

# What God Requires From Us as Christ Followers

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

**Assessment:** (teacher's review/ Pilot: Check ride /Annual Performance review) Report card: **How am I doing?**

\*Mid-year assessment. How's Your Heart? How's your life? How's your Ministry? Who are you investing in?

**BECOMING THE CHURCH:** LET'S Get this RIGHT!

= Season of squeezing: (lead well, lean on each other, check our hearts, serve faithfully, welcome intentionally)

## READ Deut. 10:12-22:

"And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to <sup>12</sup>fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>13</sup> and to keep the Lord's commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good? <sup>14</sup> Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the <sup>14</sup>highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it. <sup>15</sup> Yet the Lord set His affection on your fathers, to love them, and He chose their <sup>15</sup>descendants after them, you over all the *other* peoples, as *it is* this day. <sup>16</sup> So circumcise <sup>16</sup>your heart, and do not stiffen your neck any longer. <sup>17</sup> For the Lord your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who does not show partiality, nor take a bribe. <sup>18</sup> He executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and shows His love for the stranger by giving him food and clothing. <sup>19</sup> So show your love for the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. <sup>20</sup> You shall fear the Lord your God; you shall serve Him, and cling to Him, and you shall swear by His name. <sup>21</sup> He is your glory and He is your God, who has done these great and awesome things for you which your eyes have seen. <sup>22</sup> Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons *in all*, and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven."

### 1. God has called each of us to **FEAR** Him: to reverence His holiness. To acknowledge that He alone is GOD, to honor His holy transcendence.

Vs. 12: "And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to <sup>12</sup>fear the Lord your God, -Hebrews 12:29 "Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let's <sup>12</sup>show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; <sup>29</sup> for our God is a consuming fire." **We respect fire (don't touch it); we don't play with fire casually.** (Pr. 6:27 Can a young man put fire on his clothes & not be burned?). **Sun, we cannot approach it, much less stare at it, just being outside (burned)**

### 2. God has called each of us to **WALK** with Him. God created us for Relationship.

Vs. 12: to walk in all His ways (walk with God is to walk in God's Path; in His WAYS.  
-Micah 6:8 "He has told you, mortal one, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?"  
- Galatians 5:16 "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh."

### 3. God has called each of us to **LOVE** Him: to give God unconditional commitment (no matter how you feel)

Vs. 12: and love Him,  
-Matthew 22:37 "And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

### 4. God has called each of us to **SERVE** Him: to leverage our lives to bless others through ministry

Vs. 12: and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

### 5. God has called each of us to **OBEY** Him: If we love Him, we will obey His Word.

Vs. 13: and to keep the Lord's commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good? John 14:15 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."

<sup>14</sup> Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the <sup>14</sup>highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it. <sup>15</sup> Yet the Lord set His affection on your fathers, to love them, and He chose their <sup>15</sup>descendants after them, you over all the *other* peoples, as *it is* this day.

### 6. God has called each of us to **RESPOND** Him: to be sensitive to His voice, His calling, His correction, His Spirit, His Word.

Vs. 16: So circumcise <sup>16</sup>your heart, and do not stiffen your neck any longer. <sup>17</sup> For the Lord your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who does not show

partiality, nor take a bribe. <sup>18</sup> He executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and shows His love for the stranger by giving him food and clothing.

7. **God has called each of us to LOVE the LOST:** In response to God's grace to us, we are to show God's grace to others. Vs. 19: *So show your love for the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.*

<sup>20</sup> You shall fear the Lord your God; you shall serve Him, and cling to Him, and you shall swear by His name.

### **Watch this:**

<sup>21</sup> He is your glory and He is your God, (you represent God to the world through your actions & response to God) who has done these great and awesome things for you which your eyes have seen.

He is the God who Blesses and rewards faithfulness to His Calling:

<sup>22</sup> Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons *in all*, and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven."

## **APPLICATION:**

- **What is God's Spirit speaking to me right now? Write it down. Date it.**
- **What am I feeling convicted of? Encouraged to do?**
- **What do I need to change in my life right now to begin this?**
- **What do I need to stop in my in order to get this right?**
- **Who needs me most in my life right now?**
- **Am I ready to lead others spiritually? If not, what do I need to get right in order to serve others and lead them to know and follow Jesus more faithfully?**

### **Discussion Questions:**

- A. What does it mean to Fear God? What is the difference in "being afraid" and Holy Respect? Do you have to fear something to respect it accurately – i.e. Fire? Dynamite? The Ocean?
- B. What does God require of us today? Is it different in O.T. times and today? How has Jesus changed the reality for Christians and what God requires from Believers vs. the Jews of the O.T.?
- C. If I Love the Lord and I am not serving somewhere specifically and intentionally, is that possible? Can one truly love and not faithfully obey the Lord? What does 1 John 3:23-24 state about this ?
- D. How do I know if I am close to God? How can I discern if I am spiritually sensitive? What does John 16:8 hint about this?
- E. What is Moses saying when he says "God is OUR glory?" Dt. 10:21 How does that look today for us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?