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Scripture Reading: Numbers 29:1-31:47

Memory Verse: Numbers 30:2 If a man vows a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by a pledge, he shall not break his word. He shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.

Song: "My Eyes Are Dry"

Words are important to God. We may take lightly what we say, but takes our words seriously. The Lord Jesus said, "I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matthew 12:36-37).

What a person speaks to the Lord is even more serious. The Lord hates "a lying tongue" (Proverbs 6:17), and all liars will find their portion in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone (Revelation 21:8). A person is better off to remain silent than to promise God that which he has no intention of doing. A person is better off to remain silent than to take back a promise.

Psalms 15:3-4 says that God honors those who fear him, who swear to their own hurt and will not take it back. If one makes a vow to God, he must pay it. Ecclesiastes 5:4-7 says, "When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow. It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay. Let not your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake. Why should God be angry at your voice and destroy the work of your hands? For when dreams increase and words grow many, there is vanity; but God is the one you must fear."

Prayer: "Oh Lord, help me to keep my word to You. I love you and also fear your Name. Oh Lord, be my Lord in every part of my life. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen."

Thought Questions:

Have I kept my promises in my gifts to God?

Have I kept my heart pure and my life pure as I promised when I became a Christian?

Have I fulfilled my ministry?