

That the Lord May Continue His Word.

by F.B. Meyer

To enjoy a continuance of God's helpful care, we must obey the threefold condition: be strong, keep the charge of the Lord, and keep His statutes and commandments.

Scripture: Joshua 1:9, 1 Kings 2:4, Ezra 8:33, Psalm 119:11, Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 22:37-40, John 14:15, Romans 12:1-2, Philippians 4:13, 2 Timothy 1:12

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Description

F.B. Meyer emphasizes the importance of holding firmly to God's promises, as exemplified by David's unwavering faith in the succession of his lineage on the throne of Israel. He highlights that the fulfillment of God's promise is conditional upon obedience, urging Solomon to remain steadfast in following God's commands. Meyer outlines three key conditions for enjoying God's continued favor: being strong in faith, keeping the charge of the Lord, and adhering to His statutes and commandments. He reassures that strength comes from Jesus Christ, empowering believers to face challenges boldly. Ultimately, obedience to God's word is essential for experiencing His ongoing support and blessings.

Transcript

That the Lord may continue his word. 1 Kings ii. 4.

HOW strongly David held to God's promise! It was deeply graven in his soul. How could he forget the word which guaranteed the succession of his race upon the throne of Israel! At the same time he distinctly recognised that the fulfilment was conditional. There was an if in it. It was only in so far as his children took heed to walk before God in truth that God was bound to place them on the throne of Israel; therefore he urged Solomon to keep the charge of the Lord, that the Lord might continue his word. We also must obey the threefold condition if we would enjoy a continuance of God's helpful care.

1. Be thou strong. ‑‑ The strength which is in Jesus Christ waits to make us strong. In the Lion of the tribe of Judah there is the boldness which will not swerve in the face of the foe. Timid women and little children in the days of persecution have waxed valiant in the fight, and have not flinched from death, because Jesus was beside them.

2. Keep the charge of the Lord thy God. ‑‑ He has committed to our care many a sacred deposit, in return for our deposit with Him (2 Tim. i. 12, 14; R.V., marg.). They are his holy Gospel, the Rest Day, the doctrines of the Evangelical Faith, and the Inspired Word. Let us watch them until we see

them weighed out in the temple as were the sacred vessels which Ezra committed to the priests for transport across the desert (Ezra viii. 33).

3. Keep his statutes and commandments. We must obey with reverent care the one great law of love, which includes all the rest. Acting thus, we shall put ourselves in the way of enjoying a continuance of that favour which God has promised.

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