

#5 Becoming Qualified to Inherit the Promised Land

(Crystallization-Study of Deuteronomy) 2020/3/23-29

Overview: Those who are qualified to inherit the good land know God's heart and God's government, love God, trust in God, fear God, subject themselves to God's ruling, mind the tender feelings of God, and live in the presence of God (I). In fulfilling God's requirements, we should not have any trust in ourselves; rather, we should learn to take God's desire as our desire and take Him as our life and life supply (II). Moses charged the people of Israel to love God and to fear God. To love God means to set our entire being—spirit, soul, and body, with the heart, soul, mind, and strength—absolutely on Him, that is, to let our entire being be occupied by Him and lost in Him, so that He becomes everything to us and we are one with Him practically in our daily life. We all should fear God. When we fear God, we will walk in God's ways. We need to learn God's ways—God is and how He acts and behaves (III-V). We are fighting the enemies. We can fulfill our duty to fight only by faith in the Lord, that is, only by the Lord Himself as our life and life supply (VI). In order to do all the things that God requires, we need the life that works with God for His people (VII).

I. The book of Deuteronomy speaks of the kind of person who is qualified to inherit the promised land as the good land: [Deut. 1:21](#) See, Jehovah your God has set the land before you; go up, possess it, as Jehovah the God of your fathers has spoken to you. Do not fear, neither be dismayed.

A. God's people need to match what God is: **1.** The inheritors need to match the Giver of the inheritance so that He would be with them both in their living and in their fighting. **2.** In order to match the Giver of the inheritance, we need to be holy as He is holy. [1 Pet. 1:16](#) Because it is written, "You shall be holy because I am holy."

B. Those who are qualified to inherit the good land know God's heart and God's government, love God, trust in God, fear God, subject themselves to God's ruling, mind the tender feelings of God, and live in the presence of God. [Luke 6:36](#) Be full of compassion, even as your Father also is full of compassion.

C. Christ is the One who supplies us, sustains us, and makes us those who love God, trust in God, fear God, subject ourselves to God's ruling, mind the tender feelings of God, and live in God's presence. **Mon**

II. In His economy God has planned that we should do everything God requires of us: [Matt. 7:21](#) Not every one who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but he who does the will of My Father who is in the heavens. **(Wed)**

A. It is impossible for us to do anything for God by ourselves; we need another life—the divine life, the life of God. [Matt. 19:26](#) ...Jesus said to them, With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible. [1 John 5:13](#) I have written these things to you that you may know that you have eternal life, to you who believe into the name of the Son of God.

B. God wants us to do all of this not by ourselves but in Christ, by Christ, with Christ, through Christ, and by being one with Christ.

C. This means that we need to have a spiritual union, an organic union, with Christ: [John 15:5](#) I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing. **1.** In order that we may enter into such a union with Christ, God wants us not

only to believe in Christ but also to believe into Christ. [John 3:15](#) That every one who believes into Him may have eternal life. **(Wed)** **2.** To believe into Christ is to have an organic union with Christ, becoming one spirit with Him. **3.** In this union we are joined to Christ, we are one with Him, and we are in Him. **4.** Now as those who are one with Him and in Him, we need to do all that God requires by Christ and through Christ. [Phil. 4:13](#) I am able to do all things in Him who empowers me. **(Wed)** **5.** No longer should we live by ourselves and do things by ourselves, but we should live by Christ and do everything by Christ.

D. The crucial matter we need to realize is that God wants us to live, act, behave, work, and have our being in Christ, by Christ, with Christ, through Christ, and in oneness with Christ.

E. In fulfilling God's requirements, we should not have any trust in ourselves; rather, we should learn to take God's desire as our desire and take Him as our life and life supply.

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III. Moses charged the people of Israel to love God: [Deut. 6:5](#) And you shall love Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. [10:12](#) And now, O Israel, what does Jehovah your God ask of you except that you fear Jehovah your God so that you would walk in all His ways and love Him and serve Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul;

A. The word love implies affection, which is something very tender: **1.** God Himself has set an example of loving by setting His affection on His people. **2.** We should love God by setting our affection on Him.

B. The love of God in 1 John 2:5 denotes our love toward God, which is generated by His love within us; God first loved us in that He infused us with His love and generated within us the love with which we love Him and the brothers. [1 John 2:5](#) But whoever keeps His word, truly in this one the love of God has been perfected. In this we know that we are in Him.

C. In Deuteronomy 10:12 Moses spoke of loving God with all our heart and all our soul, and in 6:5 he commanded us to love God with all our heart, soul, and might (our physical strength); we love the Lord our God with all our being, that is, from our heart, through our soul, our mind, to our body.

D. To love God means to set our entire being—spirit, soul, and body, with the heart, soul, mind, and strength—absolutely on Him, that is, to let our entire being be occupied by Him and lost in Him, so that He becomes everything to us and we are one with Him practically in our daily life.

