

The Fear of God
Part 10
Keeping Your Vows To God

“21 When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee 22 But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee.” (Deuteronomy 23:21-22 KJV)

“14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:” (Psalm 50:14) In setting a vow to God you need to fulfill what you vow so that His blessings will continue to flow in your life and in the life of your family and the people with you.

You make a vow the time that you are in trouble, therefore you need to fulfill it when God answer your prayers and deliver you out of your troubles, *“13 I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows, 14 Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.” (Psalm 66:13-14)* Even the non believers when God will put them into a hard situation they will make their vows and do their parts to fulfill, how much then for the people of God need to be obedient and diligent to fulfill their vows unto God, *“21 And the LORD shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the LORD in that day, and shall do sacrifice and oblation; yea, they shall vow a vow unto the LORD, and perform it.” (Isaiah 19:21) “16 Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made vows.” (Jonah 1:16)*

Therefore be diligent and be glad to fulfill your vows to God, *“12 Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.” (Psalm 56:12)* Don't be like Jonah whom God disciplined and put him in the belly of the big fish to force him to pay his vows, *“But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.” (Jonah 2:9)* To fulfill our vows will impress the non believers around us; our good example in that aspect to fulfill our vows unto God and to keep our commitment will help them to hear the good news and the salvation of Jesus in a proper way, therefore *“15 Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.” (Nahum 1:15)* If you preach the gospel to the lost, you need to live the message and the word of God, so salvation can flow through you to others, and your life will be a good example for them to follow Christ.

The vow you need to fulfill in the life of the people of God, in His church, *“14 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people. 18 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people,” (Psalm 116:14,18) “1 Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.” (Psalm 65:1)* Zion was the place of His sanctuary and His people around Him, and today is the church where you need to fulfill your commitment to God in the presence of His people. The people of God where fulfilling their vows in the sanctuary of God, in the place that he had ordained the ark to be located, to that place the people were recommended to bring their vows. Such arrangement was to prove the faithfulness of God's people toward God, and there where the priests are in their offices to spur the people to be diligent in fulfilling their vows. People fulfilling their vows in God's sanctuary, in His church, among His people will encourage others to live in obedience to Christ. Those who fear God will be noticed and approved by God and by His church and they

will be good example to others to follow, *“16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. 17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. 18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.” (Malachi 3:16-18)* Those who fear God and fulfill their vows, they will honored by God, and their life will be blessed by God, and will have power and authority over their enemies and every one will notice how God is delivering them because He is pleased with their lives, *“2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. 3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.” (Malachi 4:2-3)*

Bringing and fulfilling the vows in His sanctuary, God's church, will give the opportunity for the priests, the church leaders to examine and approve what the people vowed and offered to God, and to rebuke and correct those who cheat in fulfilling their vows, *“14 But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing: for I am a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen.” (Malachi 1:14 KJV)*

Good example from the bible of those who fulfill their vows in the mid of God's people is the example of Hanna the mother of Samuel who vowed to give her first son to the Lord, *“7 And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat. 8 Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons? 9 So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD. 10 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore. 11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head. 12 And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth. 13 Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken. 14 And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee. 15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD. 16 Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto. 17 Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him. 18 And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad.” (1Samuel 1:7-18) “19 And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her. 20 Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD. 21 And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow. 22 But Hannah went not*

up; for she said unto her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever. 23 And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the LORD establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him. 24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child was young. 25 And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli. 26 And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD. 27 For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him: 28 Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.” (1Samuel 1:19-28 KJV) Hannah prayed to God and made her vow to give back to God what He will give her. God was merciful to her and she fulfilled what she promised God by giving her first son Samuel to the Lord. The priest at the place of worship commanded Hannah for her good attitude toward God and wished her more of God’s blessing, “19 Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. 20 And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the LORD. And they went unto their own home. 21 And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.” (1Samuel 2:19-21) Therefore as you are faithful in fulfilling your vows unto the Lord, God’s blessings will flow further in your life.

Another example is the mother of Lemuel, whom she requested God a son, “1 The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him. 2 What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows?” (Proverbs 31:1-2) And when God gave her a son she taught him godliness and righteousness and as the following:

A- Why not to drink wine: “3 Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings. 4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink: 5 Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted. 6 Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts. 7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.” (Proverbs 31:3-7)

B- To help the oppressed and speak out for their behalf: “8 Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction. 9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.” (Proverbs 31:8-9)


C- The characters and the value of marrying a virtuous woman: “10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. 11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. 12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. 13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. 14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. 15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. 16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. 17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. 18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. 19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her

hands hold the distaff. 20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. 21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. 22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. 23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. 24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. 25 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. 26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. 27 She looketh well to the ways* of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. 28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. 29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. 30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.” (Proverbs 31:10-31) Therefore, and from the example of the mother of Lemuel, when God will give you children raise them and train them in the fear of the Lord

My dear and beloved: “Vow, and pay unto the LORD your God: let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.” (Psalm 76:11) It is time for you to examine yourself and be diligent and faithful to God in fulfilling all what you vowed to Him as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death to give me eternal life. Lord I commit myself today to fulfill to you what I vowed. I will live in a way to be a good example among your church and your people so they can be encouraged to go forward and to fulfill their vows unto you. Strengthen me and sustain me. I thank you and praise you, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

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