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32 And ye **shall observe** to do all the statutes and judgments which I set before you this day.

. The earthly realm was meant to be a physical extension of the glory of God's spiritual dwelling.

The church is the gateway between heaven and earth.



Image of God :

We would have the nature of God and flow with the motivations of the spirit of God.

•Likeness of God:

We would possess intelligent will and the power to decree matters using the authority of God.

It was this makeup of the human person that would enable us to walk in dominion over the earthly realm; reflecting the image of God and walking in His authority.

- **"The Charge of the LORD"** refers to the commands, instructions, or responsibilities given by God to individuals or groups, often with a sense of divine authority and obligation.
- This concept is prevalent throughout the Bible, where God entrusts His people with specific duties, expecting obedience and faithfulness.
- **Isaiah 1:19-20**
- If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

The statutes are divine laws and regulations set forth by God for His people to follow, serving as a guide for ethical living and community relations.

- The term "statutes" implies a prescribed path that aligns individuals and communities with God's purpose, distinguishing them from surrounding nations.
- **1 Peter 2:9**
- But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light

Galatians 6:7-8

- Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

We can only do what we know to do.

Isaiah 11:2

“And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;”

- **2 Corinthians 2:11**

- “Lest Satan should get the advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.”

- **2 Corinthians 4:4**

- The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

- **1 Peter 5:8**

- Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

- **1 Corinthians 2:14**

- But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

- **Romans 8:5**

- For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

- **Ephesians 6:12**

- For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

- **Ephesians 6:10**

- Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

- Demons are referred to in the Scriptures as both “evil
- spirits” and “unclean spirits”, and they are deployed
- by Satan to enforce the agenda of the kingdom of
- darkness.
- **John 10:10**
- Jesus tells us that “the thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy,” but we are aware that the thief (Satan) is a singular entity.
- To carry out the fullness of his agenda, he requires the support of evil subordinates, otherwise known as demons.

- **The activity of demons can be described in six main**
- **words:**
- **Entice:**
- Demons will make concerted efforts to persuade you to engage in behaviors that go against the will of God.
- **James 1:14**
- “But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.”
- **Enslave:**

Demons will make you a prisoner to sin. No matter how much you desire to refrain from engaging in a behavior that you know displeases God, you will find yourself unsuccessful when an evil spirit dwells in your vessel.

This is because when the spirit wants to execute its desires in your vessel, it pushes your will to the back of your mind and compels you to engage in whatever behavior it is motivating.

Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. **James 1:15**

- **Compel:**
- As mentioned above, demons compel you to engage in behaviors that transgress the will of God by hijacking your free-will decision-making abilities.
- They achieve this by suppressing your will when they want
- to express their desires through your vessel.

Matthew 24:24

For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.

Defile:

- Demons cause you to defile yourself and others as they express their destructive motivations through you.
- **Harass:**
- **John 14:27**
- Jesus says, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you.
- I do not give to you as the world gives.” One of the primary motivations of the activity of demons is to strip you of the peace that Jesus makes available to us.

Torment:

- Demons would like to destroy your life, if possible.
- They do this by slowly upending every dimension of your reality, from your mental health, to your physical health, to your finances, and even extending to your relationships and beyond until you are absolutely hopeless.
- **Daniel 7:25**
- And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

The primary grounds of operation for demons is in the **Mind**, if they can hijack an individual in that area, they can upend their external reality and ultimately lead them to complete destruction.

Proverbs 23:7

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee

2 Corinthians 10:5

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

2 Corinthians 6:17

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

Leviticus 10:10-12

And that ye may put a difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean;

And that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the Lord hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.

Psalm 119:9

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

Luke 13:3

I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Acts 3:19

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

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Demons will infuse their darkness into your thoughts, emotions, personality, and will.

Remember, the kingdom of darkness is a highly organized and sophisticated kingdom.

Satan is okay playing the long game with an individual, slowly introducing them to one demonic habit after another until they look up after a decade and come into an awareness of how much their life has been derailed.

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So, we play this game with ourselves.

I'm going through something.

You sure are the gates of hell and a miserable life on the way.

1 John 5:17

All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death

Oftentimes, demonic activity in a vessel can go undetected, even for a lifetime without the active use of the probing and expelling power of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 4:31-36, we see an example of a man who began manifesting a demonic spirit when Jesus was teaching with the authority of God.