IV. Moses commanded the people of Israel to fear God:

A. We all should fear God; we must have a proper fear of God:

1. This is a holy fear, that is, a healthy, serious caution that leads us to behave holily. **2.** We should fear God and want to be separated, sanctified, unto Him as a holy people. **3.** To fear God is to submit to His authority. **4.** Because God is severe toward those who are rebellious, we need to fear Him. **Thu**

B. The lack of fearing God is terrible; it is the source of all kinds of lawlessness.

C. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God", and "our God is also a consuming fire": [Heb. 10:31](#) It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. [12:29](#) For our God is also a consuming fire. **1.** The living God whom we serve is not mocked. [Gal. 6:7](#) Do not be deceived: God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. **2.** The history of the church proves that a Christian who does

not fear God will not have good ending; such a Christian will have a miserable ending. **3.** If a believer is God-fearing, sooner or later he will be manifested by God; such was the case with Joseph, who was a God-fearing man and was enthroned.

V. The children of Israel were not only to keep God's commandments but also to walk in His ways:

A. When we fear God, we will walk in God's ways: **1.** God's ways are actually what God is. **2.** Whatever God is, is a way to us; for instance, God is love, and love is a way in which we walk. **3.** To walk in God's ways, therefore, is to live God, express God, manifest God, and magnify God. **4.** We need to learn God's ways—God is and how He acts and behaves. **Fr**

B. The God who is our way is Christ; to take Christ as our way to live Him in what He is, and to live Him is to express Him, to manifest Him, and even to magnify Him.

C. In the New Jerusalem the river of water of life proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb and flowing in the midst of the street indicates that God is both our life and our way.

D. We take God as our life, and His life with His nature then becomes the way on which we walk.

VI. The children of Israel went forth in battle to fight against their enemies; today we also are in war:

A. In this war we are fighting for Christ and to remain in Christ.

B. If we would possess Christ and live in Christ as our land, we need to fight against the spiritual enemies.

C. As we are fighting, we need to realize that we are fighting for what God has given us; once the enemies have been defeated, the land will be cleared for our inheritance.

D. Actually, we are not the ones fighting, for God goes with us and fights for us: **1.** It is our duty to fight, but we cannot fulfill this duty by ourselves; we can fulfill our duty to fight only by faith in the Lord, that is, only by the Lord Himself as our life and life supply. **2.** We need to believe that the Lord has ordained us to fight and that He will fight for us. **Deut. 20:3-4** And he shall say to them, Hear, O Israel! You are drawing near to the battle against your enemies today. Do not let your heart fail; do not be afraid nor alarmed nor terrified of them. For it is Jehovah your God who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to save you. **3.** We should simply take His word and obey Him, knowing that the outcome depends on Him.

VII. If we thoroughly study all these matters, we will know God better and also know what kind of person we should be, what kind of being we should have, and in what kind of way we should walk:

A. We should walk before God and with God according to what God is. **Deut. 8:6** Therefore keep the commandments of Jehovah your God, walking in His ways and fearing Him.

B. Because we have God's life, we should learn of Him to be the same as He is; in order to do all the things that God requires, we need the divine life, the life that works with God for His people.

C. We can fulfill all of the Lord's requirements only by the divine life, the eternal life, which is the Triune God embodied in Christ, who is realized as the life-giving Spirit. **Sat**

Crucial Point(1): The Lord's yoke is easy and His burden is light for the business persons

OL1:It is impossible for us to do anything for God by ourselves; we need another life—the divine life, the life of God.

OL2:In fulfilling God's requirements, we should not have any trust in ourselves; rather, we should learn to take God's desire as our desire and take Him as our life and life supply.

Although we have received the divine life, we are not accustomed to living by this life. We may never have had the thought of living by the divine life. Instead, we continue to trust in our old life. We may even pray for the improvement of the old life. In our prayer we may say, "Lord, You know how weak I am." The Lord may answer, "There is no need for you to tell Me that you are weak. I know that you are weak. You are not merely weak—you are dead. This is the reason I have given you another life. Why would you not live by this new life which I have given you?"

In fulfilling God's requirements, we should not have any trust in ourselves. We need to learn to take the Lord's desire as our desire and say, "Lord, I desire what You desire. In carrying out Your desire, I do not have any trust in myself, for I am not able to do Your will. Lord, because I have no trust in myself and because I have no capacity to fulfill Your desire, I take You as my life and life supply."

Application to young working saints/graduate students

Young working saints and graduate students may think it is difficult to practice church life while they work and research every day. But the Bible says the following.

