

Deuteronomy 26:17

Today you have proclaimed the LORD to be your God, and that you will walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments, and His judgments, and that you will obey His voice.

If you are a believer, then you have prayed the sinner's prayer. No. it's not a prayer in the bible that we recite from scripture, but it's the heart behind the prayer that is in scripture. But when we think of that, we tend to think of the New Testament, where we are giving our life to Jesus, which is 100% true. But the Old Testament also contains the heart of the sinners prayer as well. Because when you think about it, the sinners prayer is a prayer of repentance towards God and saying that God is now your God.

But I mentioned the Old Testament, and if you read today's verse, here is the heart behind the sinner's prayer as well. In today's verse, this is Moses speaking to Israel before they were to cross over into the Promised Land. And I do not want to over spiritualize this, but you can think that this as the prayer before we enter the Promised Land, Heaven. Read it again and see.

"Today you have proclaimed the LORD to be your God." Think of the sinner's prayer as we prayed for Jesus (GOD) to be Lord over our life. ***"You have proclaimed the LORD to be your God!"*** Because before we prayed the prayed, we were our own little god and served the god of this world. But now we are saying that God will now rule over our lives, no longer ourselves being a god over our life.

"and that you will walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments, and His judgments" Part of the sinner's prayer is to also to confess our sins to God, as well as repent of our sins. We used to walk in our own ways. We made our own laws, and we all judged according to what we thought was right or wrong, based upon what we wanted to be right or wrong. Our mindset was if I think it's right, it didn't matter what everyone else thought, because its what I wanted and what made me happy. But now we have realized that we were wrong, and that God is right and have now chosen a new path to walk on, God's path, and God's way of thinking what is right or wrong. ***"walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments, and His judgments"***

And finally, ***"that you will obey His voice."*** To make Jesus Lord of our life means that we no longer obey those voices in our head telling us to pursue what we want, but rather to obey the voice of the Holy Spirit leading us in all truth, God's truth, God's way and God's eternal life!

† ***John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."***

As believers, we have all prayed the sinner's prayer. Yet sometimes we forget that prayer or vow that we have made to God on that day. May today's verse be a reminder of that vow that we made to our God!

And if you are not a believer, now is the time, today is the day of salvation for you. Don't wait another day to make that decision, Don't wait for Easter Sunday to go to church and say a prayer, but choose this day to serve the Lord our GOD. And if you don't know what to pray, start praying today's verse.

"Lord, today I proclaim You to be my LORD, to be my God, and that I will walk in Your ways and keep Your statutes, Your commandments, and Your judgments, and that I will obey Your voice."

† **2 Corinthians 6:1-2 (NLT2)** *As God's partners, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God's kindness and then ignore it. For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation.*

† **Deuteronomy 26:18-19** *Also today the LORD has proclaimed you to be His special people, just as He promised you, that you should keep all His commandments, and that He will set you high above all nations which He has made, in praise, in name, and in honor, and that you may be a holy people to the LORD your God, just as He has spoken."*