

The Second Law of Spirituality

“Who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen.”

(Rom 11:35, 36)

David knew his own weakness, “But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer, make no tarrying, O my God.” (Ps 40:17). The second fundamental law prescribed this relationship: God doesn’t need us but we desperately need Him. Remember the first law was He’s God and we’re not. He’s the master, boss, the ruler, and the Lord of all things. In His all-sufficiency as Jehovah and El Shaddai, God has no personal needs but He made His immense power to be made available to us to be our provider and supplier (Jn 15:4,5).

If the first law drives us to our knees; the second law keeps us there until we cry out for mercy. When God showers us with His redemptive mercy, He manifest His loving kindness and goodness for His people (Ps 136:1,16,25). Let us keep our eyes on the Lord whose help never fail to uplift our soul (Ps 121:1-8).

In our prostrate contriteness and lowliness before Him, we experienced a divine exchange: our humility for His grace and favour (Lk 18:13-14). His favour brings honour and exaltation in this life. When we cling to Him tenderly, we shall rule upon the high places of the earth (Isa 58:13-14). This is the roadmap to true spirituality: God is self-sufficient as Jehovah but we desperately need Him day by day. The parable of the vine in John 15 is the blueprint of true spirituality: living a life of total dependence upon His unceasing grace to sustain our spiritual vitality.