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If you be willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land:
Isaiah 1:19

You

You and you alone. You must choose to follow God's ways; to follow obediently His directions, His commandments. Commandments are NOT voted upon. There is no "democracy" in His Kingdom. He is the King. He decrees His Laws. Our job is to be willing to follow those commandments, and be obedient unto them.

Proverbs 4:20-23 states:

²⁰ *My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.* ²¹ *Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.* ²² *For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.* ²³ *Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*

Attend, pay attention.. focus upon, and incline your ears to My sayings. There are a lot of voices in the world. We are continually surrounded by them. The Bible calls these voices "reports". The Israelites believed the 'report' of the ten spies and consequently, spent forty years in the wilderness. The two that brought in a good report, Joshua and Caleb, were allowed to enter the promise land. Whose report are we hearkening to? God's? or the world's?

James 1:22 tells us that we are to be doers of the Word and not just hearers; and it goes on to tell us that if we are not doers, but just hearers, we are deceiving ourselves. Self-deception is one of the root causes of not being fruitful in our lives.

Willing & Obedient

You must be willing. And in that willingness, *Obedient*. "*Trust and obey... for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus is to trust and obey...*" as the hymn goes. Don't concentrate on failure. We learn by doing. Our success will be some 30, some 60, some 100 fold. "*Line upon line, precept upon precept...*" (Isaiah 28:10). In the natural, we observe, we hear, we do... and when we are presented with a test in that particular area, we apply. Practice makes perfect as the adage goes.

God desires obedience – but He wants it to come from our heart... willingness in other words. He could have created a bunch of robots that did His bidding. But there's no willingness in them because they would be programmed that way. So God created a being that would have the ability to willingly accept what He says, and out of that willingness, carry out that assignment. Man was that being. Man created with a will of his own that God has put Himself in bondage in that He will not interfere with that man's will. A person could 'will' himself to hell, and God would protect his choice!

God's desire is for us to respond to Him. To love Him and from that love, willingly follow (obey) Him no matter where He leads.

Do we love Him? Is our motive to obey Him coming from a Will that is responding to His love? Or are we responding out of fear or bitterness toward Him? You choose.

Shall

There is no stronger assertion in the English language than the word “shall”. There is no doubt about it; no way of not coming to pass. God watches over His Word to ensure that it produces the end results. If we fulfill the first part of our scripture under study, we can rest assured that the results will be forthcoming. God cannot lie and ALL His promises are YES and AMEN!

This builds confidence in our God. This establishes a foundation of solidness in our walk. We enter a rest of knowing that in our willingness and obedience to directions of our God, we SHALL reap the results. “*Whatsoever a man sows – that shall he reap...*” Galatians 5:6. It’s a law... whatever we sow by word or deed is considered a seed put forth by us. Every seed produces a harvest and IF we allow that seed to flourish, we will see the results of that seed planted.

Confidence. Trust. Expectation. These are all part of the word “shall”. Our God SHALL ensure that His Word, regardless of the vessel to which it is given, comes to pass... Comes into being – fruitfulness.

Eat the good of the land

The end result of you being willing and obedient. RESULTS: *eating the good of the land*. Being fruitful in our willingness and obedience. Prosperity in other words. Prosper in our walk, prosper in our faith; prosper in our witness; prosper in every area of life that we put His Word (commandments) to work.

Nothing wrong with being prosperous. Bible tells us that it is the LOVE of money that is the root of all evil. Not money in and of itself. God is not against you having wealth. He is against greediness and lusting after other things. It’s the LOVE of having wealth that will cause the curse of the Law to enter in. Our motive in having wealth must be unselfish and motivated only by His reason for wealth.

The Word says, *But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day.*
(Deuteronomy 8:18)

Why wealth? To establish HIS covenant ... or His Kingdom here in the earth. Earth – not heaven; we won’t be needing wealth up there... it’s down here that His Kingdom needs establishing. He gives us the power or the ability to obtain wealth and He does it without us “toiling” for it.

The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. Proverbs 10:22

The word, “sorrow” above means “no painful toil”. Toil for things came in to this earth as a result of Adam’s transgression. Adam sinned THE BLESSING (Genesis 1:28) away and had to learn the hard way (toil) the result of his disobedience. Jesus came and restored that original Blessing of the Lord back to us. (Read Galatians 3:13 & 14). We don’t “toil” after things... we rest in Him (Hebrews 3 & 4) and by seeking first His Kingdom... these things are given unto us (Matthew 6:33).

“Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!”

I’m one of the redeemed and I say... I declare... I decree:

***I am Blessed with Abraham and THE BLESSING of the Lord is upon me and my household;
and because of that, I am rich!***