

What Does God Require?

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 NKJV

13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. 14 For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.

2 Corinthians 5:10 NKJV

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

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Matthew 5:20 NKJV

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Luke 18:12 NKJV

“I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.”

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Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;"

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This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that **God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.**

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 - And Abel – Heb. 11:4

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He has shown you, O man, what is good;
And what does the LORD require of you

But to do justly,
To love mercy,
And to walk humbly with your God?

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- This is what the Pharisees missed – Matt. 23:23

Matthew 23:23 NKJV

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justice
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These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

Saints who Walked with God

- Enoch – Gen. 5:22; Heb. 11:5 “by faith”
- Noah – Gen. 6:9
- Abraham – Gen. 18:16; James 2:23
“Friend of God”
- David – Psa. 23:2 “by the still waters”
- Paul – 2 Cor. 5:7 “by faith, not by sight”

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Philippians 3:12 NKJV

Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

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- What he had left to attain – v. 8-11
 - Gain Christ
 - Be found in him
 - Know him
 - Fellowship of his suffering
 - Conformed to his death
 - Resurrected

Philippians 3:8-11 NKJV

8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, ... that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, ... 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

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But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 11:27 NKJV

By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

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Amos 3:3 NKJV

Can two walk together, unless they are
agreed?

1 John 1:7 NKJV

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

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Romans 5:1 NKJV

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

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 - Even Silence – Hab. 2:20

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For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

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James 2:17 NKJV

Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

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John 14:15 NKJV

"If you love Me, keep My commandments.

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 - The proper attitude - John 14:23
 - motivates proper obedience
 - ensures true fellowship with God

John 14:23 NKJV

Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

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Revelation 3:20 NKJV

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.