

As Moses continued his message to Israel, he reflected on their failures in the wilderness, particularly the time when they turned away from God to worship the golden calf. Despite their rebellion, God extended grace, rewriting His commandments on new tablets after Moses interceded for them. This powerful reminder speaks to us today: even in our failures, God offers second chances.

What Does God Require of You? Moses posed a question that echoes through time: *“What does the Lord your God require of you?”* (Deuteronomy 10:12). This question isn’t just for Israel; it’s for each of us. When we acknowledge God’s existence, we naturally ask, *“What is my purpose? Why am I here?”* The answer is simple yet profound:

1. **Reverence God** – Cultivate a deep respect and awe for who He is.
2. **Walk in His Ways** – Live a life that reflects His character: love, justice, mercy, and truth.
3. **Love Him** – Not just with words but with our whole heart and soul.
4. **Serve Him** – With everything we have, using our gifts, time, and resources for His glory.
5. **Keep His Commandments** – Not out of obligation, but as an expression of our love and gratitude.

But What If I’ve Failed? The reality is, none of us have lived up to these standards perfectly. We’ve all fallen short. Does that mean there’s no hope? Absolutely not. Jesus answered this very question in John 6:29: *“This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.”* God’s ultimate requirement is faith in Jesus Christ. When we believe and trust in Him, He transforms our hearts and empowers us to live according to God’s design.

A Changed Heart: Moses urged the Israelites to *“circumcise the foreskin of your heart”* (Deuteronomy 10:16), pointing to an inward transformation, not just outward religious rituals. Today, God calls us to the same: a heart fully devoted to Him, not just external appearances of faith. Paul echoes this in Romans 2:29, emphasizing that true circumcision is of the heart, by the Spirit.

Remember Who God Is:

- **He is the Lord of lords, the great, mighty, and awesome God** (v.17).
- **He shows no partiality and cannot be bribed.**
- **He defends the cause of the fatherless, the widow, and loves the foreigner, providing for their needs.**

This God is worthy of our reverence, love, and service. Reflect on all He has done in your life. Just as He performed great and awesome wonders for Israel, He continues to work in our lives today.

Reflection Questions:

1. What does reverencing God look like in your daily life?

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2. Are there areas where you're going through the motions spiritually without heart transformation?
3. How does knowing God's grace and second chances inspire you to love and serve Him more?
4. In what ways can you actively serve and reflect God's love to others this week?

May we be a people who not only hear what God requires but respond with hearts fully devoted to Him, walking in His ways, loving Him deeply, and serving Him with joy.