

What Does The Lord Require Of You?

Will we, formed by God, say to Him, ‘Why have you made me like this?’ (**Genesis 2:7; Romans 9:20**). Pharaoh of Egypt once asked, ‘Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice to let Israel go’ (**Exodus 5:2**). King Saul felt compelled to disobey God because of the people (**1 Samuel 13:11-14**). Humans have suppressed the truth in unrighteousness and have suffered the consequences (**Romans 1:18-32**).

Who will question God by words without knowledge? God asked Job, ‘Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?’ (**Job 38:4**). Or, ‘To what were its foundations fastened?’ (**Job 38:6**). Job would acknowledge that he had uttered what he did not understand (**Job 42:3-6**).

God has shown mankind the way. God has not left it up to us to choose for ourselves which way we want to go. The way that seems right to man but the end is the way of death (**Proverbs 14:12**). It is not within man who walks to direct his own paths (**Jeremiah 10:23**).

God has shown us what is good; and what does the Lord require of us. ‘But to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God’ (**Micah 6:8**). We are to fear the Lord our God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul (**Deuteronomy 10:12; Matthew 22:37-40**).

God does require, expect something from us. We are to put away our evil doings from before His eyes. We are to cease doing evil and learn to do good. We are to seek justice, rebuke the oppressor, defend the fatherless, and plead for the widow (**Isaiah 1:16-17**).

We are to do justly or justice, but remember that this is to be in accordance with God’s standard. It is God’s word that is right and all His work is done in truth. God loves righteousness and justice (**Psalms 33:4-5**). Solomon was made king to do justice and righteousness (**1 Kings 10:9**). We are to let our mind dwell on the things that are just, among the other things given in Scripture (**Philippians 4:8-9**).

We are to love mercy. We must be compassionate towards one another (**Matthew 5:7; Ephesians 4:32**). The scribes and Pharisees were rebuked for neglecting ‘the weightier matters of the law; justice and mercy and faith’ (**Matthew 23:23**).

We are to walk humbly with God. It is a way of life we are to live (**Galatians 5:16**). We need to know the direction to walk and to be found pleasing by God (**Hebrews 11:16**). From the first day that Daniel set his heart to understand, and to humble himself before God, his words were heard and God came because of his words (**Daniel 10:12**).

We are to walk with humility understanding who is in control. We are to humble ourselves in the sight of God. We are to walk by faith and not by sight (**2 Corinthians 5:7**). It is God who guides the humble (**Psalms 25:9**). He gives grace to the humble (**Proverbs 3:34**).

We owe our allegiance to God. We need to learn to commit/trust ourselves to God who judges righteously as did Jesus (**1 Peter 2:21-25**). We are to commit our souls to God in doing good, as to a faithful Creator (**1 Peter 4:19**). Therefore, choose wisely and carefully (**Ephesians 5:15-17**).

We are to be doing those things that are pleasing and acceptable in the sight of God (**1 Timothy 2:3**). Wives who let their adornment be the hidden person of the heart are very precious in the sight of God (**1 Peter 3:3-4**). We are to do what is right. Partial obedience is not right with God

(1 Samuel 15:18-23).

We are to walk worthy of the calling with which we have been called (**Ephesians 4:1**). We are to let our conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ (**Philippians 1:27**). We are to walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him (**Colossians 1:10**). We are to walk and to please God (**1 Thessalonians 4:1**).

Something to think about!

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