

Monday 5/6

Related Verses

Exo. 3:8

8 And I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.

Heb. 3:12

12 Beware, brothers, lest perhaps there be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief in falling away from the living God.

Exo. 3:14, 17

14 And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM. And He said, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you

17 And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, to a land flowing with milk and honey.

Heb. 3:15-19

15 While it is said, "Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the provocation."

16 For who provoked Him when they heard? Indeed was it not all who came out of Egypt by Moses?

17 And with whom was He displeased for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?

18 And to whom did He swear that they should not enter into His rest, except to the disobedient?

19 And we see that they were not able to enter in because of unbelief.

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The goal of God's calling the children of Israel was that they would enter into the promised land to enjoy its riches so that they might establish God's kingdom and be God's expression on earth. However, although all Israel was redeemed through the passover, delivered out of the Egyptian tyranny, and brought to the mountain of God to receive the revelation of God's dwelling place, the

tabernacle, nearly all fell and died in the wilderness, failing to reach this goal (Heb. 3:7-19) because of their evil doings and unbelief. Only Caleb and Joshua reached the goal and entered into the good land (Num. 14:27-30). This signifies that although we have been redeemed through Christ, delivered out of Satan's bondage, and brought into the revelation of God's economy, we may yet fail to reach the goal of God's calling, that is, to enter into the possession of our good land, Christ (Phil. 3:12-14), and enjoy His riches for the kingdom of God that we may be His expression in the present age and participate in the fullest enjoyment of Christ in the kingdom age (Matt. 25:21, 23). This should be a solemn warning to all New Testament believers. (*Life-study of 1 Corinthians*, second edition, p. 421)

Those who spied out the land of Canaan brought back an evil report. On one hand, they said the land was exceptionally good, but on the other hand, they said that it was impossible to enter. The people there were giants, they said, and the cities fortified and great. They asserted that Israel could never conquer the land, and if they tried, they would be utterly defeated and devoured.

Many, many times the enemy, the evil one, speaks the very same things within us...I am afraid that even while you have been reading these chapters, he has been whispering these things in your ear. "Don't ever think you can enter the good land; it is far beyond your ability. You will never make it." The little devil hidden in many of us is just waiting for an opportunity to inject his deadly poison. Never believe him. "The people are giants," he will tell you, "and the cities are fortified to heaven. You will be defeated, and you know it." Hebrews 3 tells us that this is an evil heart of unbelief (v. 12). It is a heart occupied by the evil one, so it is called an evil heart...We must pray, "Lord, I do want a good heart, a heart full of faith. I am not able to enter the land, but You are." The One who is in us is greater than he who is in the world. I cannot make it, but Christ can make it, and He is in me. We must have faith in the power of His resurrection. God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think and all that we dream or imagine. God will do it; God will make it. Let

us follow the example of Joshua and Caleb. They had hearts full of faith. They could tell the people, "Let us go up at once and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it" (Num. 13:30).

Brothers and sisters, we must be very careful to avoid all unbelief...Perhaps while walking on the street one day, you will say to yourself, "...Who can enjoy such an all-inclusive Christ? Not me. I'll never be able." This is an evil heart of unbelief. Call it by its true name. Be careful. Be watchful. Be prayerful against it. Indeed, in your natural strength you will never be able to attain the good land. It is possible by resurrection power alone. Only the power that raised Christ from the dead and made Him the Head over all things can bring you in. But praise Him, this power is in us. This power is continually being transmitted into us through the indwelling Holy Spirit. (*CWWL, 1961-1962*, vol. 4, "The All-inclusive Christ," pp. 328-329)

Further Reading: *Life-study of 1 Corinthians*, msgs. 47-48

Tuesday 5/7

Related Verses

Num. 14:9

9 Only do not rebel against Jehovah, nor should you fear the people of the land, for they are our bread. Their protection has been removed from them, and Jehovah is with us; do not fear them.

2 Cor. 4:13

13 And having the same spirit of faith according to that which is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we also believe, therefore we also speak,

2 Cor. 3:16

16 But whenever their heart turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

2 Cor. 1:20

20 For as many promises of God as there are, in Him is the Yes; therefore also through Him is the Amen to God, for glory through us to God.

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Josh. 14:12-15

12 Now therefore give me this hill country, of which Jehovah spoke on that day, for you heard on that day that the Anakim were there with great fortified cities. It may be that Jehovah will be with me, and I will dispossess them, as Jehovah said.

