The Scriptures and Obedience

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wholly duty of men” (Ex 12:11). The Lord has affirmed the same thing when He said, "Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you” (John 15:14).

1. God’s Demands upon Men

A man profits from the Word by discovering God’s demands upon him. His profiting demands for life changes not fit for a great and gracious master to impose upon him in the present dispensation. God has lowered His demands, for that would necessitate that the human person bear a heart and conscience one (Lev. 19:2): "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can understand it? I will give them an heart." (Jer. 17:9). The Lord has not lowered His heart and conscience, and we shall all bear it, with all His heart, and with all His might (Ezek. 36:26). The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked. The heart is deceitful, and we shall not be deceived by it (Ps. 19:12).

2. Man’s Failure to Meet God’s Demands

A man profits from the Word by seeing how utterly and how clearly he has failed to meet God’s demands. He profits from the Word by saying to the Lord, "Thou hast not spoken through the heart, and I have not hearkened to the voice of the words of the Lord" (Ps. 86:13). The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. The heart is deceitful, and we shall not be deceived by it (Ps. 19:12).

3. God’s Provision for Meeting His Demands

A man profits from the Word by discovering that God has provided a heart and conscience that can meet His demands (John 15:14). The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. The heart is deceitful, and we shall not be deceived by it (Ps. 19:12).
concerned, we see a loving faith and consequent obedience unto God. Hence we read of the obedience of faith (Rom. 1:5).

4. The Lord's Commandments. God has given to all men, and especially His chosen people, His commandments. These commandments are for the guidance and for the blessing of mankind in every walk of life. They are a divine revelation of God's will and are binding upon all who are subject to them.

5. Walking in God's Commandments. A man who walks in God's commandments is one who keeps His commandments. He does not neglect them, nor does he deliberately break them. He is obedient to all that God has commanded him to do. He is a true follower of God and does not seek to go his own way. He is one who lives a life of obedience and is free from sin and evil.
6. Praying for Tabitha's Cure

We gather from the text that the source material used by the text is likely from a translation of early Christian literature. The text speaks of prayer and the healing of Tabitha (Tabitha, also known as Dorcas), an example of an early Christian woman who was known for her good works and generosity. The passage highlights the power of prayer and the role of the community in supporting one another. The detailed account also serves as an example of the early Christian practice of church meetings and the importance of prayer in the early Christian faith. The text may be from the First Epistle of Peter (Acts 9:38-42), which describes the healing of Tabitha, emphasizing the power of prayer and the virtues of faith and service in the early Christian community.