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1. Receiving God's blessing and an inheritance of great wealth and real estate (22:6-9) is the result of: 1) not forsaking the covenant community (22:1-3a), 2) obeying God's commands (22:3b).
2. Continuing to be faithful in the present and future is necessary to keeping the promises and blessings afforded through our faithfulness in the past (22:1-5; 23:1-16; Eze 18:24; Heb 10:36-39).
3. Selective obedience doesn't count (22:5 "Only be very careful to...walk in all His ways and to keep His commandments"; Compare also 22:2-3 w/10-12; Mat 7:21-23).
4. Going to "war" against members of the covenant family: 1) is something we must be prepared to do when there is evidence of major sin (22:10-12), 2) requires due diligence in inquiry and investigation by her leaders to confirm (22:13-16; Deu 17:4), 3) is the commitment we all make when there is rebellion in the camp (22:16 "Thus says the whole congregation"), 4) includes attempts to reason and save not only them - but all of us, from God's curse and coming destruction (22:17-20; Phi 4:4-5; Jam 5:19-20), 5) is only cancelled when those in question can sufficiently explain, demonstrate or defend themselves to be innocent to the leaders and covenant community (22:21-34; Act 21:17-24; Act 15:22).
5. God forbids us to identify with, have loyalties to - or be united religiously with, those of false religions (including Christian false religion) (23:7, 12; Hence the reason we cannot work for "Christian" organizations; 2Jo 1:9-11; 2Co 6:14-18).
6. Having wicked friends/influences can cause us to go apostate (23:13; 1Co 15:33).
7. Not one good thing that the Lord has promised to give His people will fail to be fulfilled (23:14).
8. The only thing God's promises are conditioned upon is the one thing we can control: our choices (23:15-16, 24:19-20).
9. The history of God and His people that He clearly wants us to remember (and reflect on as it relates to our own) is one of constant protection, mighty deliverance (24:1-12) and generous provision (24:13) (Hence the reason we are to confidently pray/ask for these things – Mat 6:9-13).
10. Faithful shepherds: 1) constantly remind their people of the need to be sincere, faithful and free of idolatry in serving the Lord (24:14; 2Ti 4:2), 2) realize that serving the Lord is something we must recommit to everyday (24:15), 3) warn their people of the consequences of not taking their walk seriously (24:19-20), 4) call out/expose those sins that will keep their people from being saved (24:19-23), 5) bear witness and hold their people accountable to their covenant commitment (24:24-28), 6) must establish covenant w/anyone who understands and is willing to make the commitment regardless of their suspicions (24:19 w/21, 24-27).
11. As the leaders go, so goes the congregation (24:29-33).

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1. Just because something is: 1) God's plan doesn't mean we don't need help (1:1-11, 12-16, 17-18) 2) hard doesn't mean God is not in it or doesn't want us to do it (1:19).
2. What comes around, goes around (1:6-7; Gal 6:7-10).
3. When we don't finish the work God has called us to do – in the way - and to the degree that God calls us to do it, we are being rebellious to God irrespective of how hard the work is – or the sacrifice it may require (1:19-36 w/2:1-2; i.e. selective obedience is full disobedience – Mat 7:21-23)
4. Selective obedience is what happens when we limit our commitment to what is easy (1:19 "because they had chariots of iron").