Mat.11:28 Come to Me all who toil and are burdened, and I will give you rest. **29** Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

Anyone who is struggling to be successful in any work is burdened. In verse 28, the Lord is telling that that such a one should come to Him then He would give him rest. However, contrary to our concept, the Lord is mentioning to take His yoke in verse 29 and 30. Then does it mean that the one who is burdened should increase its weight by taking up the Lord's yoke? This question is of the same idea of the hardness of having church life together with the business life and it seems contradictory from this part of the Word. Why did the Lord say that the one who are burdened should come to the Lord to take His yoke? To understand this, you should understand the principle of God's economy.

(1)Live by another life, the divine life: God's will is that you fulfill your responsibility, like working, by another life, the divine life and express God in your business life.

(2)To have blessing of success, God needs to bless it: Without Lord's blessing, please understand that you cannot gain anything no matter hard you struggle. You can never rely on yourself to be successful. Rather, rely on the Lord and learn to labor diligently.

(3)Lord's yoke is easy and His burden is light: Your sanctifying your time for the Lord's day meeting, prayer meeting and gospel and shepherding in your busy business life is to rely on the Lord and take up the Lord's yoke to practice God's will. It seems difficult to

do His will in your busyness, but actually if you do His will, the Lord's presence, His blessing and His anointing are with you and His burden is light. So it is not contradictory for you who are already burdened to take up His yoke.

Please understand these three points. The life of God is rich supply which surpasses the requirements. **A brother's testimony**: When I was in charge of two posts, the new product development and quality assurance in addition to the government affairs in an American company, I was a director in charge of 7 departments out of 8 departments. So I was spending very busy days but I didn't give up on the normal church life. I prayed like this, "Lord, it is Japanese government, or American headquarters, who decides this case no matter how hard I struggle. I offer up my performance that I did my best. Tonight, I have to go home to go out shepherd the saints. So I leave the rest on the Lord. Please bless this case". After I prayed like this, very surprisingly, in many cases, while I was spending church life or sleeping in peace, the Lord worked on American headquarter or Japanese government and when I went to office the next day, the problem I thought it was impossible to solve had already been solved. Hallelujah, if we rely on the Lord, His yoke is easy.

Prayer: "Oh, Lord Jesus, although I am a busy business person, the Lord's yoke is easy and the Lord's burden is light for me. I love You and I go out to shepherd and preach the gospel. May the Lord bless me."

Crucial Point(2): Touch the love of God, be filled with the love of God, love people with the love of God and preach gospel to them

OL1: God first loved us in that He infused us with His love and generated within us the love with which we love Him and the brothers.

OL2: To love God means to set our entire being—spirit, soul, and body, with the heart, soul, mind, and strength—absolutely on Him, that is, to let our entire being be occupied by Him and lost in Him, so that He becomes everything to us and we are one with Him practically in our daily life. **Deut. 10:12** And now, O Israel, what does Jehovah your God ask of you except that you fear Jehovah your God so that you would walk in all His ways and love Him and serve Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul;

When we fear God, we will walk in His ways. God's ways are actually what God is. This means that whatever God is, is a way to us. God is love, and this love is a way in which we should walk. God "loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Therefore love the sojourner, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt" (**Deut. 10:18b-19**). One of God's ways is to love sojourners, and we should walk in this way of God. Many sojourners are poor, lacking food and clothing. We need to love them and give them what they need. God is also holy, and His holiness is another way for our walk. Furthermore, God "does not regard persons and does not take bribes" (**v. 17b**), and we should take this as a way, not regarding persons and not receiving bribes. God also "executes justice for the

orphan and the widow" (**v. 18a**), and we should walk in the way of His justice.

In verse 12 Moses speaks of loving and serving God with all our heart and with all our soul. Our heart is linked to our spirit, for our conscience, which is of our spirit, is also a part of our heart. Thus, to love and serve God with all our heart and soul indicates that we love and serve Him also with our spirit. Furthermore, according to 6:5, we are to love Him also with all our might, that is, with our physical strength. Today, if we would serve God by practicing the new way, we need to serve with our spirit and with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our strength. To visit people in order to get them saved and baptized and then to care for them afterward requires all our heart, soul, and strength.

Application for the serving ones

God first infused us with His love. In reaction to it, we should give your love to Him and love Him in return. We who received the love of God need to go out with the love of God to other people. God loves the world and desires that everyone would not perish, but would have eternal life. Please be constrained by His love, be filled with His love and then go out to preach the gospel. In Japan, because April is the time of entrance to college, it is good time to preach gospel and to gain young students. So in this season, we should strengthen our current frameworks of preaching gospel and shepherding people by adding more chances to go out.

In order to burn our spirit to preach Gospel, you need to touch the love of God. To touch the love of God, you need to remember and ponder in the spirit of prayer, how you were saved and how God have led you in His love and righteousness after you have been saved.

