

Welcome to Spiritual Wisdom Knowledge and Understanding

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This message is called "Lasting Promises"

There are things over our lives that were set in motion long ago. The actions of Adam and Eve still affect us to this day. For example, humankind and everything else continues to die every day.

These things, promises, blessings, curses rule over us, and most of us don't even know they exist, let alone what they are.

Promises are very powerful commitments and are not to be made lightly. God expects you to keep His commandments. This is so important to God that it almost killed Moses before he delivered his people out of Egypt.

But ignorance isn't bliss, as we're about to see in a very strange set of scriptures found during the Exodus of Israel from Egypt.

Check out these promises made by God and how much they affected Moses generations later.

Genesis 17:10 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁰ This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised;

Genesis 17:23 New King James Version (NKJV)

²³ So Abraham took Ishmael his son, all who were born in his house and all who were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that very same day, as God had said to him.

Abraham kept a promise made between Him and God, by getting circumcised with his entire male household and passing this knowledge to his children. Now take a look at this strange situation in scripture about Moses in keeping the promise that his wife Zipporah recognized would be a problem for him. Thank God for wives huh??? ☺

Genesis 25:1-2 New King James Version (NKJV)

Abraham and Keturah

25 Abraham again took a wife, and her name was Keturah. ² And she bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah.

Notice Midian is a son of Abraham from his wife Keturah.

Exodus 2:1-2 New King James Version (NKJV)

Moses Is Born

2 And a man of the house of Levi went and took *as wife* a daughter of Levi. ² So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he *was* a beautiful *child*, she hid him three months.

Notice, Moses is born of the Levi's from the line of Abraham.

Now, most know the story of Moses. He ran to the wilderness and met the Medianites out there and married Zipporah. Remember, the Midianites also came from Abraham.

Exodus 2:21 New King James Version (NKJV)

²¹ Then Moses was content to live with the man, and he gave Zipporah his daughter to Moses.

Notice, Moses and Zipporah come from Abraham and are under the coverings of the promises given to Abraham. But remember, Moses grew up under the Pharaohs. Now check out Zipporah's father and who he was.

Exodus 3:1 New King James Version (NKJV)

Moses at the Burning Bush

3 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

Moses' father-in-law was a priest. That means Zipporah knew of the promise from God to Abraham in Genesis 17:10. The priests always kept the practicing statutes among their families. I believe the Midianites were circumcising their male children.

Now remember, the promise was made to Abraham and his descendants. Notice, this doesn't mention strangers, yet.

Genesis 17:10 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁰ This *is* My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised;

Strangers didn't start to get circumcised until after the Exodus or the Passover occurred.

Exodus 12:48 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁴⁸ And when a stranger dwells with you *and wants* to keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as a native of the land. For no uncircumcised person shall eat it.

I want you to see something here. The Medianites thought Moses was an Egyptian.

Exodus 2:18-20 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁸ When they came to Reuel their father, he said, “How *is it that* you have come so soon today?”

¹⁹ And they said, “An Egyptian delivered us from the hand of the shepherds, and he also drew enough water for us and watered the flock.”

²⁰ So he said to his daughters, “And where *is* he? Why *is it that* you have left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread.”

Did you see? They thought Moses was an Egyptian. Now remember, every male child under Abraham’s lineage was to be circumcised on the 8th day. The Bible doesn’t tell us if Moses was circumcised as a male child under this law. Note Pharaoh’s wife didn’t find Moses until he was three months old.

Exodus 2:2 New King James Version (NKJV)

² So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he *was* a beautiful *child*, she hid him three months.

My guess is that Moses was circumcised when he was 8 days old because he was born a Hebrew and they were keeping their laws in the land. Notice Pharaoh’s daughter recognized that he was a Hebrew child.

Exodus 2:5-6 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁵ Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river. And her maidens walked along the riverside; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it.

⁶ And when she opened *it*, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, “This is one of the Hebrews’ children.”

