

## A Living Faith In A Dying World - 1/10/21

**TEXT- Psa 119:9-16** BETH. *Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes. With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.*

**INTRO- We live in a changing world. America and the world as a whole are against God. People are not seeking the Lord but rather seeking the American dream. Animosity toward Christianity and wickedness toward God are common place. How are we to live in such a world?**

**Remember:**

### 1. God is still on His throne -

**Isa 6:1-3** *In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. 2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. 3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.*

**Rev 4:1-5** *After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. 2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. 3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. 4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. 5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.*

### 2. God's Word stands forever

**Psa 119:89** LAMED. *For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.*

**Isa 40:8** *The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.*

**3. Our relationship to God is more important than events and circumstances around us.**

**Rom 14:12** *So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.*

**There are truths every Christian must live by:**

We must humble ourselves before God:

**Isa 6:5** *Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.*

## I. Live by Faith

**Mark 11:22** *And Jesus answering saith unto them, **Have faith in God.***

**Eph. 2:8-9**

## II. Live by Obedience

**John 14:15** *If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

**1 Sa 15:22** *And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.*

**A. The first step of obedience is baptism**

**B. Faithful church attendance**

**C. Obeying by tithing**

**Mal 3:8** *Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.*

**D. Be a witness**

**Acts 1:8** *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

## III. Consecration

**Rom 12:1-2** *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

**A. Separation from the world**

**2 Co 6:17** *Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,*

**B. Die to self**

**1 Co 15:31** *I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.*

**John 12:24-25** *Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.*

## IV. Service

**What happened to service stations?**

**Mar 10:43-44** *But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.*

**John 13:14-15** *If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.*

Years ago, the Salvation Army was holding an international convention and their founder, Gen. William Booth, could not attend because of physical weakness. He cabled his convention message to them. It was one word: "OTHERS."

### **V. Compassion**

**Mat 9:36** *But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.*

#### **Blind woman brought her brother**

**Jude 1:22** *And of some have compassion, making a difference:*

### **VI. Faithfulness**

**1 Co 4:2** *Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.*

**Pro 20:6** *Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?*

**1 Co 15:58** *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

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