"Let us follow the Word of the Lord!"

These quotes from the Holy Bible teach us realise what it means to follow the Word of God:

(“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will tell me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, didn’t we prophesy in your name, in your name cast out demons, and in your name do many mighty works?’ Then I will tell them, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you who work iniquity.’ “Everyone therefore who hears these words of mine and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on a rock. The rain came down, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it didn’t fall, for it was founded on the rock. Everyone who hears these words of mine and doesn’t do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain came down, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell—and its fall was great.”) Matthew 7 : 21

These teachings of the Lord Jesus show us that putting His Word into practice is a sign of wisdom and is intended to ward off misfortune from our lives, for safe protection from Him, avoiding the consequences of the scourges that the Lord may send upon us because of our sins and thus our disobedience.

(“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and don’t do the things which I say? Everyone who comes to me, and hears my words and does them, I will show you who he is like. He is like a man building a house, who dug and went deep and laid a foundation on the rock. When a flood arose, the stream broke against that house, and could not shake it, because it was founded on the rock. But he who hears and doesn’t do, is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream broke, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.”) Luke 6 : 46

This quote from the Gospel, very similar to the previous one, makes us realise that it is useless to turn to the Lord by invoking Him if we do not listen to and put into practice what He says.

(So, then, my beloved brothers, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger; for the anger of man doesn’t produce the righteousness of God. Therefore, putting away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, receive with humility the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not only hearers, deluding your own selves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man looking at his natural face in a mirror; for he sees himself, and goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of freedom and continues, not being a hearer who forgets but a doer of the work, this man will be blessed in what he does. If anyone among you thinks himself to be religious while he doesn’t bridle his tongue, but deceives his heart, this man’s religion is worthless. Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.) James 1 : 19

These Gospel statements demostrate that we must not limit ourselves to merely hearing the Word of the Lord, but we must follow the Word we hear, so that we obtain salvation through our obedience. It is not possible to be saved without following the Word of the Lord. This also leads to the spiritual well-being that consists of the true happiness that we humans must seek every day.

(When your son asks you in time to come, saying, “What do the testimonies, the statutes, and the ordinances, which Yahweh our God has commanded you mean?” then you shall tell your son, “We were Pharaoh’s slaves in Egypt. Yahweh brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand; and Yahweh showed great and awesome signs and wonders on Egypt, on Pharaoh, and on all his house, before our eyes; and he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he swore to our fathers.

Yahweh commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear Yahweh our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are today. It shall be righteousness to us, if we observe to do all these commandments before Yahweh our God, as he has commanded us.") Deuteronomy 6 : 20

These quotations from Deuteronomy reveal that we must follow the Word of the Lord, observing His Law by demonstrating our righteous fear of Him, thus preserving our life by projecting it to an eternal life in endless peace and bliss. To follow the Word of the Lord is to be judged as righteous people, having practised the righteousness of God in the observance of his Law.

(Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you listen to the commandments of Yahweh your God, which I command you today; and the curse, if you do not listen to the commandments of Yahweh your God, but turn away out of the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known. It shall happen, when Yahweh your God brings you into the land that you go to possess, that you shall set the blessing on Mount Gerizim, and the curse on Mount Ebal. Aren't they beyond the Jordan, behind the way of the going down of the sun, in the land of the Canaanites who dwell in the Arabah near Gilgal, beside the oaks of Moreh? For you are to pass over the Jordan to go in to possess the land which Yahweh your God gives you, and you shall possess it and dwell in it. You shall observe to do all the statutes and the ordinances which I set before you today.) Deuteronomy 11 : 26

These words of the Lord addressed to the people of Israel are not only addressed to them, but to all of us, since we are the descendants of that chosen people of the Lord, with whom he established a covenant for ever by means of the Law given to Moses, namely the Ten Commandments. These words of the Lord, therefore, are intended to make us put His Law into practice, so that we do not suffer the curse that He has placed before us, consisting of the various afflictions that the Lord can inflict on us at any time in our lives, and in the worst case scenario the torment of eternal damnation.

(Moses and the Levitical priests spoke to all Israel, saying, "Be silent and listen, Israel! Today you have become the people of Yahweh your God. You shall therefore obey Yahweh your God's voice, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command you today.") Deuteronomy 27 : 9

This quotation from the book of Moses also makes us realise that the people of Israel, as well as all of us, were bound to obey the voice of the Lord, putting his commandments into practice. Our disobedience cannot be justified by the fact that more than three thousand years have passed from the time of Moses to today, because the Lord is a Spirit who lives eternally and his Law is valid forever.

(Moses wrote this law and delivered it to the priests the sons of Levi, who bore the ark of Yahweh's covenant, and to all the elders of Israel. Moses commanded them, saying, "At the end of every seven years, in the set time of the year of release, in the feast of booths, when all Israel has come to appear before Yahweh your God in the place which he will choose, you shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing. Assemble the people, the men and the women and the little ones, and the foreigners who are within your gates, that they may hear, learn, fear Yahweh your God, and observe to do all the words of this law,) Deuteronomy 31 : 9

This quote from Deuteronomy also shows us how important the Lord's Law wa for the people of Israel and rightly so for all of us, demonstrating our fear of God by putting it into practice.

(I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will also give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes. You will keep my ordinances and do them. You will dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers. You will be my people, and I will be your God.) Ezekiel 36 : 25

These words of the Lord through the prophet Ezekiel teach us how important it is to the Lord that we put His laws into practice, that is, his commandments, so that the Lord can recognise us as his children.

(“‘You shall observe all my statutes and all my ordinances, and do them. I am Yahweh.’”) Leviticus 19 : 37

This affirmation of the Lord is a true commandment intended to make us follow His commandments, respecting His Lordship or sovereignty, since He is the master and ruler of all that He has created in heaven and on earth.

(For Moses writes about the righteousness of the law, “The one who does them will live by them.”) Romans 10 : 5

This very important statement that Moses made under the inspiration of the Spirit of God makes us realise that if we follow the Word of the Lord, observing His Law, by righteousness we obtain life, i.e. eternal life in peace and bliss without end, because we already live our present life in order to prove to the Lord our love for Him. Otherwise, one faces the eternal punishment foretold by the Lord Jesus in the following Gospel statement:

(These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”) Matthew 25 : 46

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