

# Pursuing God's Requirements

## Deuteronomy 10:12-14

1 Peter 1:13-25

1 Timothy 6:6-16



**Lie #28** - There is no eternal absolute standard of righteousness. (Part 2)

## 2026 Goals

- Growing in an intimate relationship with God. (John 17:1-3)
- Losing our lives to serve God and serve others. (Luke 9:23)
- Walking (living) a life that is fully pleasing in God's sight. (1 Thess 4:1)
- Doing what God requires. (Deuteronomy 10:12-14)
- Being good stewards of God's gift of time. (Ephesians 5:16)

## Who Is God that He Should REQUIRE?

- Creator and Sustainer of HIS Universe (Acts 17:24-25; **Job 12:10**)
  - The Creator has laws for all His creatures.
  - The commandments of God are for all men in all times, **so why do Christians believe they are exempt!**
- King of kings
  - He is **the** Law Giver, King, and Judge (Isaiah 33:22)
  - He has Laws for all who live in His kingdom.
  - HE holds the hearts (minds, emotions, wills) of all kings in His hand and He turns them as He pleases (Proverbs 21:1)
- Lord of lords
  - As Lord, He has authority over all flesh. (John 17:2; Acts 2:36)
  - He is Lord over all. (Acts 10:36)
  - All creatures are His servants. He exist to serve our Lord.
- Redeemer of His People (Isaiah 48:17-18; Exodus 20:1-2)
  - His people were purchased by His blood and He owns their bodies and spirits. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 1:18-20)
  - He has Laws by which He demands His people lived by (Luke 6:46; 1 John 2:3-4).
  - God's people show their love to their Redeemer by obeying His commandments (John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-15; 1 John 5:1-3)
- Father of His Children (1 John 3:1; Romans 8:16-17)
  - As Father, He has rules for His children to obey.
  - The difference between the children of God and the children of the devil. (1 John 3:6-10)

- ★ God has made Himself clear both in the Old and New Testaments that our lives are not our own - they belong totally to God. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Acts 17:25, 28; Job 41:11; Psalm 24:1)

## God Requires: His People to Fear Him

- What is your response? **I WILL or I WILL NOT.**
- Where is the fear of God? In the world? In the Church? In the people of God? (Psalm 33:8) **ONLY** unbelievers do not fear God! (Rom 3:18; )
- Where is the trembling before God? (Psalm 96:9; 99:1; 114:7)
- ★ Jeremiah 32:39-40; Psa 112:1; 128:1; 34:9; Eccl 12:13-14; 1 Pet 2:17; Rev 14:7
- (Psalm 33:18) The eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him.
- (Psalm 34:9) There is no want to those who fear Him.
- (Psalm 103:11, 13, 17) He pities and merciful to those who fear Him.
- (Psalm 115:11) He is help and shield to those who fear Him.
- (Psalm 145:19) He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him.
- Psalm 147:11) The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him.
- (Proverbs 19:23) Those who live in the fear of the LORD will abide in satisfaction.
- ★ (Malachi 3:16-17) Those who fear the LORD shall be HIS!!!! They will be His jewels (special treasure) (Exodus 19:5; Titus 2:14).

## God Requires: His People to Walk in ALL His Ways

- What is your response? **I WILL or I WILL NOT.**
- ★ God requires that we walk (live) in ALL His ways. Creatures have no authority to “pick and choose” what ways they will follow (Luke 4:4; John 4:34).
- ✗ Either we are walking in ALL the ways of God or we are walking in the counsel of our own hearts. (Psalm 81:12-13; Jeremiah 7:24; 23:17)
- (Deuteronomy 29:19-20) MANY ignore this warning.
- (Isaiah 48:17-18) God’s ways are for our PROFIT! (See Psa 1:1-3; Josh 1:7-8)
- (2 Timothy 3:16-17) God’s Word is PROFITABLE for:
  - ① **DOCTRINE:** Teaching us what is RIGHT.
  - ② **REPROOF:** Teaching us what is NOT RIGHT.
  - ③ **CORRECTION:** Teaching us HOW to GET RIGHT.
  - ④ **INSTRUCTION:** Teaching us HOW to STAY RIGHT.
  - ⑤ **EQUIPPING:** Teaching us to DO the WORK God foreordained us to walk in (Ephesians 2:10).
- Following Christ is walking (living) as He walked (lived). (1 John 2:6)
  - How did Christ walk?
    - Living in complete dependence on the Father (John 5:30)
    - Doing the Father’s will. (John 5:30; 4:34; 6:38; Psalm 40:7-8; Hebrews 10:7-9; Philippians 2:5-8)
    - Obeying God’s commandments - the Law (Isaiah 42:21; Matt 5:17).
    - Prayer - **fervent** prayer (Hebrews 5:7).

→ Consider Zacharias and Elizabeth - Luke 1:5-6.