As you can see, she recognized him as a Hebrew child. Some children are not easily identifiable as to what nationality they are. We know there are distinguishing different traits between the Hebrews and the Egyptians but could they tell them apart at birth if they didn’t see them with their own family members? Either way, is it possible she recognized him as a Hebrew because he was circumcised?

You ask, why do I bring this up and why is it important. Here’s the issue...according to Exodus 4:24-26 Moses’ son was not circumcised and being that both Moses and Zipporah came through Abraham, his children should have been circumcised.

Exodus 4:24-26 New King James Version (NKJV)

²⁴ And it came to pass on the way, at the encampment, that the LORD met him and sought to kill him. ²⁵ Then Zipporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and cast *it* at Moses’ ^[a] feet, and said, “Surely you *are* a husband of blood to me!” ²⁶ So He let him go. Then she said, “*You are* a husband of blood!”—because of the circumcision.

This scripture is very interesting and has caused many debates. Many believe that it wasn’t Moses’ son who was circumcised but that it was Moses’ himself who was circumcised. You already can see which direction I’m going in with this by presenting the possible event that Moses was already circumcised.

So let's look at this closely...remember I said earlier that I thought maybe they thought he was Egyptian. If he was Egyptian, would they continue with the Jewish customs? You can see from the earlier scripture in Exodus 12 – after the Passover or after the Exodus occurred, strangers who partook of the Passover were circumcised. Also meaning, those that didn't partake were not circumcised.

Look at this scripture closely...I believe Zipporah saw The Lord about to kill Moses. She saw them meet and perhaps The Lord raised His arm to strike Moses because it says "sought to kill him". How else would she know? You know when someone is about to have something happen to them by the body language and the acts of the other person toward them.

So she saw that...then the verse implies there was quick thinking on her part by picking up a sharp stone and cutting off the foreskin of her son...then she cast it to Moses feet bloody and all saying you are a husband of blood to me, in essence saving his life.

Did you notice that God was going to kill Moses? Here He called Moses to an awesome ministry and yet He was going to kill him. Why? Because he wasn't keeping the promise.

Let me make sure you understand something here...

It's not the circumcision itself that's important here. It's the promise or the act of keeping the commandment that's important to God. Important so much that He would kill the one He was sending to deliver his people. (Another type of Abraham being told to kill his son – another type of God actually killing His son)???

1 Corinthians 7:19 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁹ Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God *is what matters*.

Keeping God's commandments keeps you under His covering. When you are not keeping God's commandments you are not covered. That means death can come and get you. That means curses can come and get you.

Check this out...here are **several** scriptures that show you what happens when you keep His commandments...and keep in mind the opposite is what happens when you don't keep His commandments:

Exodus 15:26 New King James Version (NKJV)

²⁶ and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I *am* the LORD who heals you."

You're not sick when you follow His commandments...

Leviticus 26:3-4 New King James Version (NKJV)

³ 'If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments, and perform them,

⁴ then I will give you rain in its season, the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

You are not in financial debt but instead you are well fed living in a fertile land when you follow His commandments. Another way to look at this is that you're not dry wasting away to nothing but fat and full. Notice how our society puts beauty on being skinny. If you travel to many third world countries, skinny is not attractive. Skinny represents starving as if you don't have enough, and there are consequences when you starve...you're more susceptible to diseases and such. (Now let me get back on track...) 😊

Deuteronomy 4:40 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁴⁰ You shall therefore keep His statutes and His commandments which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong *your* days in the land which the LORD your God is giving you for all time."

That it goes well with you and your children and prolongs your life. You can die early by not following God's commandments...and we saw that it almost happened to Moses. I wonder how many people suffered from a love one dying too early when in scripture it clearly tells us to keep His commandments and we will have long life.

Deuteronomy 11:22-23 New King James Version (NKJV)

²² "For if you carefully keep all these commandments which I command you to do—to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, and to hold fast to Him—²³ then the LORD will drive out all these nations from before you, and you will dispossess greater and mightier nations than yourselves.

