



To Prosper In A Troubled Land (Deut. 6)

Fear The Lord. Vs. 2

Stand in awe of Him. Prov. 1:7; Heb. 12:28
Why?

Power in Creation. Gen. 1:1; Ps. 33:9
Made us in His Image. cf. Acts 17:27

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Moses commanded "That thou mightest fear the Lord thy God." Deut. 6:2

It is my purpose. Eccl. 2:3; 12:13-14

We must learn. cf. Dan. 4:17,25,32

Early Christians learned. cf. Acts 9:31

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Realize the power of sin. Vs. 3

Need for commandments. 6:24; cf. 5:33

What sin does. Isa. 59:1-2; cf. Num. 14:22-32

Warning for us. Cf. Heb. 3:12-19; 4:1;

cf. 1 Cor. 10:1-12

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Sin kills. Rom. 3:23; 6:23; James 1:12-14

Sin costs. Isa. 53; Heb. 2:9; Rom. 3:23-26

Sin identified. 1 John 3:4; James 4:17

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Love the Lord. Vs. 4-5; cf. Mt. 22:37

➤ With all thy heart. with all thy faculties or powers, and affections...willing to give up all that we hold dear at his command.

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➤ With all thy soul. Or, with all thy " life." Be willing to give up life to him, and to devote it all to his service; to live to him, and to be willing to die at his command.

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➤ With all thy mind. To submit the "intellect" to his will. To love his law (Ps. 19) more than we do the decisions of our own minds. To be willing to submit all our faculties to his teaching and guidance, and to devote to him all our intellectual attainments and all the results of our intellectual efforts.

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➤ "With all thy strength" (Mark). With all the faculties of soul and body. To labor and toil for his glory, and to make that the great object of all our efforts.

(Barnes' Notes)

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Know the will of God. Vs. 6-7; Ex. 12; Josh. 4

We need to know. Acts 17:11; cf. Mt. 22:29ff
Teaching necessary. Mt. 28:19; Hosea 4:6;
John 6:44-45; Mt. 11:28
Study necessary. 2 Tim. 2:15; 2 Pet. 1:3-5;
cf. 1 Cor. 1:18ff; Rom. 1:16-17; cf. John 3:32

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Keep His commandments. Vs. 2

Must obey. Mt. 7:21-23

Saving faith. James 2:14ff; Heb. 11

Proof of love. John 14:15

Deut. 6:1-2 "Now this is the commandment, the statutes..., that ye might do..., to keep all his statutes and his commandments..."

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➤ Through obedience...

➤ We "purify our souls" 1 Pet. 1:22

➤ We are "made free from sin" Rom. 6:17

➤ Heb 5:9 "He became unto all them that obey him the author of eternal salvation"

➤ John 5:3 "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments" cf. 1 John 2:1ff

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As strangers and pilgrims...

1. *Fear the Lord.*
2. *Recognize what sin will do to us.*
3. *Love the Lord.*
4. *Learn His will AND...*
5. **DO IT !!!**