

## COOPERATING WITH OUR COMMANDER

***Psalm 68:28, Psalm 44:1-8, Psalm 133***

***The Bible speaks to us of many things God has 'commanded' on our behalf. It is good to be mindful of these empowering truths. The word for 'command' and/or commanded means to order, to charge, to mandate, commission, or ordain. One thing is certain: God always fulfills every detail on His side of a commanded decree. When God commands something to be done, He provides all that is needed to see it accomplished. Let's look at God's commands for us from the Word.***

- ***The power of command – His enduring promise.***
  - ***God commanded the creation. (Psalm 148:1-6)***

***148 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!  
2 Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! 3 Praise Him, sun and moon;  
praise Him, all stars of light! 4 Praise Him, highest heavens, and the waters that  
are above the heavens! 5 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for He commanded  
and they were created. 6 He has also established them forever and ever; He has  
made a decree which will not pass away. Psalm 148:1-6 NASB***

***8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of  
Him.***

***9 For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast. Psalm 33:8-9  
NASB***

***"It is I who made the earth, and created man upon it. I stretched out the heavens  
with My hands  
and I ordained all their host. Isaiah 45:12 NASB***

- ***We can be sure that if God commands something, then it takes place.***
- ***God's commanded covenant (Psalm 105:8-11)***

***8 He has remembered His covenant forever, the word which He commanded to  
a thousand generations, 9 The covenant which He made with Abraham, and  
His oath to Isaac. 10 Then He confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, to Israel as an  
everlasting covenant, 11 Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as  
the portion of your inheritance," Psalm 105:8-11 NASB***

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**<sup>9</sup> He has sent redemption to His people ;He has ordained His covenant forever; Holy and awesome is His name. Psalm 111:9 NASB**

- **God commanded a 'connection' between Himself and His people. (Jeremiah 7:22-24, 11:1-5)**

**<sup>22</sup> For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices. <sup>23</sup> But this is what I commanded them, saying, 'Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you will be My people; and you will walk in all the way which I command you, that it may be well with you.' <sup>24</sup> Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but walked in their own counsels and in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward and not forward. Jeremiah 7:22-24 NASB**

**11 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; <sup>3</sup> and say to them, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "Cursed is the man who does not heed the words of this covenant <sup>4</sup> which I commanded your forefathers in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, 'Listen to My voice, and do according to all which I command you; so you shall be My people, and I will be your God,' <sup>5</sup> in order to confirm the oath which I swore to your forefathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day.'"" Then I said, "Amen, O LORD." Jeremiah 11:1-5 NASB**

- **It has always been about a 'love and obey' connection with the Lord.**
- **It has always been His desire for a close relationship with us.**
- **God commands His loving kindness for us. (Psalm 42:8, 136:1-4)**

**<sup>8</sup> The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the daytime; and His song will be with me in the night, a prayer to the God of my life. Psalm 42:8 NASB**

**136 Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His lovingkindness is everlasting.**

**<sup>2</sup> Give thanks to the God of gods, for His lovingkindness is everlasting.**

**<sup>3</sup> Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for His lovingkindness is everlasting.**

**<sup>4</sup> To Him who alone does great wonders, for His lovingkindness is everlasting; Psalm 136:1-4 NASB**

- **His loving kindness prevails over us day and night and it is everlasting.**

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- ***The Power of Command – Faith for the Fight.***
  - ***God has commanded our strength. (Psalm 68:28, 29:11)***

***Your God has commanded your strength; show Yourself strong, O God, who have acted on our behalf. Psalm 68:28 NASB***

***The LORD will give strength to His people; the LORD will bless His people with peace. Psalm 29:11 NASB***

- ***Your God has commanded your strength...Your God has summoned your power.***
- ***A 'summons' is an order for the one summoned to 'appear.'***
- ***..."Let the weak say, I am a mighty man" (Joel 3:10)***
- ***..."Let the weak say, I am a warrior" (Joel 3:10 The Bible – An American Translation***

***Your God has commanded your strength [your might in His service and impenetrable hardness to temptation]; O God, display Your might and strengthen what You have wrought for us! Psalm 68:28 AMPC***

- ***God has commanded victory. (Psalm 44:1-7)***

***O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us the work that You did in their days, in the days of old. <sup>2</sup> You with Your own hand drove out the nations; then You planted them; You afflicted the peoples, then You spread them abroad. <sup>3</sup> For by their own sword they did not possess the land, and their own arm did not save them, but Your right hand and Your arm and the light of Your presence, for You favored them.***

***<sup>4</sup> You are my King, O God; command victories for Jacob. <sup>5</sup> Through You we will push back our adversaries; through Your name we will trample down those who rise up against us. <sup>6</sup> For I will not trust in my bow, nor will my sword save me. <sup>7</sup> But You have saved us from our adversaries, and You have put to shame those who hate us. Psalm 44:1-7 NASB***

- ***Our trust is in Him and His 'Thrust' is with us.***
- ***He empowers us to overcome.***
- ***The power of command – His goodness.***
  - ***The commanded blessing of Life (Deuteronomy 30:5-16)***

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**<sup>5</sup> The LORD your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers. <sup>6</sup> "Moreover the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live. <sup>7</sup> The LORD your God will inflict all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you. <sup>8</sup> And you shall again obey the LORD, and observe all His commandments which I command you today. <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD your God will prosper you abundantly in all the work of your hand, in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your cattle and in the produce of your ground, for the LORD will again rejoice over you for good, just as He rejoiced over your fathers; <sup>10</sup> if you obey the LORD your God to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this book of the law, if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and soul. <sup>11</sup> "For this commandment which I command you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it out of reach. <sup>12</sup> It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?' <sup>13</sup> Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross the sea for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?' <sup>14</sup> But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may observe it. <sup>15</sup> "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity; <sup>16</sup> in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply, and that the LORD your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it. Deuteronomy 30:5-16 NASB**

- **A commanded promise and possession. (v5)**
- **A circumcised heart to empower us to whole heartedness. (v6)**
- **The commanded 'word' within us to increase our capacity to respond to God. (v6-14)**
- **The command to love God imparted to us so we can choose 'life' and experience the increase of His blessing towards us. (v15-16)**
- **The commanded blessing – Unity. (Psalm 133:1-3)**

**Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!**

**<sup>2</sup> It is like the precious oil upon the head, coming down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, coming down upon the edge of his robes. <sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon coming down upon the mountains of Zion; for there the LORD commanded the blessing—life forever. Psalm 133:1-3 NASB**

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- ***The blessing of unity, harmony and life forever more.***