

Keep the Way of the Lord

For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

-Genesis 18:19



In our study of the book of Jude thus far, we all have been faithfully challenged to earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints because there are certain men that have crept in unawares to counter, counterfeit, and confound the work of God (Jude 1:3-4). This is nothing new; it is very old and highly effective. When the enemy of God can counter and corrupt the work of God, he is able to keep the lost blind to the truth (2 Cor. 4:4) and keep the saved unproductive, defeated, and distracted away from the work of the Lord. If we are to be good stewards and faithful ambassadors for our great God (1 Cor. 4:1-2; 2 Cor. 5:20) at this time in history as "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived (2 Tim. 3:13)," then we must yield to the Lord and his word to be sober, vigilant, and properly equipped to contend for the faith. We ought to be a faithful people that know how to keep the way of the Lord.

1. The Lord seeketh stewards: "For I know him..." – 2 Chron. 16:9; Deut. 7:6-7; Jer. 1:5; Jn. 4:23

a. Steward = "The designated superintendent, keeper, and dispenser of provisions"

b. It is required for stewards be found faithful with what was entrusted – 1 Cor. 4:1-2; 1 Thess. 2:4; Jn. 17:18; Matt. 28:19-20; 1 Cor. 15:58; Rev. 1:6; 5:10

2. The character of stewards:

a. Faithful in personal obedience and leadership: "...that he will command his children and his household after him," – Gen. 12:1-5; 14:14-16; 15:6; 17:23; 18:25; 21:3-4 (Rom. 4:18-22); 22:2, 12 (Heb. 11:19); Matt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4; Job 23:12; Jn. 8:31; 1 Cor. 11:1; 4:16; Phil. 3:17; Heb. 6:12

b. Faithful discipler: *“...and that they shall keep the way of the LORD,”* – Gen. 24; 25:5-11; 26:1-5, 25; 28:1, 10-22; Jn. 17:20; 2 Tim. 2:2; 1:13; 3:14; 1 Tim. 6:20

c. Faithful in godliness and righteousness: *“...to do justice and judgment;”* – Gen. 21:9-14; 22:2-3; 25:5-6; Is. 11:2-4; Jn. 7:24; Matt. 10:34-35; 2 Tim. 3:10-11

i. Justice = “impartiality; equity; to give that which is right and honest (Gen. 18:19; 2 Sam. 8:15; 1 Ki. 10:9)”

ii. Judgment = “to ascertain truth amid ideas, facts, and arguments (Gen. 18:19; Ex. 6:6; 21:1; 23:2, 6; Job 8:3)”

3. The fruit of stewards: *“...that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.”* – Gen. 12:1-3, 7; 13:15; 15:18; 22:17; Ex. 32:13; 1 Ki. 8:25; Jn. 17:10; 15:8, 16; Ps. 37:34; 119:33, 101