

## CLING

Daily Meditation – Friday January 16, 2026

I truly enjoy the Old Testament. “Like Leviticus, Deuteronomy contains a vast amount of legal detail, but its emphasis is on the laymen rather than the priests. Moses reminds the new generation of the importance of obedience if they are to learn from the sad example of their parents.”<sup>1</sup> The following verse, from the Book of Deuteronomy, I consider strong and solid. It says, “You shall follow the Lord your God and fear Him; and you shall keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him, and *cling* to Him” (Deut. 13:4).<sup>2</sup>

Let us examine some verses that discuss “cling.” They will bless you richly. But first, allow me to define the word “cling” for you: “to adhere as if glued firmly / to hold or to hold on tightly or tenaciously / to have a strong emotional attachment or dependence”<sup>3</sup>

Joshua said, “But you are to *cling* to the Lord your God, as you have done to this day” (Jos. 23:8).

The Psalmist wrote, “I *cling* to Your testimonies; O Lord, do not put me to shame” (Ps. 119:31)!

Along with, “May my tongue *cling* to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you” (Ps. 137:6).

Jeremiah said, “‘For as the waistband clings to the waist of a man, so I made the whole household of Israel and the whole household of Judah *cling* to Me,’ declares the Lord, ‘that they might be for Me a people, for renown, for praise and for glory; but they did not listen’” (Jer. 13:11).

Be obedient and yield to the words of the Apostle Paul who wrote, “Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; *cling* to what is good” (Ro. 12:9).

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<sup>1</sup> *The Holy Bible, New King James Version*, Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1982, p. 200.

<sup>2</sup> Scripture quotations, unless otherwise noted, are from the *New American Standard Bible*.

<sup>3</sup> “Cling,” *Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary*, 10th ed, ed. Fredrick C. Mish, (Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, Incorporated, 2001), 214

PRAYER FOR SALVATION – Father God, I repent of all my sins, and I believe You raised Jesus from the dead. I confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life. Jesus, wash me with your holy blood. Holy Spirit fill me so I can be a mighty witness for King Jesus!