

Lent Devotion for Tuesday, April 4

Psalm 72

MULTIPLY YOUR REMEMBRANCE

Deuteronomy 7:13...*And He will love you and bless you and [e]multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flock, in the land of which He swore to your fathers to give you."*

Chapter 7 in the book of Deuteronomy, which is written to the children of Israel begins with the words, "When the Lord your God brings you into the land which you go to possess..." and continues by listing all of the great things the Lord will do for them because he loves them, and his faithful. In verse twelve we read, "Then it shall come to pass, because you listen to these judgments, and keep and do them." Your blessings Moses was reminding them, is tied to your obedience. I love Moses. I do. He did his best to shepherd the children of Israel through the desert and tried to guide them in a way that pleased the Lord. Now we all know how that ended, but he never failed to tell them about God. He never failed to remind them of who they were and who they served. I love it, the constant reminder. Some of us need a Moses, a Chief Reminding Officer. Fast forward to Deuteronomy 7:13, and Moses takes the time as he often did to list the benefits of obedience. One key benefit is multiplication. Your children will be blessed, your work will be blessed, and anything you produce (entrepreneurs) will be blessed when you obey God.

Obedience is a heavy word, and sometimes it may seem overwhelming to be obedient to a perfect God, but if you adjust your perspective, you will realize that it is doable. God loved us so much that he did not leave us to live this life without help—the help from the Holy Spirit. How fitting to read this scripture in a Lent devotional? Listen, no matter how difficult it seems at times to live obedient to God, remember that it comes with benefits. First with help, and then with blessings, blessings that benefit you at work and at home. The increase that comes from obedience is unlimited and God wants you to have it. That's why he had Moses constantly remind the children of Israel how to act so that they would not miss the benefits of serving a good God. Want to be blessed? Be obedient.

PRAYER:

Father, help me to remember the benefits of serving a God who is willing to bless every area of my life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.