13 So Joshua blessed him; and he gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as an inheritance.

14 Therefore Hebron has become the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day because he fully followed Jehovah the God of Israel.

15 And the name of Hebron was formerly Kiriath-arba. (This Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim.) And the land had rest from war.

Num. 13:30

30 But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, Let us go up at once and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

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We are strong enough—not in ourselves but in Him; not in the flesh but in the Spirit. We will make it in the Spirit...Never think that you are too young. Yesterday you were too young, but not today. Believe with full assurance of faith. Christ is in you. You have been united with the almighty God. Day by day His Spirit transmits into you all that God is and all that God has. He will make it for you. As long as you maintain your fellowship with Him, you will be able to enter the land.

There will be some battles to be fought. But the battle is for the enemy; to you it will be a rest. The battle is a defeat to him but bread to you [Num. 14:9]...Daily manna is not good enough...The enemy will be our food, and to swallow him will be our satisfaction...You and I must have living faith to go on, to take up the battle, and to swallow the enemy...The defeated enemy is the best bread, the most tasteful bread. (*CWWL, 1961-1962*, vol. 4, "The All-inclusive Christ," p. 329)

Every time you meet a difficulty, every time you find yourself in an impossible situation, ask yourself this question: Am I going to starve here, or am I going to eat? If you are relying on the Lord for victory and allow His

overcoming life to be manifested in you, you will find fresh nourishment and increased vitality, and you will be fed once again...Our bread is not only the word of God, our meat is not only to do His will, our bread is also the Anakim—the difficulties that are in our way. Many people take the word of God as their bread and the doing of His will as their meat, but they have not eaten the Anakim...The more we eat the Anakim, the stronger we will become. Caleb is a grand illustration of this. Because he accepted the Anakim as "bread,"...his strength was the same at eighty-five as it was at forty...This is also true in the spiritual realm. Some brothers and sisters have met few difficulties, but it is obvious that there are many weaknesses in their lives. They are weak before the Lord because they have not consumed enough Anakim...Every difficulty and every temptation Satan puts in our way is food for us. This is a God-appointed means of spiritual progress. The sight of any trouble strikes terror into the heart of those who do not have faith, but those who trust Him say, "Here comes my food!" Praise and thank the Lord, all our trials, without exception, are bread for us. Every trial brings in growth after we have eaten of it.

In order to experience His salvation, and in order to have His keeping power, we must believe wholeheartedly in His promises...We must believe in God's keeping power. Every morning when we rise we should say to Him, "God, I thank You for keeping me yesterday, and today You will still keep me. I do not know what temptations may befall me, and I do not know how I can overcome. I cannot do anything; but I believe You will keep me."

If your life is truly in His hands, then the promise of Jude 24—"to guard you from stumbling and to set you before His glory without blemish in exultation"—will be fulfilled in you. To stumble is to slip and strike against something when we are unconscious of any obstruction in the way. Praise God, He will preserve us not only from falling but also from the slightest slippage...If we trust in His promises and commit ourselves utterly to Him, we will be kept from this day to the day of His return, and we will be kept without blemish. Thank God, we have a salvation which is worthy of our trust and

which will withstand every trial. (Watchman Nee, *God's Keeping Power*, pp. 6-8, 10-11)

Further Reading: *CWWL, 1961-1962*, vol. 4, "The All-inclusive Christ," ch. 13; Watchman Nee, *God's Keeping Power* (booklet)

Wednesday 5/8**Related Verses****1 Cor. 10:14**

14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

1 John 5:21

21 Little children, guard yourselves from idols.

Exo. 32:6

6 And they rose up early on the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.

1 Cor. 10:5-7

5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for they were strewn along in the wilderness.

6 Now these things occurred as examples to us, that we should not be ones who lust after evil things, even as they also lusted.

7 Neither become idolaters, as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and stood up to play."

Ezek. 14:3

3 Son of man, these men have set their hearts on their idols and have put the stumbling block of their iniquity before their faces. Should I be inquired of at all by them?

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In Exodus 32 the gold rings were taken from the ears of the wives, the sons, and the daughters and used to make the idol, the golden calf. People put on earrings in order to beautify themselves. Today's culture promotes self-beautification. Men and women spend a great deal of money on items used to beautify themselves.

