns Update

Winford Hambright is in rehab at MCH. He is having problems with swallowing. Winford was to be evaluated on his progress Wednesday, March 7th.

Glenna Callendar is doing better since her fall about two weeks ago. She hurt her right leg but was able to be in worship service last Sunday. Continue to keep Glenna in your prayers for a complete recovery.

Jackie Rex's doctor's appointment was re-scheduled for Tuesday, March 27th. However, she may get moved up sooner. The doctor will decide if she needs foot surgery or not at that time.

Trina Plyler, George & Jurlean Warren's daughter, was able to go home from the hospital Wednesday, February 28th. She is on antibiotics for an infection and seems to be doing better.

Bill Butler is still at Madison Medical Resort doing rehab. He is in room #302-A.

Jimmy Weaver is also in rehab at The Parks Living. He is in room #305.

Prayer List

Mary Anchondo; Tom Bauer; Elsie Bradford; Bill & Mary Brown; Bill Butler; Glenna McCarty-Callendar; David Castor; Beth Clay; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Glenda Driver; Dana Erwin; John Ford; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; David Guynn; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Winford Hambright; Glenda Hillis; Janis Laminack; Betty Leeth; Eliseo Lopez; Russ Montgomery; Tanya Nichols; Curtis Parum; Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; Elvia Ruckman; Montrella Ruffner; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; Matthew Simmons; Verlie Snyder; Velma Tolbert; Lauria Troutz; Marilyn Upshaw; Laura Vasquez; Jurlean Warren; Doris Weakland; Jimmy Weaver; Lisa Wells; Janet Wesson; Wanda Wheeler; Ann Wilson; Glenda Winkley; Charles Wood; John Wood; Jack Wright.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Jennie Fuls; Roberta Hamil; Janis Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and the spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

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Bible Quiz Question...

When the Apostle Paul turned from the Jew to the Gentile, he used an expression from the Old Testament. "Your blood be upon your own heads." From which of the Major Prophets was this expression taken? (1) Ezekiel; (2) Daniel; or (3) Isaiah

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

Paul was quoting from the Major Prophet, Isaiah, when he said, "Lo, we turn to the Gentiles. For so hath the Lord commanded us saying...I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles. See Isaiah 42:6

Events

Watch "***In Search of the Lord's Way***" every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the "***Speaking the Truth in Love***" program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

Office News

The “Tipton Children’s Home” from Oklahoma will be in Odessa between April 10th-12th. We will be collecting **Spaghetti Noodles and Diced Tomatoes** for this food drive.

He Shall Be Like a Tree

Man is said to be several things in the Bible; builders, sheep, branches, salt, light, withering grass and fading flowers and now a tree. Psalm 1:1-3 speaks of man being as a tree “planted by the rivers of water.” Christians have also been planted (Romans 6:3-5). A tree is a rooted thing. Christians are rooted and built up in Christ (Colossians 2:7).

It takes time for a tree to become rooted and it takes time for a person to become established in the faith (Hebrews 5:12). A tree is a growing thing. “By the rivers of water” is a place of nourishment. Nature demands that a tree grow and the law of God demands that a child grow (1 Peter 2:2). The environment for growth is equally important for the tree as it is for a Christian (I Corinthians 15:33). A tree is a beautiful thing. Few things in nature are as beautiful as a tree. And, there is nothing more beautiful than a godly life (Romans 10:15).

–Lithia Springs church of Christ

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Spring, GA

March 11th, 2018

	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	John Wood	Jacob Carson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Tom Sorenson	John Wood
Second Prayer	George Warren	Rudy Ochoa
Closing Prayer	Craig Wesson	Dex Dennard
Lord's Supper		
West...	Don Easlon Charles Wood Josh Weakland	Scot Straw Communion (In Library)
East...	Cody Wesson Jeff Wesson Larry May	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Allen Weakland -362-1403 *Deacon*: Jr. Munoz 363-1309 *Pulpit*: Chris Butler 362-7486 *Table*: Scot Straw 301-0549 *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Duties*: Tommy Garcia 638-2702 *Collections*: Tommy Garcia 638-2702

Sunday AM

“Scales Taken from the Eyes”
(Acts 9:10-19)

Sunday PM

“Dove’s Return to the Ark”
(Genesis 8:6-12)

Our Records

Bible Class... 77

Morning Worship...118

Evening Worship...57

Wednesday...65

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