



No Growth - Vow

When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee.

Deuteronomy 23:21

Voice ----- Numbers 30:2

Outward ---- 1 Samuel 16:7

Watch ----- Job 7:12, 14:16

What is a vow? A vow is a thoughtful, formal, and dignified promise made by an individual in the vicinity of the hearers or the people that heard. A vow made to God by a believer by word of mouth is responsible to fulfill that statement. A solemn promise, an oath, a pledge is serious. These vows from people are coming by the heart. God, according to the book of Psalms in chapter one hundred and thirty-eight, verse two, honors His word above His name. God expects us to do likewise. God made Heaven and earth by His word. What if He said it but did not follow through. What would have happened to society? Would there be one at all? This is why God expects us to keep our solemn words and perform them. If not, then He says it is a sin which is telling a lie.

Vow begins with opening our mouth. The Bible declares what comes out of the mouth defiles the person. Then it must be

worse than that if we dishonor our promises. Why do people decide to make verbal commitments in the first place? The answer is in most cases is that the individuals are making a deal. Genesis twenty-eight, verse twenty, First Samuel chapter one, verse eleven, and Second Samuel, chapter fifteen, verse eight, respectively, the speakers in these three verses, made God an offer in exchange for something they desire. In each incident, the person uses "If" and then "I will" or "then." How can we offer God anything when He has the potential to do so. We tend to do things without thinking. Yet God loves us so much He grants our request knowing the outcome before reaching there if we get there.

A vow is often a visible verbal confession. If not, then a listening one is equally significant. The point is the vow has been recognized by another person. A witness is always an asset of proof for a solution to any conflict that occurs. Even though the people who pose as a witness sometimes forget the vow: God does not. Especially with Him in it.

A vow interrupts privacy. The person making the vow will be watched until fulfillment. Either by God or man, the owner of the vow is fully responsible for the establishment. No matter how big or small, we who promise must give it our all. The ones that emphasize intensity. Remember the old saying, "I cross my heart and hope to die and stick a needle in my eye" when we were kids and have no idea what it means. Being mature now, we know better not to commit to that. For a believer, God takes vows seriously and we must be careful not to solemnly promise or swear on anything or anyone. We either say yes or no. A promise is similar to disobedience we committed due to our verbal carelessness. This could create stagnancy and unknowingly may even create a curse.

Bible Verse: Matthew 5:33-37