Self-beautification leads to idolatry. This is the reason the Lord in 33:5 and 6 gave the children of Israel a commandment related to ornaments: "Now Jehovah had said to Moses,...If I were to go up in your midst for one moment, I would consume you. Now therefore put

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off your ornaments from you, and I will decide what to do to you. Thus the children of Israel were stripped of their ornaments from Mount Horeb onward.” The Lord issued this commandment concerning ornaments because, as the record of chapter 32 makes clear, self-beautification leads to idolatry...The principle of an idol is self-beautification. (*Life-study of Exodus*, pp. 1837-1838)

Another principle related to idolatry is that idolatry is Satan's usurping of what God has given us in order to make it a waste...Before the children of Israel left Egypt, God caused the Egyptians to give the children of Israel gold and other precious things. This gold was to be used for building up the tabernacle. The tabernacle required a large quantity of gold to overlay the standing boards...But before this gold was used for the building up of God's dwelling place, Satan came in to usurp the gold and use it to make an idol...If the children of Israel had loved the Lord to the uttermost, they would never have wasted the gold by using it for earrings [or the idol]. Instead, they would have kept it for the Lord's use.

In Exodus 35 the people were commanded to offer gold and other materials for the building up of God's tabernacle. The first item of the offering for God's dwelling place was gold. But in chapter 32 a large quantity of gold was used to make a calf.

God has given us many things not for self-beautification, but for us to worship God and glorify Him. But before we use these things to worship and glorify God, the enemy tries to come in to usurp what God has given us and to waste it. This is the second principle of idolatry, and it is an offense to God.

Another principle is implied by the fact that the people...made a golden calf. A calf is not for labor but for enjoyment, in particular, for eating. Both in the Old Testament and in the New, a calf was used to feed guests...The ones who beautified themselves in Exodus 32 liked enjoyment. Enjoyment was their idol. Likewise, many people today worship a calf; that is, they worship their enjoyment.

This interpretation of the significance of the calf is confirmed by 32:6: “And they rose up early on the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.”...C. A. Coates says that they sported. On the weekends many people in this country care only for eating, drinking, and sporting.

According to verse 18, Moses heard the sound of singing, and according to verse 19, he “saw the calf and the dancing.”...All this took place in front of the golden calf. The picture here indicates that the calf signifies enjoyment and that the children of Israel were worshipping what they enjoyed.

Consider the situation among Christians today regarding the desire for entertainment. It is difficult to find a so-called church service where there is not any entertainment. Various forms of entertainment are used to attract a crowd. If there is no entertainment in a certain place, people will not want to go there. They want to go where they will be entertained. Many today worship some kind of golden calf for the sake of their entertainment. (*Life-study of Exodus*, pp. 1839-1840, 1851)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Exodus*, msgs. 173-174, 176-177

Thursday 5/9

Related Verses

John 4:24

24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.

Exo. 33:11, 7-15

11 And Jehovah would speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his companion. And Moses would return to the camp, but his attendant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart out of the tent.

7 Now Moses would take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, some distance from the camp; and he called it the Tent of Meeting. And everyone who sought Jehovah went out to the Tent of Meeting, which was outside the camp.

8 And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise up and stand, every man at the entrance of his tent, and gaze after Moses, until he entered the tent.

9 And whenever Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stay at the entrance of the tent, and Jehovah would speak with Moses.

10 When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise up and worship, every man at the entrance of his tent.

11 And Jehovah would speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his companion. And Moses would return to the camp, but his attendant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart out of the tent.

12 And Moses said to Jehovah, See, You say to me, Bring up this people; but You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, I know you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight.

13 Now therefore if I have found favor in Your sight, please let me know now Your ways, that I may know You, so that I may continue to find favor in Your sight. Consider also that this nation is Your people.

14 And He said, My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.

15 And he said to Him, If Your presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here.

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Yet another principle is that idolatry is pretension. Every idolater pretends to be worshipping the true God.

