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We need God to repeat Himself to us!

How many times do I have to repeat myself to you? How often have we become agitated because we must repeat something to someone, who should have listened and heard us the first time? Sometimes, we'll say, I'm not gonna say it again!

Have you ever considered how often God repeats Himself to us in His Word? In promises, assurances, comforts, warnings, and loving admonitions? How often does God SAY AGAIN what we should have heard and believed the first time?

God repeats certain very important truths and promises to us because we need Him to... because we are weak and need to be reminded...God's repetitions strengthen our faith and trust in Him!

God in His goodness and patience and longsuffering EVEN repeats His call to lost sinners to repentance, turn from their wicked ways and to believe the gospel! Tonight, In Song of Solomon 4:1: The bridegroom reminded the bride of something that He had already told her...no doubt she needed to hear it again!

Song of Solomon 4:1: "Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; thou hast doves' eyes"

THIS IS THE SAME encouragement, the same expression of love that the bridegroom had previously confessed to the bride. Once again, God patiently and compassionately teaches us by "DIVINE REPETITIONS"!

WHY? Because we so often need Him to tell us AGAIN!

And because we OFTEN fall into the same sins (besetting sins) over and over again... or we fail to remember THE MANY PAST instances of His grace and kindness to us, and His love and tender mercies toward us, which we have personally experienced in our lives from Him.

Therefore, our Father and our God REPEATS HIMSELF TO US and reminds us AGAIN and AGAIN to trust Him and to believe what He has promised to us in His Word.

In our text this evening, the bridegroom repeated Himself to His bride and once again encouraged her THAT SHE WAS STILL HIS ONE TRUE LOVE!

(V1): "Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; thou hast doves' eyes within thy locks:"

He repeated to her how beautiful she was to Him! He once again assured her of His love for her! How often do you and I need to be assured that God still looks upon us with delight, and that He still loves us?

The disciple whom Jesus loved! John! Why do you think he wrote like this of himself.

I remember a lost man, who I used to work with in the Air Guard, he said to me (one day), WHY do you just read the Bible repeatedly, (over and over again)? Isn't once enough? How many times can you read the same book?

It's NOT just a book, it's God's Word, therefore, ONCE is NOT enough. In a relationship, you don't communicate once and that's it, but continually!

The bride heard the bridegroom tell her that He loved her, but NOW, she must hear it from Him again and again! She needed that assurance, and so do we!

What this co-worker of mine didn't understand, (many do not) is that the Christian life is a continual "conversing and communing with God"; and of God repeating Himself to us and reminding us of His great love for us; that takes place in God communicating Himself to us in His Word!

We need to hear the same warnings, the same truths, the same wisdom, the same promises, and the same comforts and assurances that God has already told us... WHY?

Because we forget, because we stop trusting God, because we are "prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love"!

The truth is, you won't THRIVE and GROW and MATURE in your faith as a Christian from a single reading of God's Word, or by trusting God ONCE...but by REPEATEDLY reading and trusting and listening to God REPEAT Himself TO YOU in His Word!

Sing them over again to me, wonderful Words of life!

I will close with some examples of HOW God graciously helps and strengthens us by repeating important faith strengthening, sanctifying truths to us; reminding us of things, which He has already told us!

Genesis 28:15: God told Jacob: "I am with thee; I will not leave thee"

Deuteronomy 31:6,8: God told all Israel twice, by Moses: God will go with thee; "He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee"

Joshua 1:5: "As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee, I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee"

Psalms 37:25: "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread"

Psalms 57:7-11, Psalm 108:1-5, Psalm 136 - 26 times!

If you believe in me, you have eternal life! John 3:15-16, 36, 5:24, 6:40, 47, 11:25-26, 1 John 5:11-13

Finally, when God repeats Himself, He wants us to know and be assured THAT HE MEANS what He said!