## God Requires: His People to Love Him SUPREME

- What is your response? **I WILL or I WILL NOT.**
- The GREATEST and FIRST Commandment: Matthew 22:36-40; Deut 6:5.
  - ★ When God saves us He gives us a NEW HEART - that heart is designed by God to cause us to love Him supremely (Deut 30:6)
- Love for God is demonstrated in obedience not solely in emotions/feelings. Disobedience shows our hatred of God (John 14:21, 23-24).
- Christ demands that we love Him supremely - more than our parents, spouses, children, and even our own lives! Anything less than supremely disqualifies one to be a disciple of Christ - a Christian. (Luke 14:26; Matt 10:37)
- Those who do not love God supremely are His enemies and He has promised vengeance on His enemies (Nahum 1:2-3)

## God Requires: His People to Serve Him Wholly and Fully

- What is your response? **I WILL or I WILL NOT.**
- How are God's people referred to in the New Testament?
  - Believers - 2x      ➤ Christians - 3x      ➤ Workers - 13x
  - The Elect (Chosen) - 14x    ➤ Servants - 53x    ➤ Saints - 62x
- (John 12:26) **MEDITATE!**
- (Hebrews 12:28-29) - We are to **SERVE** God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. Our God is a consuming fire.
- (Matthew 6:24) - One cannot serve TWO MASTERS. Either you will love one and hate the other, or you will be loyal to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and serve the world.
- (Colossians 3:17, 22-23) Whatever we do we are do it heartily (with all our heart) as unto the Lord and not unto men.
- (1 Corinthians 10:31) Whatever we do we are to do it for the glory of God.
- (John 4:23-24; Hebrews 12:28) We serve God when we worship Him in SPIRIT and in TRUTH. (Contrast: Matthew 15:6-9)
- (1 Peter 4:10-11) We serve God when we serve in a local church - the Body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Hebrews 6:10-11)
- (Romans 12:1-2) In view of all of God's mercies it is are reasonable **service** to offer our **entire bodies** up as living sacrifices unto God.

## God Requires: His People Keep His Commandments

- What is your response? **I WILL or I WILL NOT.**
- Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 This is the WHOLE DUTY of man:
  - ① FEAR GOD.      ② KEEP His commandments - all His commandments.!
- At rebirth, God gives each person a new heart/Spirit to obey Him. (Ezek 36:26-27)

- Can you recite just the TEN COMMANDMENTS?
  - The Ten Commandments are for ALL MEN in ALL TIMES!
  - God REQUIRES His people to OBEY HIS COMMANDMENTS.
- Parents teaching their children: Psalm 78:1-8.
- Consider Christ's teachings:
  - Matthew 5:19 - Even the least; greatest or the least in the kingdom.
  - Matthew 18:6 - Better to have a millstone around your neck and thrown into the sea!
  - John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14
- God shows His mercy on those who love Him and KEEP His commandments (Exodus 20:6; Deuteronomy 7:9; Daniel 9:4; Nehemiah 1:5; 1 Kings 8:23)
- (Romans 6:15-16) "What then? Shall we sin (lawlessness - 1 John 3:4) because we are not under the law but under grace? **GOD FORBID!**"
- ★ **MEDITATE:** Christ is the Author of eternal salvation for who? (Hebrews 5:9)

## What Is Your Response?

- ❶ Do you fear God? Do you tremble? (Psalm 99:1) Do you tremble at His Word? (Isaiah 66:1-2)
  - ✗ OR are you believing the lie that Christian need not fear God?
- ❷ Are you walking in ALL HIS ways? Do you know His ways?
  - ✗ OR do you "pick and choose" what commandments you want to obey, how you want to obey, and when you want to obey?
  - Walking in ALL of His ways is doing His will. Doing His will is obeying His commands. If we are not walking in all of His ways we are walking/ living in sin! Only those doing His will go to heaven! (Matt 7:21-23; 1 Jn 2:17)
  - It is NOT our personal testimony but our works, obedience, and walk that show that we are born of God! (James 2:14-26; 1 John 2:3-4; Rom 8-1-4; Ephesians 2:10; 4:1; 1 Thess 4:1)
- ❸ Do you love God supremely? Do my daily priorities show my love?
  - ✗ OR do you just know the first and greatest commandment but you really do not live it? **Either we love God supremely or we do not love God.** Love is demonstrated in obedience (John 14:15; 21, 23-24; 1 John 5:3)
- ❹ Are you serving God with all of your heart and soul?
  - ✗ OR you don't believe that you must be a *doulos* - a bond servant?
    - Do you worship God in spirit and truth (John 4:23-24; **Matthew 4:10**).
- ❺ Are you keeping His commandments?
  - ✗ OR you believe that Christ fulfilled the Law for you and now you can ignore God's commandments?
    - All men everywhere are under the Law of God **as a rule for living**. All men everywhere are commanded to repent. "To repent" means to turn away from disobedience to God's Law TO obeying God's Law.
  - ★ God's requirements are NOT burdensome to the true disciple of Christ. The true disciple yearns to please his God by living according to His rules (1 John 5:3; Matthew 11:29-30)