Many Christians worship a calf, but they think that they are worshipping the Lord Jesus or the true God. Actually what they are worshipping is their enjoyment. Much of today's Christian worship is a matter of sitting down to eat and drink and rising up to sport, sing, and dance around a certain kind of enjoyment, around a golden calf. Some of the Brethren teachers pointed this out...They said that the worship of the golden calf at the foot of Mount Sinai was a mixture, for a calf was worshipped as if it were God with the proper offerings and in the proper way. The offerings were right and the way was right, but the object of worship was wrong. This is what we mean by mixture. (*Life-study of Exodus*, pp. 1840-1841)

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Exodus 33:7 says, “Now Moses would take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, some distance from the camp; and he called it the tent of meeting...” The glory of the Lord was at the door of the tent [vv. 9-10]. In verse 11 we are told that “Jehovah would speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his companion.” All the children of Israel who wanted to seek the Lord went out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp.

Moses, an experienced person, knew that God according to His holiness would no longer stay among the people, for the camp had become idolatrous. Therefore, Moses took his tent, which formerly had been in the camp, and pitched it outside the camp. This action was according to God's heart.

This tent then became the tent of God. The tabernacle had not yet been constructed. Hence, Moses' tent became the tent of meeting for the meeting between God and His people. “And whenever Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stay at the entrance of the tent, and Jehovah would speak with Moses” (v. 9). If the people wanted to seek God, they had to go to the tent of Moses.

The Bible recognizes that Moses was a companion of God [33:11]...The word *companion* includes the elements of friendship, but it goes much further to include the thought of intimate association...If you and someone else are associates, you have a common interest, a common enterprise, in a common career...To the uttermost God and Moses were partners in a great enterprise...Moses and the Lord were not only intimate friends; they were associates, partners, companions.

Because Moses knew what was on God's heart, everything he did concerning the worship of the golden calf was pleasing to God. For example, it was a very serious matter to cast away the tablets on which were engraved the commandments carved by God's hand. But not even that act offended God, for it was done according to God's heart. Moses realized that it was according to God's heart to break those tablets. As a companion of God, Moses had an intimate relationship with Him and knew what was on His heart. Therefore, everything Moses did was according to the heart of God.

From 32:30—33:23 we learn the serious lesson that we need to know God's heart and also be a person according to God's heart. Then we shall have God's presence as Moses did...The children of Israel had God's presence in a very limited way, for they were far from God's heart. Moses, however, was a person very near to God's heart, a person according to His heart. This was the reason he could have God's presence to the full extent. We all need to learn that only a person like Moses can be a companion of God. Only this kind of person can share a common interest with God and be used by God to carry out His enterprise on earth. (*Life-study of Exodus*, pp. 1878-1879, 1869-1871, 1883)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, 1963, vol. 1, “Spiritual Applications of the Tabernacle,” ch. 2

Friday 5/10

Related Verses

Rom. 12:2

2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

2 Tim. 3:16

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

Deut. 8:6-10

6 Therefore keep the commandments of Jehovah your God, walking in His ways and fearing Him.

7 For Jehovah your God is bringing you to a good land, a land of waterbrooks, of springs and of fountains, flowing forth in valleys and in mountains;

8 A land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates; a land of olive trees with oil and of honey;

9 A land in which you will eat bread without scarcity; you will not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and from whose mountains you can mine copper.

10 And you shall eat and be satisfied, and you shall bless Jehovah your God for the good land which He has given you.

Exo. 3:8

8 And I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.

Col. 1:12

12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;

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With the children of Israel from the passover to the entering of the good land, there were two generations...This indicates that we believers have two generations. We were saved with the first generation, but we will enter the good land with the second generation. The first generation is our old man, and the second generation is our new man.

With the exception of Joshua and Caleb, who had another spirit, the first generation died out. Joshua and Caleb belonged to the new generation, not to the old generation. That is why they experienced a double baptism...The old generation passed through the Red Sea, but it was the new generation that crossed the Jordan. (*Life-study of 1 Corinthians*, second edition, p. 432)

During the forty years between passing through the Red Sea and crossing the Jordan River, there were many dealings related to transformation. This means that, spiritually speaking, during this time the children of Israel were transformed. Yes, the old generation was strewn in the wilderness, and this is a warning to us. But a new generation came forth. This is transformation.

We in the Lord's recovery need to grow in life...To grow in life is...to eliminate the old generation and to be renewed in our mind, emotion, and will. This involves transformation. Transformation is a matter of eliminating the old generation, the old man, and putting on the new generation, the new man.

