



Life Guide

Applying God's Word to Life

What does the Lord require of you? January 29, 2017

(Matthew 3:13-17)

6 Listen to what the LORD says:

“Stand up, plead your case before the mountains;
let the hills hear what you have to say.

2 Hear, O mountains, the LORD’s accusation;
listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth.
For the LORD has a case against his people;
he is lodging a charge against Israel.

3 “My people, what have I done to you?
How have I burdened you? Answer me.

4 I brought you up out of Egypt
and redeemed you from the land of slavery.
I sent Moses to lead you,
also Aaron and Miriam.

5 My people, remember
what Balak king of Moab counseled
and what Balaam son of Beor answered.
Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD.”

6 With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow down before the exalted God?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

8 He has showed you, O man, what is good.
And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

1. How would people view you if the walls around you could tell them all the things you said and did in private?
2. What are some of the charges that God could have brought against Israel in his courtroom?
3. Why does God revisit the exodus from Egypt and journey to the Promised Land in verses 4 and 5?
4. What “righteous acts of the Lord” come to mind when you consider God’s action in your life or the lives of your ancestors?
5. Why is the natural inclination of man to try to earn God’s favor/forgiveness through personal sacrifice and effort?
6. Why does verse 8 resonate with so many people? How does it fail to help us?
7. This sermon text is filled with Law. What is God’s answer for the requirements of the Law demanded by him in this text?
8. Agree or Disagree: Since Jesus did everything in my place, and took the punishment for my sin, I don’t need to worry about keeping God’s laws.