

The Duty of Every Day

2 Chron 8:12-13

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12 Then Solomon offered burnt-offerings unto Jehovah on the altar of Jehovah, which he had built before the porch, 13 even as the *duty of every day required* ASV

12 Then Solomon offered burnt offerings to the Lord on the altar of the Lord which he had built before the porch; 13 and did so according to the *daily rule* NASV

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It is interesting to note the slight difference in the various translations of the scriptures, the KJV here reads...

2 Chron 8:13

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13 Even after a certain rate every day KJV

There were obviously provisions that had to be observed every day. Solomon observed them at the Temple he had built. We can see in this text that the writer here is emphasizing that these provisions had to be kept, daily. He expresses in this statement not only the act of the worship required by the commandment, but the unbroken continuity with which it was to be observed in all the variations of it. Continue reading in the passage and we see...

2 Chron 8:13

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13 and did so according to the daily rule, offering them up according to the commandment of Moses, for the Sabbaths, the new moons and the three annual feasts—the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks and the Feast of Booths.

There were, given in the Law specific provisions that had to be observed and observed in precise compliance with the God's commandment,

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DAILY!!

“Even according as the duty of every day required”

A statement of great simplicity in thought but enormous depth in application. I am going to look at three thoughts that I see in this...

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- 1) Each day has its own work
- 2) Each day has its own worship
- 3) Each day has its own supplies

Have you ever thought about the rote of your life, especially for those that are still working or going to school? We look forward to the days when we are not bound by the alarm clock or work or school schedule. But even on those days, we find ourselves waking up at the same times, because that's what we have become accustomed to. We are creatures of habit, and not necessarily always

good ones. There is a great uniformity, a great consistency in our lives, and it almost becomes easy to predict the future of what we are going to do. Now, I'm not saying that what we do is mundane, with nothing new; obviously there are different situations and circumstances that arise in every job and in every day. What I am talking about is the danger of allowing the repetition of what we do to somehow diminish what we are doing in importance. The other day Karen and I were at a store and as we came to the checkout stand the cashier, obviously in a very bad mood and not having a good day, treated us in vary surly manner. I asked if we had somehow done something to make her mad at us. She had allowed, you pick it, the stress of everyday life, the repetitiveness of her job, maybe being yelled at by another customer or her supervisor, whatever, to affect her attitude in what she was to do DAILY. Then I was in the bank and another customer came in who had been with the bank for a long time, but he was being helped by a new teller who didn't know him and asked to see ID. This guy began making snide and obnoxious comments about how he had been there for 20 years and why should he have to show his ID. He made himself ugly. The teller was only doing her job but he made her feel horrible about trying to do what she had been told to do. When this guy left, the teller's boss came to her and, in front of me, her for keeping a good attitude in the face of adversity and for doing her job. Keep this idea in mind, more to say on it later in the lesson.

On a DAILY basis, we, whether the customer or the service person, show something to the world and to God. Are we showing the world and those who treat us badly what God wants them to see or do we allow Satan to lead us into sin in our words and actions? Here then, is our first point...

7 1) Each day has its own work

It is not the work of the day that causes us difficulties, it is our reaction to it. The circumstances of life are just constant as they are changing. There is an old saying...

8 ***“The only constant in life, is change”***

Note what Paul has to say about the work we face every day...

Phil 4:11-12

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11 Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. ***12*** I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.

Confucius says...

10 ***“REAL WISDOM IS RECOGNIZING ONES IGNORANCE”***

What Paul is saying is that as each day brings with it its own unique challenges and we need to learn the secret that he learned, so that we might find the contentment God offers. Each day brings with it a work that as Christians we must do.

2 Peter 3:17-18

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17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, ***18*** but

grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity.

Peter tells us the secret that Paul was talking about. Each day we are to grow. Grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. This exhortation has a twofold meaning...

12 A) Learn

2 Tim 2:15 **13**

15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

And in...

2 Peter 1:5-7 **14**

5 Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, **6** and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, **7** and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love.

As Christians, believers, we are to diligently strive to grow in knowledge of God and in the process of growing in that knowledge; we will add these things in our lives, because these things come from God and His Love, which is the second dynamic in the secret...

15 B) Grace

This is an interesting statement made by Paul. It's easy to see how we are to grow in knowledge. We study, we learn, and apply the things of God so that they become a part of our nature, but grace comes from God, it is His unmerited favor, how then can we grow in it?

