

Another's Devotional #8

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This devotional – featured in *The One Year Book of Bible Prayers* – highlights yet another dynamic of our relationship with God when it comes to His expressed faithfulness to us. But note: There's a condition given. In fact, conditions are seen in every category in this short Psalm 18 passage. We often find reciprocation to be a dynamic in our relationship with God. (e.g., God will forgive us in accord with our extensions of forgiveness to others.) God has clearly called us to do our part.

Praise for [The July 23rd Devotional]
God's Justice

*To the faithful you show yourself faithful; to those with integrity you show integrity.
To the pure you show yourself pure, but to the wicked you show yourself hostile.
You rescue those who are humble, but you humiliate the proud. Psalm 18:25-27*

David wrote this prayer after God had delivered him from his enemy, Saul. David had refused to take Saul's life on several occasions when he had the opportunity. Instead of taking justice into his own hands, David let God enact justice in his own way and in his own time. For this, God honored him.

God is truly the Chief Justice. Though the wicked may appear to be rewarded for their crimes, one day the Lord will make everything right, bringing down the arrogant and the wicked and lifting up the righteous. On that day believers will rejoice, for their Defender will have come at last.

Take this opportunity to praise your God for justice.

O Lord, teach me to be humble, for you humiliate the proud ...

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As we are about being *doers of His Word, and not hearers only*, may we actively apply living out our lives in Christ as we yield to God's precious Holy Spirit within us. May we submit to His authority over our lives and follow in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus, who expressed his will to His Father but who went on to yield | submit to God – Mark 14:32-36. In this act of obedience to almighty God, our Lord Jesus glorified His Father AND extended the greatest gift to man – deliverance from sin and death. God be praised. *Lord Jesus, we wish to be like You!*

Would you care to experience a HUGE blessing from God?

We encourage all – ourselves included – to engage in a word study. Let's look up the word "faithfulness" in our exhaustive Bible concordances and spend a month pondering the glorious aspects of God's faithfulness. This *living sacrifice* action will bring much needed personal encouragement, not to mention & comment on this act also fostering appropriate praise and honor to our loving Creator. Enjoy. Be edified. יהוה *God, we praise You!*