What we can gather here is that this man was a regular, synagogue-attending, Jewish man who showed no signs of demonic infestation prior to the Holy Spirit showing up on the scene.

The authority carried in the words of Jesus agitated the spirit and forced it to expose itself.

This reality holds true in our time; without the Holy Spirit, who functions as the authority of God in a vessel, demons will remain undetected and quietly execute their nefarious intents.

Keeping his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, always keep these demons at bay.

These statutes are intended to shape moral and ethical living, reflecting a covenant relationship between God and His people, and are essential for receiving God's blessings and protection.

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Joshua 1:8

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

1 John 5:3

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

Matthew 11:30

For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Psalms 119:47-48

I delight in Your commandments because I love them.

I lift up my hands to Your commandments, which I love, and I meditate on Your statutes.

2 John 1:6

And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the very commandment you have heard from the beginning, that you must walk in love.

How we treat people will be a major part of our judgement

Matthew 25:35-37,40

“For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:”

Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Psalm 19:7-11

The Law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right, bringing joy to the heart; the commandments of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the judgments of the LORD are true, being altogether righteous.

His judgments,

In the Bible, keeping God's judgment means recognizing and adhering to His moral laws and righteous actions.

It involves: **Recognizing Righteousness:**

God's judgment reflects perfect justice, as seen in

Proverbs 21:3,

which states that doing what is right is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

Proverbs 3:1-2

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; / for they will add length to your days, years and peace to your life.

Accountability:

Believers are accountable for their actions, as illustrated in **Romans 14:10-12**,

where they will give an account of themselves before the Lord.

Rooted in Justice:

God's judgments are rooted in His character, which is just and righteous, as stated in **Psalms 9:7-8**, emphasizing that He judges the world with justice.

Upholding Righteousness:

Judgment serves as a means to uphold righteousness and punish wrongdoing, as seen in various biblical stories.

Thus, keeping God's judgment involves living out His principles and being accountable for one's actions.

Judgment is Multifaceted:

In the biblical context, judgment encompasses discernment, justice, and the opportunity for personal growth, not just punishment.

Role of Self-Judgment: Individuals are encouraged to engage in self-reflection for moral alignment and accountability, fostering spiritual maturity.

1 Corinthians 11:31-34

For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

1 Peter 4:17

For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

His commandments

Rules by which we live.

Jesus Himself said in **John 14:15** –

"If you love Me, keep My Commandments."

Matthew 5:17 - "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill."

What is done away with under the New Covenant are the old requirements, as stated in **Colossians 2:14** - "Having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He (= Jesus) has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross."

Romans 13:8-9 –

"Owe no one anything except to love one another, because he who loves another has fulfilled the Law.

The Commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, You shall not covet'."

Romans 13:9-10

"Whatever other Commandment there may be, are summed up in this statement: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfillment of the Law."

God, by teaching us a righteous way of living through His Commandments, which are the Principles of His Kingdom, helps us avoid all the troubles and torment that come from sin and iniquity.

2 Chronicles 20:20b

“Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem:
Believe in the Lord your God; so shall ye be established.
Believe His prophets; so shall ye prosper.”

Psalms 9:17

“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.”

Revelation 20:10

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Revelation 20:14

“And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.”

Judgement come comes through contentious behavior:
Satan can gain an opportunity to exercise his authority in your life:

- **Unrepentant sin:**

The law of heaven is the law of love: this includes love of God (first and foremost), love of others, and love of yourself (Matthew 22:37-39).

Any mode of thinking or behavior that is contrary to the will of God that you choose to entertain without repentance becomes an open door through which a demon can enter.



Generational curses:

Unfortunately, we can be born into an inheritance of curses if our ancestors have entered into an agreement with Satan.

In the same way Abraham's righteousness produced blessings for all of his descendants (Genesis 12:1-3), an ancestor's unrighteousness can produce curses for all their descendants.

This is also known as learned behavior.

Bad coping skills that have been passed down and not checked.

•Unhealed trauma:

Satan introduces traumatic events into our lives with the hopes that he can hijack our identity as we begin to perceive life through the lens of our trauma.

Satan primarily targets children because this can be an effective way to hijack the trajectory of their lives before they mature.

If one does not take active steps to heal from their trauma and renew their mind to the truth of who they are in Christ, then the web of demonic lies that they choose to come into agreement with will be the legal access Satan needs to introduce oppression in their life.



