

Ezekiel 20:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I am the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them;

Analysis

'I am the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them.' God's positive command to the new generation: covenant obedience. The covenant formula 'I am the LORD your God' grounds the imperative. Walk (halak—continual lifestyle), keep (shamar—guard, treasure), and do ('asah—practice) emphasize comprehensive, ongoing obedience. God's law isn't burdensome regulation but the pathway of life for those in relationship with Him.

Historical Context

This echoes the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4-9) and covenant renewal in Deuteronomy. Joshua would lead this generation in covenant renewal at Shechem (Joshua 24). Each generation must personally commit to covenant faithfulness; it cannot be inherited automatically.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What does it mean to 'walk in' God's statutes as a lifestyle rather than occasional compliance?
2. How do we pass covenant commitment to the next generation beyond mere religious formality?

Interlinear Text

אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּחֻקֹּתַי לִי כֹּה וְאֵת מִשְׁפָּטַי
H589 I am the LORD your God in my statutes H1980 H853 my judgments
H3068 H430 H2708 H4941

וְשָׁמַרְתֶּם וַעֲשׂוּ אוֹתָם:
and keep and do H853
H8104 H6213

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 36:27 (Judgment): And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

Psalms 105:45 (References Lord): That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the LORD.

Deuteronomy 12:1 (Judgment): These are the statutes and judgments, which ye shall observe to do in the land, which the LORD God of thy fathers giveth thee to possess it, all the days that ye live upon the earth.

Ezekiel 11:20 (References God): That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

Ezekiel 37:24 (Judgment): And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

Deuteronomy 8:1 (References Lord): All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers.

Deuteronomy 11:1 (Judgment): Therefore thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, alway.

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