Testimony of a sister: I grew up fatherless. One year before I was saved, I lost my mother to cancer. After then, I was a college student but lived a life of isolating myself from society by staying at home for one and a half year. In the such timing, I heard gospel in front of the train station, and was brought to the meeting hall. I was baptized and saved there on that day. I first didn't understand anything, but because I have had nothing to rely on around myself except Christ and the church, so I demanded to hold those. After I have been saved 7 years ago, since this January I started serving full time in the church, moved to the Sannomiya meeting hall and then at Feb. 24 I was married. Thanks to the Lord's leading and His blessing. I used to feel difficulty about preaching gospel. However, whenever I remember the fact I was saved, I feel the God's love. Filled with the love of God, I now have a burden to go out to preach gospel, and I practice it every week. May God save many young people during this special month to strengthen gospel preaching in April. May the Lord bless this activity!

Churches in Kansai area take the month of April as the golden opportunity for gospel in campus, and so had the kick-off meeting for the gospel preaching activity at 3/21 at Kobe Uozaki meeting hall. In this meeting a serving brother from Kanto area also joined. Three weeks of 3/23-4/12 will be the Gospel Preaching Weeks and two

weeks of 4/13-26 will be the Shepherding Weeks. At the national holiday of 4/29, we plans to have a blending event at Rokkosan Rejoice Garden.

Prayer: "Oh Lord Jesus, while the Colona virus starts spreading, may brothers and sisters in every region of Japan including Kanto, Kansai, Kobe, Tokushima, Hiroshima, and Nagoya love God, fear God, burn in spirit of gospel so that we can accelerate the white horse running! The pale horse of Colona Virus is for the white horse of gospel of us, the church, to run faster. Each time I hear the news of spreading of the Colona Virus, on one hand I must become watchful against infection and on the other hand I must burn my spirit of gospel more and more. Amen."

Crucial Point(3): We need a spiritual partner to love God, to fear God, and to be blessed.

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OL2: We should fear God and want to be separated, sanctified, unto Him as a holy people.

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OL5: The lack of fearing God is terrible; it is the source of all kinds of lawlessness.

Gal. 6:7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

We must learn to fear the living God. We must not be loose; God is not mocked.... God often lets the Gentiles be, but He is never loose with His children.... He disciplines us so that we may partake of His holiness. The Bible says, "Whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives" (Heb. 12:6), and it says that judgment begins from the house of God (1 Pet. 4:17). Hence, we must fear God. The apostle Paul says, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God," and "our God is also a consuming fire" (Heb. 10:31; 12:29). We belong to the living God. We should not think that He does not see when we are loose or that He does not hear the things we say. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. We must learn to fear Him.

He searches our intentions, thoughts, emotions, and everything about us; nothing can be kept hidden from Him. We must fear Him and know that He is a judging God and that judgment begins from His house. We must fear God in our intentions, thoughts, attitudes, living, and service.

Application for the new ones & young people & college students

Moses commanded the people of Israel to love God, to fear God, and to walk in His ways. The lack of fearing God is the source of all kinds of lawlessness.

Rom. 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven upon all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who hold down the truth in unrighteousness, ... **20** For the invisible things of Him, both His eternal power and divine characteristics, have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, being perceived by the things made, so that they would be without

excuse;

If people don't fear God, and "Because though they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God or thank Him, (1:21)" all kinds of corruption will come in. For example, adultery and homosexuality by passion, wickedness, devour, malice, jealousy, hostility, strife, deception, hatred, to plot evil, to oppose parents, etc. You must fear God and be careful not to be filled with these corrupt things. All these corruptions, coming from not fearing God, are psychologically contagious, so beware of your friendship.

You need multiple spiritual partners, such as Daniel and his three friends, to fight against corruptions. Learn to have partners of brothers and sisters who love the Lord, who is a little older than you, who will look after you from a young age. Learn to have partners of brothers and sisters who is of your age and learn to talk and pray with them with true intentions. By having these partners, you will live a practical Body life, be kept, gain wisdom, and be blessed.

Dan. 1:17 Now as for these four children, God gave them knowledge and insight in all learning and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. ... **20** And in every matter of wisdom and understanding that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and conjurers who were in all his realm.

Daniel and his three friends were a vital group of prayer and fellowship. God blessed them in this vital group. Do you have a partner who can call on the Lord's name, open your heart, open your spirit, communicate with each other with your true intentions, and enhance each other? When you are a child, your parents are your partners. When you become a junior / high / college school student, you need to have a partner who can fellowship well with other than your parents.

Prayer: "O Lord Jesus, I learn to fear God with my partner from a young age. May I have a partner like Daniel's three friends who can truly fellowship, pray and enhance each other. Save me from the intense lust that comes from not fearing God. Also, protect me from the classmates without discernment at school. May I move forward with my spiritual partners and testify of the Lord at schools. Amen!"