

# WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE?

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"And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul." {Deuteronomy 10:12}

Moses is reminding them of the graciousness God had bestowed upon them and how He had decided to give them the land, and deliver it into their hands. What did He want in return? **Faithful obedience!**

While reading this passage of scripture the other day, I couldn't help but be reminded, things haven't really changed that much. Or have they? Not according to God's standards! Let me give you some things that God "requires of us today."

"If you love me, keep my commandments." {John 14:15}

"... If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our' home with him." {John 14:23}

"And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him." {Hebrews 5:9}

"For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" {1 John 5:3-5}

"Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." {Revelation 2:10}

"Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart." {1 Peter 1:22}

"Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said: 'We ought to obey God rather than man' {Acts 5:29}

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." {Matthew 6:33}

"The way of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, But He loves him who follows righteousness." {Proverbs 15:9}

"Jesus said to him," 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" {Matthew 22:38,39}

Can anything be so simple to understand? God has called upon us to obey Him in **ALL THINGS**. Where are these optional commands so many of my brethren are teaching today? Are God's commandments "**left up to us to decide if we need to obey them?**" Since God has more knowledge, wisdom, power, and understanding than I, I believe He can explain Himself in an understandable way!

God's offer for heaven is His greatest promise to man. Consider all the things God does for us every day that we so often take for granted. Food, shelter, clothing and the love we gain from our earthly relationships. Do you believe that He is going to allow man to write his "own ticket"? Dear friend, maybe you better read the "**instructions**" a little closer! \*\*\*