Rom 5:1-2 **16**

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **2** through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

Paul says we are "Introduced" to God's grace by our faith. To truly understand this I think we need to have an understanding of this grace that we are to grow in.

Rom 3:21-24 **17**

21 But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, **22** even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; **23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24** being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

Here Paul explains what this “grace” is; it is the justification, forgiveness of our sins, which is found only in Christ Jesus through faith in Him.

Acts 16:31

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31 They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

In response to the Philippian Jailer asking what he and his family needed to do, Paul answered that they had to believe in Jesus, with all that that means; a decision based on the evidence and an obedience of the Law. Biblical belief, scriptural faith, never stands alone, it is always conjoined with action, the things that we do, our works. That is what James means, when he says...

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“Faith without works is dead”

This is an important point for Christians to understand. We grow in knowledge when we study and add the things of God in our lives. We grow in faith when we grow in knowledge and we grow in grace when we grow in faith. Think of it this way; there is no faith without knowledge,

Rom 10:17

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17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

In the passage we have already looked at in Rom. 5:1-2 we saw that we are shown God’s grace through our faith. So the more we learn, the more we grow in faith. The more we grow in faith, the more we come to see, or grow in, God’s grace. And there is an extension of this; the more we grow in God’s grace and love, the more we will seek to learn what He has done, is still doing, and will do for His children, thus the circle continues in our lives.

Here then is our next point...

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2) Each day has its own worship

So, if every day has its own work, full of surprises and trials and temptations, it just seems to make sense that we should understand that there is nothing that will help us to get through our day's work as much as the realization and recognition of Christ's Presence. And that realization, along with the devotion of our heart to Him and submission of our will to His, will make us masters of ourselves and as a result of that, the world we live in. We can't stop the things of this world from happening. God doesn't promise His children freedom from the things of the world; He promises us the strength to deal with them and the love and comfort that will hold us up when they occur. Scriptural worship is giving ourselves to God in all that we do, always keeping His love, grace, mercy, and yes, His commandments, before us. That is true Biblical worship. When we understand this, then every day becomes a part of our worship to Him, because every day we are to live our lives for Him in response to the Love He has given us in Christ Jesus. If we don't do the little things as Christians in our daily lives and under the influence of Godly principles, how can we be justified by the grace of God on the Day of Judgment? There is another dynamic at play in our daily worship and that is seen in...

1 Peter 2:11-12

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12 Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

The world sees the lives we live. It sees our deeds and hears our words. What does it see or hear? Does it see the commandments of God in everything we do? Does it hear the grace and mercy of our Lord in everything we say? What does our daily worship look and sound like?

Now, our last point...

23 3) Each day has its own supplies

That thought isn't necessarily in the passage, but for the sake of completing the thoughts of this lesson, I am adding it. Every day has its own supplies. What I mean by this is that God supplies everything we need to be perfect, complete in our worship to Him.

Eph 2:10 **24**

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

And in a parallel passage...

2 Tim 3:16-17 **25**

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; **17** so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

God supplies. The manna fell every day. God gives us strength measured by the needs of the day. We will get as much as we require, if we are willing to gather it and use it day by day in our lives of faithfulness to Him. The point of this is if ever we feel that we don't get as much as we require, which is often the case, it isn't because God didn't send enough manna, but because our "Omer" wasn't ready to catch it. The day's supply is measured by the day's need. Suppose an Israelite had sat in his tent and said, "I am not going out to gather today," would his needs have been fulfilled? Obviously not. The manna lay all around the tent, but each man had to go out and gather it. God knows what we need and gives it freely; all we have to do is go and get it in His Word.

I mentioned earlier the idea of our daily actions becoming so common in our experience that they become habit or rote. That is a truth that is hard to deny. The real danger is that we allow our worship to God to become rote or habit. And I not talking just about the worship that we engage in here at services, but rather the everyday things that we do, our everyday worship. Worshipping God is not just a Sunday or Wednesday affair, it's every moment of everyday of our lives. When we come to God through Christ we must understand that we are committing ourselves to keeping their commandments, living the life of faith, and growing in the grace and knowledge of our lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Let's not let our worship of God become such a habit that it ceases to hold meaning; that it becomes mundane in its actions and import to us.

Daily we need to be striving to add to our faith... **26**