Today we are enjoying Christ, but we have not yet possessed Him as the all-inclusive land. If we would possess Christ in this way, our old man must die out, and

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the new man must come forth...Many of us can testify that since we have come into the Lord's recovery, a change has taken place within us. This change is the dying out of the old man and the growing up of the new man. This is transformation, the growth in life. (*Life-study of 1 Corinthians*, second edition, pp. 432-434)

In Deuteronomy expressions such as *law, commandments, statutes, ordinances, and judgments* are synonyms of Christ...We should simply take Him, keep Him, and hold fast to Him. If we do this, we will enjoy Him.

The Christ whom we should take, keep, hold fast, and enjoy...is in the Bible, for He is God's unique word. The law, the commandments, the statutes, the ordinances, the judgments—all these are God's word. This is proved by Psalm 119, which clearly indicates that these expressions are different terms for God's word. They have all been spoken by God and thus are things which have proceeded out of God's mouth (Deut. 8:3). Now we need to see that the words which proceed out of the mouth of God are Christ. Christ is the totality, the aggregate, of God's word. This is the reason that He is even called the Word (John 1:1, 14). In the beginning was the Word, the Word was God, the Word was incarnated, and this incarnated Word is Jesus Christ.

“All Scripture is God-breathed” (2 Tim. 3:16a). Therefore, we may say that the Bible is something exhaled by God. Now we need to inhale what God has exhaled. When we inhale the word of God and it enters into our being, this inhaled word becomes the Spirit. When we exhale what we have inhaled of the Bible by speaking it to others, it is the word...It is by the Christ as the word which we inhale that we can fulfill God's requirements.

[When] in Matthew 4:4 the Lord Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 8:3, saying, “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God,”...He surely knew that “every word” refers to the law, the commandments, the ordinances, the statutes, and the judgments. All these are the words that have proceeded out of God's mouth as God's breathing, and they all refer to Christ. Therefore, to live by every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God is to

live by Christ. (*Life-study of Deuteronomy*, pp. 42-43, 56)

Further Reading: *Life-study of 1 Corinthians*, msg. 48

Saturday 5/11

Related Verses

Deut. 10:12, 20

12 And now, O Israel, what does Jehovah your God ask of you except that you fear Jehovah your God so that you would walk in all His ways and love Him and serve Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul;

20 You shall fear Jehovah your God; Him shall you serve and to Him shall you hold fast and by His name shall you swear.

Prov. 1:1, 7

1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, the king of Israel:

7 The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Eph. 4:30

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed unto the day of redemption.

2 Cor. 5:9-11

9 Therefore also we are determined, whether at home or abroad, to gain the honor of being well pleasing to Him.

10 For we must all be manifested before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done through the body according to what he has practiced, whether good or bad.

11 Knowing therefore the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest to God; yet I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences.

Related Reading

In Deuteronomy 10:12-22 Moses charged the children of Israel concerning nine matters: fearing Jehovah their God, walking in all His ways, loving Him, serving Him with all their heart and all their soul, keeping His commandments and statutes for their good, circumcising the foreskin of their heart, not being stiff-necked any longer, holding fast to Him, and swearing by His name, who is their praise and their God.

First, Moses speaks here of fearing God. We all must have a proper fear of God. However, it seems that today many people, claiming that they are free, do not fear anything or anyone, including God. This lack of fear is terrible; it is the source of all kinds of lawlessness. The young people should recognize that, according to God's ordination, there is authority in the family, in society, and in the church. In whatever we do, say, and think, we all need to fear God. He is observing us and knows where we are and what we are doing. Eventually, we will reap a harvest from what we sow, and we will eat the fruit of this harvest. (*Life-study of Deuteronomy*, pp. 60-61)

When we fear God, we will walk in His ways. God's ways are actually what God is. This means that whatever God is, is a way to us. God is love, and this love is a way in which we should walk.

The Lord Jesus said, “I am the way” (John 14:6). Since the Lord Jesus is the very God, this word indicates that God Himself is the way. To take what God is as our ways and to walk in these ways is to live God. When we take Christ as our way, we live Him in what He is. He is humble, and we should live in the way of humility. He is the One who always takes the cross, and we should walk in the way of the cross. To take Christ as our way is to live Him, and to live Him is to express Him, to manifest Him, and even to magnify Him. Hence, to walk in God's ways is to live God, express God, manifest God, and magnify God. We should take God as our way and thus act as He acts.

