

1 Chronicles 22:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the LORD charged Moses with concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed.

Analysis

David's charge to Solomon echoes Moses's charge to Joshua: 'Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the LORD charged Moses with concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed.' Prosperity is conditioned on obedience ('if thou takest heed') to God's revealed law. The command to courage ('be strong... courage') with prohibition against fear ('dread not, nor be dismayed') recognizes that obedience requires bravery. This isn't works-salvation but covenant stipulation - those trusting God obey His Word and experience blessing. Christ perfectly fulfilled the law and now empowers believers to obey through His Spirit.

Historical Context

David's public charge (c. 971 BCE) established Solomon's kingdom on obedience to Mosaic law. This emphasis on Torah observance as path to prosperity characterized Deuteronomistic theology and shaped Israel's self-understanding as covenant people.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What specific commandments is God calling you to 'take heed to fulfill' despite fear or difficulty?
2. How does Christ's perfect obedience and His Spirit's indwelling empower you to obey where you are naturally weak?

Interlinear Text

אַתָּה	תִּצְלִיחָה	אִם	תִּשְׁמַר וְ	אַתָּה	לְעַשּׂוֹת
H227	Then shalt thou prosper	H518	if thou takest heed	to fulfil	H853
	H6743		H8104	H6213	
תַּקְרִיק יְמִינָה	בְּמִשְׁפָט יְמִינָה	אֲשֶׁר	צִוָּה	יְהִי הָ	אַתָּה
the statutes	and judgments	H834	charged	which the LORD	H853
H2706	H4941		H6680	H3068	
מֹשֶׁה	עַל מִשְׁנֶה	יְשַׁבָּא לְ	כִּי כִּי	אִם זֶה	אַל
Moses	with concerning Israel	be strong	and of good courage		H408
H4872		H3478	H2388	H553	
תִּקְרָא	וְאַל תִּירַא				
dread	not nor be dismayed				
H3372		H2865			

Additional Cross-References

1 Chronicles 28:20 (Good): And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

1 Chronicles 28:7 (Judgment): Moreover I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he be constant to do my commandments and my judgments, as at this day.

Ephesians 6:10 (References Lord): Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

1 Kings 2:3 (Judgment): And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:

Psalms 119:6 (Parallel theme): Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

1 Chronicles 28:10 (References Lord): Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.

James 2:8 (Parallel theme): If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

Galatians 6:2 (Parallel theme): Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

2 Timothy 2:1 (Parallel theme): Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.