

What Jehovah Requires II

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RIGHTEOUSLY	WALK	STANDARD
ETHICALLY	UPRIGHTLY	SPEAKS
WORDS	STRAIGHTNESS	TRUTH
UPRIGHTNESS	HANDLE	ARIGHT
WORD	TONGUE	WISE
HEALTH	DEATH	LIFE
POWER	MULTITUDE	TRANSGRESSION
DANGERS	DWELL	HIGH

Notes

What Does Jehovah Require? II

Welcome

It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in all that we do and teach.

If you desire to have a private Bible Study at your convenience, let us know.

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Nation's Decline in Moral Conduct V

As noted in the four previous articles David asked the questions "Jehovah, who shall sojourn in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?" (Psalm 15).

Our last article dealt with the second of David's negative characteristic as to what an individual should not have, i.e. "Nor doeth evil to his friend." At this time, we want to direct our attention to the third, i.e., he will not take "up a reproach against his neighbor."

The Law of Moses forbade tale-bearing of all kinds, saying, "Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people" (Leviticus 19:16).

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John Gill said, concerning a man's dealings with his neighbor, he will "not raise any scandalous report on him himself, nor will he bear to hear one from another, much less will he spread one; nor will he suffer one to lie upon his neighbor, but will do all he can to vindicate him, and clear his character."

Solomon describes the character of a man, who would take up a reproach against his neighbor, saying, "The words of a whisperer are as dainty morsels, And they go down into the innermost parts. Fervent lips and a wicked heart are like an earthen vessel overlaid with silver dross. He that hateth dissembleth with his lips; But he layeth up deceit within him: When he speaketh fair, believe him not; For there are seven abominations in his heart: Though his hatred cover itself with guile, his wickedness shall be openly showed before the assembly. Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein; And he that rolleth a stone, it shall return upon him. A lying tongue hateth those whom it hath wounded; And a flattering mouth worketh ruin (Proverbs 26:22-28).

The word translated "reproach" in our text means "to strip, or make bare, to deprive one of his garments" (Illus: Winter strips the trees and fields of foliage and they appear disgraced and dishonored, [Clarke]). So, one reproached is stripped of his/her clothing of righteousness.

As you strive to be found in Jehovah's favor ask yourself the question, "Have I brought reproach against my neighbor?"

Each of us should be aware of the dangers of the tongue. Solomon said, "In the multitude of words there wanteth not transgression; But he that refraineth his lips doeth wisely. The tongue of the righteous is as choice silver: The heart of the wicked is little worth. The lips of the righteous feed many; But the foolish die for lack of understanding" (Proverbs 10:19-21).
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Isa. 33:13-16

I. Common Question: What must I do?

- A. Acts 16:30 – "What must I do?"
- B. Matt. 19:16 – "What good thing shall I do?"

II. He Who Speaks Uprightly:

- A. Speak – "whose words are in perfect agreement with his inward feelings and outward condition" (K&D)
- B. Uprightly: evenness, uprightness, straightness, equity (Strong's)
- C. 2 Tim. 2:15 – Timothy told to "handle aright the word of truth," i.e., "cut it straight."
- D. Prov. 12:18 – "the tongue of the wise is health"
- E. Prov. 18:21 – "Death and life..."
- F. Therefore, the Lord warns:
 - 1. Prov. 10:19 – "In the multitude of words there wanteth not transgression..."
 - 2. Jam. 3:1-12 – Dangers thereof
- G. Eph. 4:29 – "good for edifying"
 - 1. Corrupt – obscene, offensive
 - 2. Speech – Something said (including the thought); by implication topic (subject of discourse); also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive" (Strong's).
 - 3. Proceed – "to depart, be discharged"
- H. Isa. 33:15-16 – This is the man, of whom Isaiah said, "shall dwell on high."

Solomon Says

The Preacher sought to find out acceptable words, and that which was written uprightly, even words of truth.

Eccl. 12:10