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Living Lent | Day 7

Dependence on God

“Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.”

Deuteronomy 7: 9 NIV

Encouragement for the Lenten Journey:

“It’s our natural tendency to look at people, places, things, and events for our emotional stability (peace, joy, comfort, and love) but the problem is people let us down, things wear out, places get old, and events get boring ... and there went our emotional stability.” Dr. Sam and Mary Glenn Peeples

Covenant by the world’s definition is a bilateral agreement or promise with stipulations, privileges and responsibilities. By simply being human these covenants are not always kept. A biblical covenant is more than a promise or agreement--it is a complete giving of oneself. God initiated, determined the elements of and confirmed His covenant with humanity. We as believers are recipients called to accept it as it is. All that is asked of us is to trust in and depend on God as Savior. Be Still and KNOW. All that we need to KNOW is recorded in Scripture. God is faithful and keeps His covenant.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.” Matthew 22:37-38 (NIV) | John 4: 8b (NIV) also records the truth that “...God is love.” Everything He does is out of love. He doesn’t love us because we are lovable--He loves us because that’s the very nature of who He is. And God so loved the world, despite our wicked ways, and gave His Son so we could be restored and be in

right relationship with Him.

We live in a fallen broken world—one that breaks promises and goes back on its word. It lets us down and we cannot depend on it for our peace, love, joy and comfort. Praise the Lord that we have a wonderful covenant-keeping God who will fulfill his promise of loyal love to those who love Him and keep His commandments.

Today, review the 10 Commandments. Pray for God to reveal to you how to live them out more fully in your life, as you seek to know and live for Him, in your home and workplace.

Challenge to Prayer and the Exercise of the Privilege of Generosity

As you pray and sacrifice throughout this Lenten Journey, will you take this opportunity to pay forward in generosity a gift of at least \$1 per day throughout the 40 days for the Children of Morningstar? It is a privilege and a blessing to give as we all look forward to Easter and the Resurrection.

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