

Who Do You Harken Unto? And Why?

When Adam and Eve hearken unto (obeyed) Jehovah, what was their life like? Gen.2:7 And Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. 8 And Jehovah God planted a garden eastward, in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 And out of the ground made Jehovah God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. By the text we see that it was very tranquil and pleasant to the sight. Unfortunately they followed their own desires. When God's creation continued to follow their own desires, as Adam and Eve did, what happen to the world? Gen. 6:5-7 And Jehovah saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And it repented Jehovah that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. 7 And Jehovah said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the ground; both man,... for it repenteth me that I have made them.

Out of all the thousands and thousands of God's creation, how many obeyed God? Gen. 6:8-9 But Noah found favor in the eyes of Jehovah. 9 These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, [and] perfect in his generations: Noah walked with God. ONLY Eight Souls were saved! Noah kept God's Words. Does this not clearly emphasize the importance on man's obligation to keep the Word/s that the Creator has entrusted unto him? If not! Why not?

Does God expect man to place equal or greater value on the word/s of men? Or the Kings of men? The Old Testament is filled with earthly kings fighting each other, of several kings making alliances with each other to defeat their opponents. Kings had mighty power to inflict serious injuries on his fellow man. Look at the wars between the several kings in Genesis Chapter 14, a terrible battle to be sure, it even took Abram's nephew Lot into captivity. Did Abram have to negotiate with earthly kings to retrieve Lot? NO!

Why was Abram so successful against so many? He followed God's Word/s. Gen.14:18-20 . 18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was priest of God Most High. 19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be

Abram of God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth: 20 and blessed be God Most High, who hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him a tenth of all.

What did Abram know and understand that the kings of the earth failed to realize? Gen. 14:22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lifted up my hand unto Jehovah, God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth, . Thus far we can see the care that God gives to them that follow His Word/s (Gen. 15:1 After these things the word of Jehovah came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, [and] thy exceeding great reward.

You might say that is all well and good, but that was back then. That is true it was back then. The point is do you believe that those events actually happened? Of course, there are archeological finds and historical records that prove the accuracy of God's Word/s back then! I would just like to reassure the reader that I agree completely with your observation thus far. BUT, let us be consistent with our logic. If we believe that those events actually took place, because God can not LIE Heb. 6:17 Wherein God, being minded to show more abundantly unto the heirs of the promise the immutability of his counsel, interposed with an oath; 18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we may have a strong encouragement, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us: 19 which we have as an anchor of the soul, [a hope] both sure and stedfast and entering into that which is within the veil.

Now, with these facts set before us, look at what God had promised back then: Deut: 18:15-22 Jehovah thy God will raise up unto thee a prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; 16 according to all that thou desiredst of Jehovah thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of Jehovah my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. 17 And Jehovah said unto me, They have well said that which they have spoken. 18 I will raise them up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee; and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. 19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him. 20 But the prophet, that shall speak a word presumptuously in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die. 21 And if thou say in thy heart, How shall we know the word which Jehovah hath not spoken? 22 when a prophet

speakech in the name of Jehovah, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which Jehovah hath not spoken: the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously, thou shalt not be afraid of him. Compare Acts 3:22.

Beloved, who are you hearkening unto? Man and one of his many schemes that sound soothing to the ears, or a perverted Gospel of Christ that has been adulterated by man so he can continue to practice those things that are pleasing to him. REMEMBER, that God said to hearken only unto the prophet that He will send, that is His Son (Heb. 1:1 God, having of old time spoken unto the fathers in the prophets by divers portions and in divers manners, 2 hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in [his] Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the worlds;). Beloved, hearken unto the voice of God and obey His beloved Son, Jesus the Christ (Ephesians Four).