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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

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Feeding His Sheep

JOHN 21:15-17 NKJV – (15) So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Feed My lambs.” (16) He said to him again a second time, “Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Tend My sheep.” (17) He said to him the third time, “Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “*Feed My sheep.*

Those who have been blessed with the spiritual gift of teaching, and use that gift to teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, hold a position that carries great responsibility. From Genesis to Revelation, God talks about knowledge and wisdom, and how the lack of both consumes His children. Knowledge and wisdom are linked inextricable to obedience, all of which are rooted in proper instruction. God grants a particular anointing upon the teachers and messengers that communicate His teachings and directives to His people, because the road to Salvation and Christ-centered living is paved with proper religious instruction. Being the detail-oriented God that He is, there has never been a period in the history of the earth where God has left His people without direction. All throughout the Bible, we witness God giving His people instruction.

God makes it clear that they have been entrusted with the responsibility to make sure that those children of God who are adolescent and immature in His ways do not remain that way under any circumstances (**Hebrews 5:13**). And they are to make sure that those who are further along in their personal walks with Jesus stay on the right path- growing and strengthening daily in integrity, righteousness, and all of the fruit of godliness by means of ethical instruction (**Ephesians 4:14-15**).

Therefore individuals such as Sunday teachers have to be people who have personally engaged into a trust-covenant with God. They have to be prayer warriors and burden-bearers like the leaders in **Nehemiah 4:17**, exhorting and interceding while in full submission to God. Their servant hearts must never waiver.

These ambassadors of the lessons, messages, and instruction from God to His people do not necessarily hold a position that is greatly envied by many on the earth, but in heaven...their crown abound!

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 89:7

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The teachings of God, a class you don't want to miss!

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