

Monday, 19 September 2016 Deuteronomy 11:7-9 [2]

For your eyes have seen all the great work of the LORD that he did. "You shall therefore keep the whole commandment that I command you today, that you may be strong, and go in and take possession of the land that you are going over to possess, and that you may live long in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give to them and to their offspring, a land flowing with milk and honey.

"Keep the whole commandment" Lord, don't You think that's a bit over the top, excessively strict? Now, look, I keep most of the commandments, well, sometimes I might shade one or two a tad but that's little stuff. Right? OK, so that clerk gave me the wrong change, but come on, less than a cup of coffee at MacDonaldis. What do You mean, restitution? Apologize to that clerk and return four times the amount? I'm not Zacchaeus! You told him that salvation came to his house that day? You must mean that obedience vs. disobedience is an all or nothing proposition. Forgive me, Lord, for my greed and willfulness.

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Tuesday, 20 September 2016 Deuteronomy 11:7-9 [3]

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"Take possession, live long in a land flowing with milk and honey." Hummm, might that not be a description of life in the Kingdom of Heaven in the here and now? A land of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit? Continue to guide me, Lord. Thank You for the gift of the Comforter to lead me along the King's Highway.

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Wednesday, 21 September 2016 Deuteronomy 11:18-22 [1]

"So commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these words of mine. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, so that as long as the sky remains above the earth, you and your children may flourish in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors. "Be careful to obey all these commands I am giving you. Show love to the LORD your God by walking in His ways and

holding tightly to Him.

There's that pesky word again. Commit! It has several definitions, some positive with the connotations of entrust or dedicate; some have negative such as to perpetuate a crime but all have a common thread. They are all or nothing. Rather ridiculous to think about walking into a bank and announcing that you might be there to pull off a robbery. Equally ridiculous to think that you can sort of obey the LORD, God the Almighty. A halfhearted commitment is no commitment at all.

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Thursday, 22 September 2016 Deuteronomy 11:18-22 [2]

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The LORD, God the Almighty knows that I am a forgetful man so He provides several directions to help me keep my commitment foremost in my mind. The first deal with my need to have visual reminders and to have continuous statements to my Personal Mission Field. On my hands to remind me that I am working for the Lord and on my forehead as a testimony to the world. Don't put a fish on the back of your car if you are a habitual speeder.

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Teach them to your children (and everyone else). Does my conversation drip praise to the LORD, God the Almighty as a matter of course? Do I acknowledge His presence and intervention in all aspects of my life?

My transformation is a work in process.

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Saturday, 24 September 2016 Deuteronomy 11:18-22 [4]

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How does a stranger know as they enter my home that it is a household that is dedicated to serving the LORD, God the Almighty? Is it important that there physical signs, even noticeable to the normally unobservant? The LORD, God the Almighty says it is.

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Lord's Day, 25 September 2016 Psalm 119:137-144

*Righteous are you, O LORD, and right are your rules. You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness and in all faithfulness. My zeal consumes me, because my foes forget your words. Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it. I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts. Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true. Trouble and anguish have found me out, but your commandments are my delight. Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.*

Righteousness, Your righteousness; for there is no other. All things in their proper order and place, all things according to Your word, all things glorifying You, all things fit for Your presence, all things done in holiness, with justice, for Your glory. Complete elimination of sin from the Creation.

# VOICES TOGETHER

*Daily Meditations from the Scriptures*



*September 19-25, 2016*

I was dealing with a very difficult and perplexing problem in the spring of 1989 and tackling it by trying to learn everything I could on the subject. One evening, as I continued my studies, God told me very clearly that the root of the problem was that I did not know Him. I put down the book I was reading and picked up a Bible figuring that was where I was going to find Him. That began what has been a 27-year search to know, really know in a John 17:3 way, the Lord, God the Almighty.\*

Voices Together has and continues to be, a very important part of that search. It is extracted from my daily meditations and is shared in the hope that others will be encouraged to turn to the Scriptures as a rich source of guidance for prayer and meditation.

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\*LORD or LORD, God the Almighty always refers to the Trinitarian God.