Occult involvement:

Dabbling in any form of darkness is a sure-fire way to open yourself up to demonic oppression.

If you choose to operate in demonic territory, then you should not be surprised when demons are able to access you.

In the same way, an individual who enters your home is exposed to the consequences of being in your space, an individual who enters Satan's home is prone to the consequences of being in his space.



Isaiah 8:19 –

And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?

2 Kings 21:6 –

And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.



Extended exposure to demonic entertainment:

It is especially critical that we guard our eyes and ear against exposure to demonic content, as this is another means of demonic transference that Satan employs.

If you are continually exposing yourself to visual or audible material that demons have engineered, then you are exposing yourself to the spirits behind that content.

- The Bible offers clear guidance on what we should fill our minds with.

Philippians 4:8,

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”

This verse emphasizes the importance of focusing on things that are good and edifying.

- Watching bad things can have a negative impact on our hearts and minds.

Proverbs 4:23, it warns us to “Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.”

When we expose ourselves to harmful content, it can plant seeds of negativity, impurity, and ungodliness in our hearts.

Ephesians 5:11 instructs us to “Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.”

This verse reminds us that as followers of Christ, we are called to live in the light and avoid participating in actions that go against God’s will.



1 Corinthians 15:33 tells us that “Do not be misled:
‘Bad company corrupts good character.’

This verse highlights the influence that our surroundings and the media we consume can have on our character and behavior.

•Unforgiveness:

This is one of the most prominent root causes of demonic oppression in the lives of people, so much so that Jesus taught specifically on the subject as a warning.

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Mark 11:25

And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”

- There are no levels of severity.

Matthew 6:15

But if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 18:21-22

Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?”

As many as seven times?”

Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

- You must understand that the spiritual realm and the kingdom of heaven function as a court of law where God is the judge.

Satan is your accuser, as articulated in Revelation 12:10.

He knows that God is just, therefore he makes a diligent effort to prove your alignment with his rebellion so that he can be granted permission in court to operate in your life.

If he is able to find a legal opening through transgression, he will not hesitate to use that as an opportunity to introduce theft, murder, and destruction into your life.

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Though this is true, you must also consider that not every situation of mental or physical torment is orchestrated by a demon.

We are repeatedly instructed in Scripture to renew our minds and crucify our flesh in order to walk in the manner that Christ envisions for our lives.

Failure to make efforts to renew your mind or crucify your flesh can cause you to create a reality for yourself that mimics the life of someone who is oppressed by demons.

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Let us distinguish between the works of the flesh and the activity of a demon to better understand when a spirit is at work.

Differentiate between demonic influence and demonic oppression so that you can better categorize where your experience fits in.

- **Demonic Influence:**

The state of being where an individual is perpetually harassed and tempted to transgress the will of God in a specific area(s).

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- **Demonic Influence:**

A person who is being influenced by a demon will find that they struggle to not fall in a particular area of their life, but if they take time to train themselves to align with God's will, with the help of the Holy Spirit, they can eventually overcome that temptation.

James 4:7, the remedy to this person's plight is to "submit to God, resist the devil, and he will flee."



Demonic Oppression:

This is the state of being where an individual's free will decision-making abilities in an area(s) of their life have been hijacked.

No matter how much that person wants to change and align themselves with God's will, they are unable to because when the demon seeks to execute its desires through their vessel, it pushes their will to the back and expresses its desires through them.

The key factor that differentiates influence from oppression is control.

When one is facing demonic influence, they have complete control over whether they will give in to the promptings of the evil spirit.

The more they abstain, the less frequent the promptings of that spirit will be because the spirit will register that it cannot get any agreement from the vessel, and it will move on (James 4:7).



Repentance:

Repentance means “to turn away from” and “to turn to”.

If a demon enters because you turned away from God’s heavenly law by repeated sin, then in order to break the agreement with that evil spirit, you must turn away from the wickedness you were doing and turn to God.

You must hate the sin and petition that God would free you so that you can have authority over that sinful motivation.

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- **Renunciation:**

To renounce means “to revoke or formally reject and declare one’s abandonment of a claim or right.”

If you declared allegiance to an evil spirit by word or action, then to come out of that contract, you must speak against your allegiance to that evil spirit and profess your allegiance to God.