Monday, 26 September 2016 Deuteronomy 11:18-22 [5]

"So commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these words of mine. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, so that as long as the sky remains above the earth, you and your children may flourish in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors. "Be careful to obey all these commands I am giving you. Show love to the LORD your God by walking in His ways and holding tightly to Him.

What land? Not the USA; it is not a theocracy. However, the Kingdom of Heaven is! Obedience does not buy citizenship; that is the free gift from the Lord, God the Almighty. However, obedience/conformance to the Word of God does insure the righteousness, peace and joy that is life in the Kingdom of Heaven in the here and now.

Tuesday, 27 September 2016 Deuteronomy 11:18-22 [6]

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DO NOT TWEAK THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD, GOD THE ALMIGHTY! Don't play the "I can get away with driving a little bit over the speed limit game with any of the Word." In fact, that in itself is a violation of Romans 13:1 I must be scrupulous to adhere to the LORD, God the Almighty's directions for life in the Kingdom in the here and now. That is at the very heart of my testimony, the root of my demonstration that the Kingdom turn is to become counter-cultural in every aspect of my life.

Wednesday, 28 September 2016 Deuteronomy 11:18-22 [7]

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<u>John 14:15</u> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

John 14:23 Jesus answered him, "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 (big period)

Thursday, 29 September 2016 Deuteronomy 11:26-28 [1]

"See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way that I am commanding you today, to go after other gods that you have not known.

Did Paul have this passage in mind when he wrote Romans 7? I think he must have, for I see in here the outline of the very, very perplexing conundrum that he addresses there. Yes, I am freed from curse of sin by the grace of the LORD, God the Almighty--the door is unlocked for me to open and the process of regeneration, guided by the Holy Spirit, has begun.

Friday, 30 September 2016 Deuteronomy 11:26-28 [2]

"See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: <u>the blessing</u>, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God,

which I command you today. and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way that I am commanding you today, to go after other gods that you have not known.

The blessing? To live my life in the here and now as the image bearer of the LORD, God the Almighty; as His representative, His ambassador to the Kingdom of Man. Romans 7:22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

Saturday, 1 October 2016 Deuteronomy 11:26-28 [3]

"See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way that I am commanding you today, to go after other gods that you have not known.

The curse? To live my life in the here and now as a fallen man; to hear the taunts of the secular world. "You claim to be a Christian, what hogwash."

Romans 7:24-25 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. (KJV)

Lord's Day, 2 October 2016

Psalm 119:149

Hear my voice according to your steadfast love; O LORD, according to your justice give me life.

Be with me through this trial. Help me to hear You voice of love and support.

VOICES TOGETHER

Daily Meditations from the Scriptures



September 26-October 2, 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.