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**Slice of Life**

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: (2) And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. (KJV)

Oh just show up at some religious organization on a weakly basis and do the religious routine and you got it made. Well not so much Church, because it’s not what takes place on Sundays, it’s how you live the rest of the week, or weak depending on whom you draw your true strength from. It’s one thing to hear the Lord, however it is not complete until we do or act on what is heard from Him as well. This is what truly makes or breaks many Christians, because many times they are so closed minded to anything outside their carnal religious boxes that many have become entombed in them.

James 1:22-24 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. (23) For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: (24) For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. (KJV)

When you don’t spend time daily in the word of God you forget what manner of Spiritual man you should be, and the Kingdom that you are supposed to be a representative of. Many feel good doctrines are just based on the blessings; which many times are based on how much you send the pastors way in the form of mammon. However, for those that truly know the love of God and what it takes to inherit eternal life they will present both sides of salvation, the blessings as well as the curse that is still in play if one does stray.

Deuteronomy 28:13-15 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them: (14) And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them. (15) But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: (KJV)

Now you can go back on your own and see that life from verse 15 on is quite unpleasant to say the least, and is not what our Lord desired to see His people go back to. However, the reality is that if you don’t hearken diligently and then act on what you hear from above, well then you will end up back in the rear of the line getting your tail kicked.

2 Peter 2:20-22 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. (21) For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. (22) But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire. (KJV)

For those of you who are not sure, you can go back through the Word and see where God stands concerning pigs and dogs, things that are kept outside and not allowed access inside. It will be a doggone shame if you ignore the warnings and don’t heed to the only way, truth, and life that delivers us from this present evil world.