In Deuteronomy 10:12 Moses also charged the people to love God...God Himself has set an example of loving by setting His affection on His people...Now we should love God by setting our affection on Him...Moses speaks of loving and serving God with all our heart and with all our soul. Our heart is linked to our spirit, for our conscience, which is of our spirit, is also a part of our heart. Thus, to love and serve God with all our heart and soul indicates that we love and serve Him also with our spirit.

In 10:13 Moses went on to say, “So that you would keep the commandments of Jehovah and His statutes, which I am commanding you today, for your good.”

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Instead of “for your good,” we could also say “that you may be blessed.” Today we need to keep Christ and the riches of Christ which have been ministered to us so that we may be blessed.

Moses continued his charge by saying, “Circumcise then the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stiff-necked any longer” (v. 16). Because the children of Israel were a peculiar people to God, His treasure, they were required to cleanse themselves, to circumcise the unclean thing in their heart.

In verse 20 Moses says, “...Him shall you serve and to Him shall you hold fast and by His name shall you swear.” Today we must hold fast to the Lord Jesus. In holding fast to Him, we may say, “Lord, I will not let You go. You must live for me.”...This verse...speaks...also of swearing by His name. I believe that for the children of Israel to swear by the Lord's name was to call on His name...Today we all need to hold fast to the Lord Jesus and call on His name. (*Life-study of Deuteronomy*, pp. 61-63)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Deuteronomy*, msgs. 3, 5-8, 28, 30

Lord's Day 5/12

Related Verses

Heb. 4:2, 6

2 For indeed we have had the good news announced to us, even as they also; but the word heard did not profit them, not being mixed together with faith in those who heard.

6 Since therefore it remains that some should enter into it and those who formerly had the good news announced to them did not enter because of disobedience,

Heb. 11:1

1 Now faith is the substantiation of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

1 Cor. 10:1-4

1 For I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

2 And all were baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

3 And all ate the same spiritual food,

4 And all drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank of a spiritual rock which followed them, and the rock was Christ.

Psa. 106:24-25

24 Then they despised the pleasant land; They did not believe in His word;

25 Rather they murmured in their tents; They did not listen to the voice of Jehovah.

Deut. 8:3

3 And He humbled you and let you go hungry and fed you the manna, which you had never known nor your fathers had ever known, so that He might make you know that man lives not by bread alone, but that man lives by everything that proceeds out from the mouth of Jehovah.

Matt. 4:4

4 But He answered and said, It is written, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God."

Further Reading:

Further Reading: *CWWN*, set 2, vol. 17, msg. 3

Hymn: #1168

1 Laboring on Jesus, the good land so real,
Plowing and planting and watering the field.
He yields the produce of reality,
God reaps a harvest of Jesus in me.

O Jesus! You're God's good land
For me to labor on!
I'll bit by bit possess You
Until the whole is won!
With Canaan is God's purpose,
The labor He will bless;
Lord Jesus, here I gain Yourself,
Your Person to possess.

2 Laboring on Jesus! My heart has been set,
Labor's begun, and I have no regret,
For with my labor God's sending the rain,
And all my labor on Christ yields much gain.

3 Laboring on Jesus this practical way—
Praying His Word in the spirit each day,
Foll'wing His living anointing within,
Built up with others, the church life to win.

4 Laboring on Jesus yields reality,
Meetings of fullness for all men to see;
There God and man are indeed satisfied,
And there God's presence cannot be denied.

5 Labor on Jesus to have Him increased!
Then seek God's dwelling and come to the feast!
There bring and offer your surplus to God,
There eat the riches, rejoice in the Lord!

Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Hebrews (Week 12)

Level 1—Hebrews Sequential Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: Heb. 4:14-16

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews*, msgs. 20-21

Level 2—Hebrews Topical Study

Crucial Point: Hearing His Voice

Scripture: Heb. 3:7-4:11

Assigned Reading: *CWWL, 1961-1962*, vol. 2, "The Sheep Hear His Voice," ch. 2: The Sheep Hearing the Voice of the Shepherd; *Crucial Truths in the Holy Scriptures*, Vol. 2, ch. 25: Being Led by the Lord

Supplemental Reading: None

Questions:

1. What does it mean to hear the Lord's voice?
2. Why is it important to hear the Lord's voice?
3. What does it mean to have "an ear to hear" the Lord's voice?
4. What does it mean to harden our hearts?