

Monday, 17 October 2016 1 Kings 6:11-13

Now the word of the LORD came to Solomon, "Concerning this house that you are building, if you will walk in my statutes and obey my rules and keep all my commandments and walk in them, then I will establish my word with you, which I spoke to David your father. And I will dwell among the children of Israel and will not forsake my people Israel."

Isn't this a beautiful and encouraging promise for today. As we go about our assigned task of building the Church, (Matthew 28:19-20), we will be successful to the extent that we are obedient to the Word and walk in it.

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Tuesday, 18 October 2016 1 Kings 13:26

And when the prophet who had brought him back from the way heard of it, he said, "It is the man of God who disobeyed the word of the LORD; therefore the LORD has given him to the lion, which has torn him and killed him, according to the word that the LORD spoke to him."

Not much, the man of God simply had a little bread and cheese, a little glass of wine. After all, even though the LORD had told him not to eat or drink while on this mission, he met someone with a message, supposedly from the LORD that contradicted what he had been told. What could it hurt?

Just a bite of bread. Exactly the same as Moses who struck a rock rather than following the direction to speak to it.

Disobedience brings spiritual death. Ponder on Matthew 25:41-46

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Wednesday, 19 October 2016 2 Kings 17:13-17 [1]

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2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to

meet the test!

It's up to me to keep a check on my motives and on my adherence to the Word. Paul's instruction does not leave any wiggle room, especially when I remember my Lord's promise to send the Comforter to lead me into all Truth.

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Thursday, 20 October 2016 2 Kings 17:13-17 [2]

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"Who did not believe" Who did not trust. Who did not have faith. Who did not commit. Who did not obey. All, plain and simple disobedience. Not degrees of disobedience, a lie is a lie whether black or white. Disobedience is disobedience. It was in OT times, it is now in NT times.

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Friday, 21 October 2016 2 Kings 17:13-17 [3]

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*themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking him to anger.*

The nation of Israel was called out to be a counter-cultural message to the Canaanites and abandoned the calling. They not only wanted a king like the nations around them, (1 Samuel 8:4-5), they eventually wanted to be like those nations. The Church in the West has abandoned the call to be counter-cultural; it has jumped into the cesspool of disobedience with wholehearted enthusiasm.

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*Saturday, 22 October 2016 2 Kings 17:13-17 [4]*

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We turn a blind eye to the murder of our children; we condone adultery, we select our leaders based on their promises to serve our interests, our trust is in the advice of financial analysts to manage our retirement funds, our obedience is to those who would deny our faith.

We have sold ourselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, God the Almighty. And we expect Him to answer our demands for favor!

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*Lord's Day, 23 October 2016 Psalm 119:169-170*

*Let my cry come before you, O LORD; give me understanding according to your word! Let my plea come before you; deliver me according to your word.*

Lord, my plea is for my children to come to know You as Lord and Savior; for them to accept you as Lord of their lives in all things. I have been praying for the restoration of a marriage but that is the wrong priority—it is for the restoration of their souls that is first and foremost. *Restore them, O Lord, let Your face shine upon them that they might be saved. Psalm 80:3*

# VOICES TOGETHER

*Daily Meditations from the Scriptures*



*October 17-23, 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.