This scripture is extremely powerful...by loving The Lord your God, He will drive out these nations, or in another words, the enemies from before you. How do you love God? I'll show you that in a bit because it is something I already taught on. For now, here's more scriptures on following His commandments.

Deuteronomy 19:9 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁹ and if you keep all these commandments and do them, which I command you today, to love the LORD your God and to walk always in His ways, then you shall add three more cities for yourself besides these three,

God helped the Israelites overcome the giants in the land and then gave them the cities...then look, He also added to the cities. He will continue to add to you...

Deuteronomy 28:9 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁹ “The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways.

Have you ever wondered why some people seem holy or you just connect with that person on a holy level? This is why. That person is following His commandments and God established that person as a holy person to Himself, and He’s showing off that person. He will show you off too if you keep His commandments.

Deuteronomy 28:45 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁴⁵ “Moreover all these curses shall come upon you and pursue and overtake you, until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you.

Have you ever wondered why you seem cursed? By not obeying God’s commandments, you will be cursed.

Deuteronomy 30:16 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁶ in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess.

That you may live and multiply and God will bless you in the land you possess...

1 Kings 2:3 New King James Version (NKJV)

³ And keep the charge of the LORD your God: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn;

To be prosperous...are you not prosperous? Check out where you’re failing in following God’s commandments. Once you correct that, you will be prosperous. That’s His promise!

1 Kings 3:14 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁴ So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

Another words, let you live longer.

1 Kings 6:12 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹² “Concerning this temple which you are building, if you walk in My statutes, execute My judgments, keep all My commandments, and walk in them, then I will perform My word with you, which I spoke to your father David.

He will perform His word with you...that means you will see God moving in your life activating all His promises. You will stand apart. He will show you off. You will not be sick. You will be prosperous...that separates you from the rest!

1 Kings 11:38 New King James Version (NKJV)

³⁸ Then it shall be, if you heed all that I command you, walk in My ways, and do *what is* right in My sight, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did, then I will be with you and build for you an enduring house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you.

Build an enduring house...this isn't just talking about a physical building but also about building up your heritage; making you a person of interest to the generations to come. Wow and on and on and on you see scripture after scripture telling us to keep His commandments!

Now that we know His message to us, how do you keep His commandments? Love Him. How do you love Him? Actions speak louder than words!

And you think this was only in the Old Testament? Look what Jesus said about love in the New Testament as the ultimate two commandments...

Matthew 22:36-40 New King James Version (NKJV)

³⁶ "Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the law?"

³⁷ Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'^[a] ³⁸ This is *the* first and great commandment. ³⁹ And *the* second *is* like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'^[b] ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

He not only said the same thing God was saying but He added to it and said to love your neighbor as yourself.

That's your commandments to follow to have all the blessings spoken of in this message. Wow...but can you love? Look at this prophecy about love.

Matthew 24:12 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹² And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

As you can see from Matthew 24:12 that love will grow cold. Is your love cold?

In case you need to remember what love is...

1 Corinthians 13 New King James Version (NKJV)

The Greatest Gift

¹3 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. ² And though I have *the gift of prophecy*, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned,^[a] but have not love, it profits me nothing.

⁴ Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵ does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶ does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; ⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

¹³ And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love.

God's love is lasting! His actions speak louder than any words could ever do. The action of His son dying on the cross shook the Earth and represents the ultimate love for you and I.

Let the action of God's love shake your soul and activate love within you. So you can keep His commandments and prolong your life, not get sick, be fruitful, multiply, be fat and full, be holy, overcome your enemies, have curses removed from your life, be prosperous, and whatever God wants to bless you with, He will because you're doing exactly what He wants you to do. That's the action of love!

Let's pray!

Dear Heavenly Father, I lift us up to Your throne room declaring You Lord Jesus over our love placing You in control of our love. Let Your love shine through our actions and let our actions obey Your commandments. You are God and You are in control of each of our actions because Your ways are better than our ways. Let us try to even show a small amount of love each moment of each day to the best of our ability through You and Your greatest example You've given us. In Jesus' Name Amen!

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